



**Powell Township Fire Department
Minutes of Special Budget Meeting
January 13th 2022
Draft Version**



Meeting called to order at: 1815 hrs, by Chief Sutter at Station 1

Members Present: Assist. Chief Brian Roell, Capt. Josh Boudreux, FF Rudy Goupille

Guests Present: Fire Liaison Mitch Walker

Approval of Minutes: December 2nd Meeting Minutes Roell/Goupille

Approval of Minutes: December 30th Meeting Minutes Roell/Goupille

Announcements:

- **Marquette County Police and Firemen's Ball** January 29th, 2022
- **Pigs and Heat Event** Meeting Minutes from 01/12/22 on the table
- **Channel 3 News** was up on Tuesday 1/11 for 2 separate interviews reference the Marquette Police and Firefighters Fund Grant we received last year for new water safety gear and another covering our recent Grant Awards with a short PSA looking for volunteers to join the fire department.

Old Business:

1. **Water Rescue Safety Gear / MCPFF Grant:** The last 4 items that were on back order arrived 1/11 just in time for the Channel 3 News Interview.
2. **906 Station Lock Update:** Status of the project is currently unknown, Joe Menza from 906 will not return my calls or emails. Discussion followed.
3. **R&R Annual Vehicle Maintenance** was completed on 01/05. Siren was installed in 2106.
4. **D30 Shoreline Install Issues:** R&R was unable to complete the install of 2106's new shoreline as an issue was found with a part Pomasl sent us. Pomasl was advised and a new part was shipped that just arrived today, looks like it maybe the City of Marquette that will have to complete the install now.
5. **Station 1 Generator install** date scheduled for 01/18/22
6. **Station 2 Damaged Weather Head and Mast** repairs scheduled for 01/18/22 as long as Alger Delta is still in the area.
7. **HMC Grant Award Update:** PO's submitted to the township
8. **Eagle Mine Grant Update:** PO's submitted to the township
9. **MI DNR Grant Update:** PO's submitted to the township
10. **2022 Risk and Needs Assessment:** Any additions, corrections or comments? Nothing noted.

New Business:

1. **Firefighter's Charitable Foundation AED Grant:** Awarded \$300 to help replace a 20yr old AED on 2101.

2. Priorities for the Remaining Funds in our 2021-2022 Budget: Items to be submitted before the end of the budget year. Discussion followed.

Building Repairs Budget: \$1,198.31

- \$820 Our portion of the DNR Grant for a replacement Fire Danger Sign at Station 1

Communications Budget: \$2,581.44

- \$1281 Purchase x3 (\$427 each) Fire Pagers to replace 3 damaged pagers.
- \$300 Purchase x15 Motorola pager batteries to replace batteries that no longer hold a charge. (x10 Minitor V, x5 Minitor VI batteries)
- With remaining funds purchase replacement Motorola XTS1500 portable radio batteries that have gone bad and are no longer holding a charge.
Roell/Goupille, motion passed

Equipment Repairs Budget: \$2,387.50

- \$1200 Purchase x1 Hurst Hydraulic Extrication Hose to replace 1 of the 3 remaining damaged hydraulic hoses that were immediately condemned and taken out of service by 5Alarm during their last Hurst service and inspection.
- \$1120 Using the Firefighter's Charitable Foundation AED Grant (\$300) plus \$1120 from Equipment Repairs to replace the 21yr old AED on 2101 that's been discontinued for 17yrs and no longer has any manufacturer support. The old unit will be placed on a second due apparatus until the current battery runs out or the current pads expire which ever comes first, then it will be fully decommissioned.
Roell/Boudreaux, motion passed.

Equipment Budget: \$3,375.99

- \$1,840 Our portion of the DNR Grant for 15 pair of Wildland FF Boots
- Purchase x3 sets of Chainsaw Chaps, safety helmets with attached ear protection and screened face protection to be paired with each one of our 3 chainsaws. Roell: we currently have no chainsaw safety chaps or associated head gear to use with our chainsaws. Roell recommends Husqvarna Chaps with belt extenders and screened helmets with hearing protection. Cost TBD.
- Goupille suggested we purchase carbide chains for the saws. Cost TBD.
Boudreaux/Roell, motion passed.

