



# Powell Township Fire Department Minutes of Regular Meeting June 30<sup>th</sup> 2022



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**Meeting called to order at:** 1805hrs, by Chief Sutter at Station 1

**Members Present:** Assistant Chief Brian Roell, Assistant Chief Matt Anderson, Captain Josh Boudreaux, FF Sam Desmet, FF Trainee Ryan Iacovacci, and FF Trainee Eric Heim.

**Excused Absences:** Captain Greg Ochylski, Captain Chauncey Moran, FF Jack Cram

**Guests Present:** None

**Approval of Minutes:** May 26<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes *Boudreaux/Anderson*

**Monthly Pager Test:** requested at 1800, Central did not get to the pager test.

**Review of Calls / Events:**

- 2022-012 05/29/22-Assist Mqt EMS/Lift Assist on Balke Ave
- 2022-013 06/16/22-Water Rescue on Lake Independence
- 2022-014 06/17/22-Assist EMS/Lift Assist on Lighthouse Road
- 2022-015 06/26/22-Lockout to Auto w/1yr old in veh Perkins Park & Campground

**County Firefighter's Report:** Still waiting on their meeting minutes. Apparently there was a MI MABAS Presentation at the June Meeting. I would recommend we join MABAS if it comes to Marquette County as it solidifies Mutual Aid for large calls without depleting any one dept of their equipment or manpower.

**Station #1 Report:** 2104 is still out of service. SCBA Batteries due to be swapped. Iacovacci: Tire inflation attachment on the air compressor was not working properly, Choke lever on Brush ATV 2112 is missing and ATV would not start, Station refrigerator is not cooling, and there is a bulb that needs to be replaced on the drivers side pump panel of 2101.

**Station #2 Report:** 2103 is still out of service. SCBA Batteries due to be swapped. Boudreaux: Need Generator Oil 10W30, SCBA batteries were changed and packs from 2103 were moved to 2102. Roell: Hydrant was cleared at Sawmill, Bridge on KE&KB Stop signs MIA-Twp was advised, Main road into Loma Farms is out will need to use Buckroe Rd.

**Committee Reports:**

- Training Committee Report – Boudreaux: nothing new to report.

**Chief Engineer's Report:**

- Ochylski: Not present

## Announcements:

- **2103 & 2104 are still out of service** – these vehicles should still be checked during station duty but not driven off property.
- **Negaunee Pioneer Days** – Firefighters Tournament July 9<sup>th</sup> 1330hrs, Flier passed around.
- **New Member Eric Heim:** please take a moment to introduce yourself to Eric if you have not already.
- **Granot Loma KE Bridge** is down possibly until October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Alt. Entrance on Buckroe road. Discussion followed. Road may not be wide or big enough for our fire engines.
- **Coast Guard Joint Training on Lake Superior:** Waiting on a date from us. It will need to be after July, as July is already packed with events.
- **Last reminder if anyone else is interested in getting their Wildland FF Certification** I have info put together for the online portion needed and can email it out to anyone interested. The DNR advised they will try and put together a practical day this summer. Desmet: I will drop off a copy of my Wildland FF Cert.

## Old Business:

1. **Please sign the State's PFAS Training Form** it has to be mailed Friday to the fire marshals office. Cram, Demay, Moran, & Weber still need to sign off on the State Mandated PFAS Training.
2. **If you have not already, please review and sign the Fire Dept. Policy Manual**, its on the island along with the training sheet.
3. **DNR Prescribed Burn** if your interested in being on their contact list for the next wildfire prescribed burn please let me know. Short Discussion. This would be open for anyone that's at least a FFI.
4. **Need copies of current DL's** from several members still. Cram, Demay, Ochylski, & Weber
5. **Waiting on completed inventory sheets** from Anderson, Moran, Demay, Desmet, Pelto.
6. **The new fire danger sign has been installed at St1.** Boudreaux has volunteered to try and patch the old sign and install at st2. This new sign was partially funded by a MI DNR VFA Grant Award. A thank you letter with photos will be submitted to the DNR.
7. **Status of Taylor's Retirement Plaque?** Ochylski not present.
8. **2105 Repairs:** Replacement Heat Exchanger is in, still needs to be installed.
9. **Station Lock Update:** 906 came up on 6/21, removed st1's front door control module and will need to send it in to the manufacturer for warranty repairs. Another module has been swapped in its place, the new lock has been flashed and is now working without issue. If anyone has any further issues with a lock malfunctioning please let me know.
10. **Fire Corps Auxiliary Pilot Program:** Posting flyers in town, and will be posting on the FD website and FB Page. Several Aps have already gone out, if you know of anyone interested please direct them to [www.PowellTownshipFire.org](http://www.PowellTownshipFire.org) for Aux Info and an application. We have received an ap from M.Bevins and W.Sutter that will be forwarded to the Twp Board for approval. An ap and Job Description for Aux Captain was hand delivered to Thoma's House on Tuesday.
11. **Status of the Wildland Fire Presentation for the next twp meeting.** Roell: Possibly ready by August
12. **SCBA Pack 01-03 Repair:** Is set aside until OFPE comes up for flow testing July 14th-15th.
13. **Biennial Pump Testing and DOT Inspections:** Waiting on a date, will be around the end of August.
14. **Department Photos:** Shooting for August
15. **Annual SCBA Fit Testing** to coincide with Dept Photos in August
16. **2023 DNR VFA Grant was submitted.** Priority 1 was a small utv skid unit, Priority 2 was for 10 sets of wildland pants/shirts. Will know sometime in December if we made the cut. OFPE came back with a quote for \$279 per pair of wildland pants/shirts + shipping

