

**Powell Township Board Meeting**  
**PO Box 319, 101 Bensinger, Big Bay 49808**  
**May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022 7pm**  
**~~DRAFT MINUTES~~**  
**Approved June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022**

1. Call to Order 7pm by Supervisor
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. 3. Roll Call of Officers – Darlene Turner (Supervisor) present; Kelli Santilli (Treasurer) ABSENT; Mitch Walker (Clerk) present; Karen December (Trustee) present; Denise Hudson (Trustee) present
4. Approval of Agenda - Motion to approve agenda with additions *listed below* (Hudson/Walker) All yes, motion carried
  - a. New Business 2. Fire Department – DNR BFA Grant application approval
  - b. New Business 8. Recording Secretary for Planning Commission
  - c. New Business 9. Public Hearing for Marquette County Road Commission Scenic Road
  - d. New Business 10. Dust Control \$1118.88
  - e. New Business 11. Topsoil for Cemetery \$320.00
5. Approval of Minutes - Motion to approve April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022 meeting Minutes (Hudson/December), all yes, motion carried
  - a. No corrections
6. Revenue & Expenditure Report
  - a. Motion to approve report (Hudson/Walker) All yes, motion carried
  - b. 1 correction on 2<sup>nd</sup> page: Board of Review, \$740 in Board of Review Wages in 2022/2023 fiscal year should be applied to from 2021/2022
7. Treasurer’s Report – No questions.
8. Approval of Bills - Motion to approve Bills to Paid (Hudson/December) All yes, motion carried

**Committee & Department Reports**

1. Ambulance Department – *See Public Comment*
2. Emergency Management – *See Public Comment*

3. Fire Department – C. Sutter, Fire Chief, gives report. 2 calls since last meeting. Dept is waiting on a date from Fire Cats for this year’s Hose and Ladder Testing. Brush #2105 awaiting repair in Marquette. One air pack is in need of repairs. With spring wild fire season, Sutter encourages citizens to check with DNR before burning.
4. Parks & Recreation – S. Gonstead, Parks & Recreation Chair, gives report. Burns Landing Project sees scheduling on Bill Sanders part. Thomas Rock clean-up went well. Flagging has begun on Powell Trails at the base of Thomas Rock. Interviews for Parks and Trails Manager Position begin Thursday. Parks and Recreation Committee looking to have pay pipes made and installed in various recreational locations to encourage onsite funding.
5. Sewer Department – P. TenEyck, Sewer Manager, gives report. Everything good.
6. Water Department – D. Wilcox, Water Operator, gives report. Thursday storm affected power with an outage lasting approximately 4 hours. Computer glitch on Sunday results in loss of pressure. Water Operator was able to reboot the system and get it running.
7. Planning Commission – D. Hudson gives report. There was a public hearing for a storage building on Remington Road which is still open for public comment. 3 permits were issued last month. Permit fees are in review with Powell Township Clerk. Planning Commission is seeking a recording secretary.
8. Correspondence
  - a. Michigan Planner
  - b. Rails
  - c. 11 Letters of Opposition for Space Port
9. Presentations
  - a. Jen Hill – Running for State Representative
  - b. Spaceport Research Group – Jeanne Baumann *See attachment*

## **Public Comment**

1. C. Sutter – received text messages from Tyler Vargo and Kim Bourgeois, relaying Department Reports for EMS and Emergency Management

- a. EMS – Reports no calls since last meeting. Chelsea passed EMT school and now looks to pass State examination.
- b. Emergency Management – Food Bank is seeing more need lately due to higher gasoline/food prices. Food is supplied strictly on a donation basis; thank you to all who have donated. Wishes to assure people about the resources available in Marquette County for Emergencies like Road Closures, Windstorms, Road Washouts. Resources include side by sides and helicopters. In case of Road Washouts, be prepared by stocking extra water, food, and medications.
- c. R. Durant reserves time to speak on 3b
- d. G. Champagne reserves time to speak on 6

### **Unfinished Business**

1. Marihuana Ordinance – Motion to submit the Michigamme Marihuana Ordinance to Powell Township Planning Commission for review, and if successful finding appropriate zoning, to provide to Township attorney to prepare a draft for Powell Township. (Walker/Turner) All yes, motion carried.
2. Fire Corps Auxiliary Pilot Program – Motion in favor (Hudson/Walker) Roll Call Vote: D. Turner, no; K. Santilli, ABSENT; M. Walker, yes; K. December, yes; D. Hudson, yes. Supervisor declares Auxiliary Program motion approved.

