

Powell Township Board Meeting
PO Box 319, 101 Bensinger, Big Bay 49808
June 21st, 2022 7pm
Draft Minutes

Call to Order 7pm by Supervisor

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call of Officers - Darlene Turner (Supervisor) present; Kelli Santilli (Treasurer) present; Mitch Walker (Clerk) present; Karen December (Trustee) present; Denise Hudson (Trustee) ABSENT
3. Approval of Agenda - Motion to approve agenda with additions *listed below* (Walker/Santilli) All yes, motion carried
 - a. New Business: postpone Powell Township Board Meeting remote option until November 2022
4. Approval of Minutes - Motion to approve May 17th, 2022 meeting minutes (December/Santilli) all yes, motion carried
 - a. One correction page 2 spelling error - P. Teneyck
5. Motion to approve May 19th, 2022 special meeting minutes - (Santilli/December) all yes, motion passed
6. Revenue & Expenditure Report: Motion to approve report (Santilli/December) All yes, motion carried
 - a. Treasurer questions Refunds/Rebates page 1, Clerk will look into item in question
7. Treasurer's Report - No questions
8. Approval of Bills: Motion to approve Bills to Paid (Turner/Santilli) all yes, motion carried
 - a. One correction page 3, date 4/26 should be changed to 5/26 check #1062
 - b. Trustee December withdraws printer ink cartridge reimbursement from bills to be approved

Committee & Department Reports

1. Ambulance Department - No Report
2. Emergency Management - No Report
3. Fire Department - C. Sutter, Fire Chief, gives report. 4 calls since the last meeting. Coast Guard Specialized Water Rescue Training occurred on 6/9/2022. Also, the first water rescue in the new boat occurred on 6/16/2022, 2 were rescued on that call, a good Samaritan boater assisted

in the rescue and the Coast Guard called to congratulate Fire Dept for the great timing/outcome of rescue. 906 repairing Fire Hall lock. Fire Danger Sign has been installed thanks to a DNR grant. 2105 waiting for repair.

4. Parks & Recreation - K. Santilli, Parks & Recreation Secretary, gives report. Binocular agreement has been signed and should be installed in the next 30 - 45 days, in time for the fall colors. Games are being planned for Fire on the Bay. Native Garden has been planted and Parks and Recreation are looking into getting signs made to make clear where the walking path is.
5. Planning Commission - N. Korstad gives report. 2 weeks ago, the Planning Commission held a special meeting about Marijuana Ordinance and came to the recommendation that Powell Township should follow Michigamme Township Ordinance, with changes to the amount of growers, processors, transporters, and retailers made appropriate for Powell Township. The results of their meeting have been submitted to the Board and are awaiting further edits/approval.
6. Sewer Department - P. TenEychk gives report. All is good.
7. Water Department - D. Wilcox gives report. Everything is great.
8. Correspondence - 12 letters of opposition to spaceport

Public Hearing

Regular Meeting Recessed at 7:15pm for Public E-Bike Policy Hearing

Contributing Residents to Public Hearing: R. Durant, J. Gertz, K. December, S. Gonstead, M. Walker, M. Springer, K. Santilli

Public Hearing Closed at 7:30pm and Regular Meeting Reconvened

Public Comment

1. M. Springer reserves time to speak on 6.
2. A. Edgar reserves time to speak on 5.
3. J. Gertz reserves time to speak on 5.
4. S. Gonstead reserves time to speak on 6.

Unfinished Business

1. Marijuana Ordinance - Supervisor makes a motion to postpone the approval until the Board calls a Special Meeting with request for one member of the Planning Commission to be present (Turner/Santilli) all yes; motion carried

2. E-Bike Policy - Motion to Approve Policy with the understanding we will work toward an Ordinance (Walker/Santilli) 3 yes, 1 no; motion carried
 - a. Correction made to page 2; the word Ordinance is used
 - b. Correction made to page 8; the word 'not' was omitted

New Business

1. Ambulance
 - a. \$923.31 Medical Supplies (Santilli/December) all yes, motion passed
 - b. \$80.00 Amplified Base Charger (Turner/Santilli) all yes, motion passed
2. Fire Department
 - a. Eric Heim approval to join the Fire Department (Santilli/December) all yes, Heim approved
 - b. \$2,000 for 2022 bi-annual Pump Testing (December/Santilli) all yes, motion approved
 - c. \$1,200 Flow Test (Walker/December) all yes, motion approved
3. Parks & Recreation
 - a. Supervisor informs public of Fourth of July Parade
 - b. \$500 for children's games at Draver Park 7/9/2022 night of Fire on the Bay (Turner/Santilli) all yes; motioned carried. Volunteers needed.
4. Assessor's Assistant
 - a. Motion to approve McQuire Palicke as Assessor's Assistant (December/Santilli) all yes, motion approved
 - b. Clerk questions budget for assistant
5. \$70 magnetic signage for working vehicles (Santilli/December) all yes, motion approved
6. Request for a petition regarding voter approval for paving of dirt roads to appear on ballot (Santilli/Turner) all no; motion failed
 - a. A. Edgar speaks - calls this the 'Dirt Road Resolution'. Believes this would take discretion away from the Board.
 - b. J. Gertz speaks - States this would be limiting and restrictive to future Powell Township residents looking to improve the places they live.
7. Wayfinding Signage, Marquette County Road Commission \$7,000 Parks & Recreation donated funds (Santilli/Walker) all yes, motion approved
8. 2 Loads 22-A Road Gravel to Thomas Rock \$941.60 (Santilli/December) all yes, motion carried

9. Postpone Online Meeting Option until November 2022 when we will reconsider (Santilli/Walker) all yes, motion approved

Public Comment

1. J. Gertz inquires about Spaceport Opposition Letters. Supervisor assures she can make copies at meeting's adjournment.
2. N. Korstad inquires about signage, specifically as trailhead markers near waterfalls. S. Gonstead informs Korstad that Parks and Recreation is working directly with Yellow Dog Watershed to improve signage for that final mile which N. Korstad inquired of.
3. G. Edgar asks if Parks and Recreation will be responsible for the installation of the signs. S. Gonstead informs her that the DNR will be installing them.
4. J. Gertz inquires about games on the fourth of July this year. Treasurer informs her that, due to shortage of volunteers, there will only be games sponsored by Powell Township Government the evening of Fire on the Bay.
5. J. Gertz implores the board to consider paving the road to Squaw Beach
6. R. Durant thanks the board's support for the E-bike Policy. Would like to see an Ordinance put in place, but questions how Powell Township will be able to enforce.
7. M. Springer thanks board for supporting the Wayfaring Signage

Board Comment

1. Trustee December agrees with J. Gertz about the consideration of paving Squaw Beach Road. And would also like to see the E-bike Policy develop into an Ordinance.
2. Clerk Walker commends the gathering of SPEI and applauds Fire Chief, C. Sutter, for the installation of the DNR fire sign.
3. Supervisor Turner recommends passing the E-bike Policy back to Parks and Recreation for a recommendation of changes

Next Regular Board Meeting July 19, 2022 7:00pm

Adjourn 8:00pm

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Final approval/edit:
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Powell Township Clerk