**New Business:** \*\*\*Volunteers needed to help wash/wax vehicles for the parade\*\*\*

1. **July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade Detail:** 2pm line up at Draver Park. We will need min. 6 people. Goupille asked me a couple of days ago if we would allow children or family of ff's to ride in the boat for the parade. Discussion followed. I am ok with this, if those people are supervised by a designated parent or volunteer that will walk along with them. Next year we could have the auxiliary assist as well. Aux Approval took several months longer then expected to have that program up in time for this years events. Bug Spray, Water Bottles, and Candy have already been purchased. Sign up sheet is on the island.
2. **July 4<sup>th</sup> Boat Parade:** 5pm Departing Perkins Park for a loop around Lake Independence. Sign up sheet is on the island.
3. **July 9<sup>th</sup> Fire on the Bay:** 7pm until wrap up. Looking for volunteers to man a stand by crew on site and to assist with traffic. Sign up sheet is on the island.
4. **July 24<sup>th</sup> Bay Cliff Health Camp – Fire/Ambulance Day 1530-1730hrs.** Discussion followed. Roell advised it was a great event for the kids. Sign up sheet is on the island. *Roell & Anderson volunteered.*
5. **Rescue Cans for Boat 2114:** Will be purchasing 2 rescue cans/tubes to assist with retrieving victims in the water. This came under the recommendation of the Mqt Coast Guard. Est. cost \$65 each
6. **Bay doors and garage door opener maintenance:** Will be contacting Wolverine Door for a new estimate to have them come out and service our bay doors & openers.
7. **Annual Fire Extinguisher checks** to be scheduled soon.
8. **Station 1 Boilers:** We need to get quotes now that summer is here to fix the hot water recirc. pump that runs 24/7 and check boiler controls, as they should not be running hot floors during the summer.
9. **Replacement options for 2103/2104:** Grant funding aside, I inquired with the twp for funding options to replace these 2 vehicles with a used brush truck, reducing our fleet by 1 vehicle but retaining the same amounts of seating positions. Discussion followed. Treasurer has bank pre-approval of up to 150k for a used brush truck, however we would still need to secure board approval and would need additional funding. Treasurer suggested showing good intent by also doing some fund raising for it. We can put money down from our donated funds if board approves. Estimate a used brush truck to cost 65-80K for a decent 2000 or newer with min. 300-320g of water. I do not think we will get much for 2103/2104 they are 37yrs old and both require over 10-15k in repairs to make safe for service. Roell advised we paid \$1,500 for 2103 and we have gotten our money's worth out of it.
10. **FD T-shirts, hats and Winter Jacket order.** Please write your tshirt and jacket size next to your name on the order sheet on the table. Jackets will be black embroidered carharts as those seem to hold up the best. Only those that have submitted their Inventory Sheet will be able to receive a new tshirt and be on the list for a winter jacket, if they are in need of replacement. Discussion followed.

**Public/Open Comment:**

- **Weber FF Exam** in Quinnesec May 19<sup>th</sup>, no updated status yet. Will need to discuss at next Ofc. Mtg.
- **Boudreaux: when do our CPR Certifications expire?** Short discussion followed. Sutter: 2yrs, but it may depend on which version you have. Going forward all new certs will need to be CPR, Basic First Aid and AED to meet the new MI FF requirements.

**Equipment and supplies requested:**

- 2 Rescue Cans or Rescue Tubes estimated \$150
- FD T-Shirts

**Building or Vehicle repairs requested:**

- Loft & Stairs Quotes still pending
- St 2 an outside trim piece still needs replacement
- Annual Fire Extinguisher Inspections and Service due
- Garage Door & Opener Maintenance due

- St1 Refrigerator not cooling
- St1 Boiler Maintenance needed

**General Funds Balance:** \$65,657.25 / 5.73% used    **Donated Funds Balance:** \$8,520 avail of \$48,020  
 \_\_\_\_\_ no updates avail. end of May fund balances listed above \_\_\_\_\_

**Next Meeting / Upcoming Training / Upcoming Events:**

Next Regular Meeting July 28<sup>th</sup> @ 1800hrs / Training: TBD possibly Granot Loma Pre-Plan and walkthrough  
 County FF Meeting August 2022 – Meeting Info Still Pending  
 Township Meeting July 19<sup>th</sup> @ 1900hrs

**Station Duty for July:**     **Station 1** – Ochylski     **Station 2** – Weber

**Tonight's Training:** DNR 2109/Wildland Fire Ops & Drafting / Policy Review #221 Wildland Fire Response

**Business Meeting Adjourned at:** 1845hrs                    **Minutes Prepared by:** Chief Sutter

Chief's Notes: None

**Our 2022 Station Duty Rotation is as follows:**

<u>Month</u>	<u>Station 1</u>	<u>Station 2</u>
July	Ochylski	Weber
August	Moran	Roell
September	Stansky	Boudreaux- Change Air Pack Batteries
October	Cram	Weber
November	Sutter	Roell
December	McWebb	Boudreaux- Change Air Pack Batteries