### **New Business**

1. Fire Department
  - a. \$115.00 maintenance supplies for lockout kits (December/Hudson) 3 yes, 1 no; motion passed
  - b. \$55.00 Hand Tool quick clamps 2101 (Hudson/December) All yes; motion passed
  - c. Repairs SCBA Pack #01-03 (December/Walker) All yes; motion passed
  - d. Disposal of old wetsuits (Hudson/Walker) All yes; motion passed
  - e. DNR BFA Grant application (Walker/December) All yes; motion passed
2. Parks and Recreation

- a. Summer Concert Series \$4300 (Hudson/December) All yes; motion passed
  - b. Postpone E-Bike Policy until next meeting
    - i. R. Durant asking Powell Township Board to support Class One E-Bikes for Powell Township Trails
  - c. Approve Heidi Shatz as Vice Chair (December/Turner) All yes; motion passed
  - d. Ball Tournaments June 24 -26
    - i. Food Shack \$1000 for summer supplies (Hudson/Turner) All yes; motion passed
  - e. Interviews are scheduled for 4:00pm May 19<sup>th</sup> for Parks and Trail Manager position at Town Hall
3. Blight Ordinance: Motion to re-approve the Powell Township Blight Ordinance adopted on June 11, 2002 (December/Walker) 2 yes, 2 no; motion is not approved.
  4. Request for a petition to have an item on the ballot (Walker/Hudson)
    - a. G. Champagne makes argument to let the taxpayers vote whether monies go to paving unpaved roads before fixing already paved roads in need of attention.
    - b. G. Champagne to work with Clerk to finalize wording of ballot proposal.
    - c. Roll Call Vote: D. Turner, yes; K. Santilli, ABSENT; M. Walker, no; K. December, no; D. Hudson, yes; motion is not approved.
  5. Resolution to Adopt undated Powell Township Mast Plan 2021 – 2025 (Hudson/Walker) Roll Call Vote: D. Turner, yes; K. Santilli, ABSENT; M. Walker, yes; K. December, yes; D. Hudson, yes; Supervisor declares Resolution adopted 5/17/2022
  6. Planning Commission requests Recording Secretary, Erica Waite (Hudson/December) All yes; motion passed
  7. Marquette County Road Commission to hold a Public Hearing at Township Hall concerning Scenic Road on Monday September 26<sup>th</sup> (Hudson/Walker) All yes; motion passed
  8. Dust control \$1118.81 (Hudson/Turner) 3 yes, 1 no; motion passed
  9. Topsoil \$320 (Hudson/Walker) All yes; motion passed

## **Public Comment**

1. R. Durant encourages the Board to contact Iron Ore Heritage Trail, who allows Class One E-bikes, also City of Marquette while deciding how to proceed with our E-bike Policy
2. N. Korstad inquires about Scenic Road
3. G. Champagne informs public he has information for Michigan election changes via Promote the Vote
4. J. Hill spoke to the E-bike Policy - NTN also agreed to Class One E-bikes on trails in Marquette
5. D. Wilcox speaks to Trustee December earlier comment about Blight Ordinance inactivity since 2002. Wilcox states in 2007, V. Bevins started a Blight Violation against a resident which was taken up by the court and settled in 2009. Resident was given 30 days to clean up yard, 2 days after the case was closed resident returned junk to yard.

## **Board Comment**

1. Trustee Hudson inquires about \$500 in Budget for water study to resolve the water issue at the Halfway. Concerns about open wells that need to be capped.

**Next Regular Board Meeting June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 7:00pm**

## **Adjourn 8:52pm**

Minutes prepared by  
Erica Waite  
Powell Township Deputy Clerk  
Recording Secretary

Final approval/edit  
Mitch Walker  
Powell Township Clerk