Training Budget: \$2,475.47

- \$1880 already approved to cover needed turnout gear for FF Goupille
- est \$400 Turnout Coat Name Tag Panels for those members that never received one after being hired. These removable reflective name panels attach to the back of the Turnout Gear Jackets and help to identify the wearer of the turnout gear in a fire or on an emergency scene. Most have one, but estimate 7 newer members currently are in need of a name panel. Oshkosh Fire & Police Equipment Quoted \$50 per panel but depends on how many characters. Will wait until the next meeting to approve as we have not heard back from everyone yet that may still need one.

3. Priorities for the 2022-2023 Budget. What should be the top priorities to address in 2022? How do we want to allocate funds within the budget to meet those priorities? Discussion followed.

- Consensus was to prioritize the OSHA violation with the loft 1st and remove the safety hazards of not having any safety rails up there, estimate \$3,000 building repair.
- In 2023 address the loft stairs and slop sink, estimate \$3-3,500 building repair.
- 2022 pump testing \$2,000, scba flow testing \$1,100, and extrication tool service \$900 will be due this year so we need to make sure we have sufficient funds to cover those costs.
- Roell: Station 2 garage door molding needs to be replaced. You can see light through the gaps

and there is snow accumulating on the inside of the bays. This may be contributing to the mice issue at station 2. Sutter: Wolverine was requested in October to come up and take a look at it. I was advised at the twp board meeting in October that they didn't do a good job last time and the board questioned why we would have them repair it again? I was able to secure \$300 for the materials. Pete was asked to take a look at it. Roell advised Wolverine did not replace the trim last time.

- Station 2 interior wall damage, its still on the list to find some scrap wood to try and seal up the holes in the walls in the Station 2 apparatus bays. These holes were from previous renovations.
- Uniforms: Sutter I would like to setup an annual uniform allowance within the budget so members can receive at minimum 1 new t-shirt a year and look into purchasing pants and uniform shirts for public events, fundraising, and parades. Our public appearance matters and reflects upon the department. This should be a department provided expense for each employee. Roell we need to put a drop dead date on the inventory forms so we can order t-shirts. Goupille I do not have anything that says Powell Township on it. Boudreux I have a hard time finding pants that fit, what kind of pants are we talking about? Sutter Dickies Cargo Pants / or standard uniform pants, cost around \$27-\$30 each.

Public/Open Comment:

- **Roell: 2102's Go Light** has been buggy and acting up. Did the new U joint correct the issue with 2102's vibration at 55mph? Sutter: Not that I noticed, vibration still present.
- **Roell: Snowmobile Trail Signs**, Emergency Gathering Locations with GPS Info. We should talk to the county emergency coordinator to see if we can standardize signs and have some placed along the trails. Discussion followed.
- **Goupille:** May have pieces for an old hose drying rack to bring down if interested.

Equipment and supplies to request before the end of the budget year:

- \$1300 to replace 3 damaged Motorola Fire Pagers
- \$300 for 15 replacement batteries for Motorola Fire Pagers
- \$1100 for 15 replacement batteries for our Motorola Portable Radios
- \$1200 Replacement of 1 of 3 damaged and out of service Hurst Extrication Hoses
- \$1420 Replacement AED for 2101, Using the \$300 AED Grant to assist
- x3 Chainsaw Chaps, and Chainsaw Helmet with face screen and hearing protection, cost TBD
- x3 Carbide Chains for the Chainsaws, cost TBD

Building or Vehicle repairs requested:

- Station 2 Garage Door Trim/Molding

Next Meeting / Upcoming Training / Upcoming Events:

Next Regular Meeting January 27th @ 1800hrs / Training: TBD Possible Ice Rescue Training w/Coast Guard
County FF Meeting February 15th 2022 – Ishpeming City FD
Township Meeting January 18th @ 1900hrs in person or Online www.Freeconferencecall.com
Free Conference Call Meeting ID: *powelltownshipboard*

Business Meeting Adjourned at: 1955hrs

Minutes Prepared by: Chief Sutter