

Powell Township Board
Board Meeting
PO Box 319, 101 Bensinger, Big Bay 49808
November 16th, 2021 7PM
~~Draft Minutes~~ APPROVED

1. Call to Order at 7pm by Supervisor
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Motion to have Treasurer Santilli to run the meeting (Hudson/December). All yes, motion passed.
4. Roll Call of Officers: Karen December (Trustee); Denise Hudson (Trustee); Darlene Turner (Supervisor); Samantha Morin (Clerk); Kelli Santilli (Treasurer);
5. Approval of Agenda- Motion to approve November 16th, 2021 agenda with addition (Hudson/Morin). All yes, motion carried.
 - a. Addition New Business 7. Accepting bids for Generator
6. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Motion to approve regular board minutes October 19th, 2021 (December/Hudson). All yes, motion carried.
7. Revenue & Expenditure Report: Motion to approve revenue & expenditure report (Turner/Santilli). All yes, motion carried.
8. Treasurer's Report: Thank you to the Treasurer
9. Approval of Bills: Motion to approve Bills to be Paid *After Discussion* (Hudson/Santilli). All yes, motion carried
 - a. Trustee December asks for clarification of the bill for UP Cycle and Sport
 - i. Clerk Morin responds it is a bill already approved for the Fire Department rescue boat motor
 - b. Trustee December asks for clarification on Marquette Road Commission
 - i. Clerk Morin responded it was for the remainder of the County Road KE paving
 - ii. Turner further clarified. The Township held back a portion of the payment from last year. Corrections to the paving made in 2021. Marquette Road Commission paid for half of that portion held back and the amount \$14,175.93 was the remainder after paving corrections were made

Committee & Department Reports

- a) Ambulance Dept: T Vargo, ambulance coordinator, gives report virtually; eight calls with responders for all calls; passed state inspection and good for another year; training new members, one member finished training and still two more training
- b) Emergency Management: K. Bourgeois, emergency manager gives report; county planning with Emergency Manager about the Independence Dam; County applying for grant money for the Emergency Plan; Food Bank is working with Meijer for frozen turkeys for the holiday and those who use the food bank
- c) Fire Department: C. Sutter, Fire Chief gives report; three calls; fire drill at Powell Township school; brush fire at Thomas rock; two new members needing certification in January; septic field at Station two may need to be replaced; generator at station one is being looked at with quotes on the way; pickup #6 is out of service to be at Marquette Automotive on November 23rd; working on agreement with marquette about fleet maintenance in 2022; Station two has been cleaned
- d) Parks & Rec: S. Gonstead, Parks and Recreation Chair, gives report; 510 completion of Powell Trail; applying for MDAT Grant; groomer has been worked on and is ready for the winter trail grooming; more in presentation
- e) Planning & Zoning: D Hudson, Planning Commission Liaison, gives report; October meeting there was public hearing considering of Master Plan; No November meeting; December meeting will also have public hearing for the adoption of Master Plan with missing census information that wasn't available in October
- f) Sewer Department: P. TenEyck, Powell Township Custodian, gives report; good to go

- g) Water Department: P. TenEyck, Powell Township Custodian, gives report; water consumption has gone down significantly after the leak finding with Negaunee
- h) Correspondence:
 - Michigan Railroads association
 - Alger Delta Cooperative “Country Lines” November/December 2021 edition
 - Letter from B.Suess about “Scenic Road Policy” For County Road KB or segment of County Road KB see *attachment*
 - D. Ferraro letter to P.Brebner; about correction on Township involvement of Rocket Launch see *attachment*
 - D. Ferraro letter to T. Grotewohl; about correction on Township involvement of Rocket Launch see *attachment*
 - C. Lack opposing Spaceport see *attachment*
 - C. Gottlieb opposing Spaceport see *attachment*
 - J. Scharar opposing Spaceport see *attachment*
 - J. Dorman opposing Spaceport see *attachment*
- i) Presentations:
 - Sven Gonsted- Parks and Rec Chair gives an accounting of Parks and Recreation see *attached slides*

Public Comment:

- D. Tendrup- thank “Sven” for the presentation
- C. Sorby- thanks “Sven” for the presentation
- C. Sorby- reapplied for Parks & Trail Manager and wants to know the status
- S. Gonsted- Parks and Rec are reassessing the Parks & Trail Manager position
- G. Champagne- thanks Sven, Parks & Recreation Committee and the volunteers that made it possible
- J. Nasky- trails are great; brings young people; it starts economic building

No virtual Comment

Unfinished Business:

1. Hiring Policy: Motion to table again *after discussion* (Santilli/Hudson). All yes, motion carried.
 - a. Trustee December wants a date for when we are tabling items
2. Purchasing Policy: Motion to table Purchasing Policy till next month (Turner/Hudson). All yes, motion carried.
 - a. Supervisor Turner states its nearly completed and just will have a review

New Business:

1. Hiring Assessor - Motion to approve Dylan Jurasin as Powell Township Assessor *after discussion* (Turner/Santilli). Roll Call Vote: Santilli, yes; Hudson, yes; Morin, yes; Turner, yes; December, yes
 - a. Trustee December states his resume was good; thought that he would be coming to the meeting, that he only wanted to meet with a few people, and only two people have met with him
 - b. Treasurer Santilli corrects that the board was asked if they wanted him to come to the meeting and D. Jurasin had offered to attend, but the remainder board did not ask for him to come to meeting
 - c. Supervisor Turner states Trustee December had the opportunity to meet D. Jurasin and she declined, Clerk Morin did not meet with him because of her resignation
 - d. Trustee Hudson has met D. Jurasin on several occasions prior
2. Planning Commission
 - a. Motion to approve \$194.62 to Jason McCarthy for Master Plan printing at Pride Printing (Hudson/Morin). All yes, motion carried
3. Ambulance:
 - a. Motion to approve \$80.13 in Medical Supplies (Morin/Santilli) All yes, motion passed.

- b. Motion to approve \$104.61 for Yaktrax shoe traction grips (Hudson/Santilli) All yes, motion passed.
 - c. Motion to Pay the assistant coordinator \$150 A month till the end of 2020-2021 budget year *after discussion* (Morin/Santilli). All yes, motion carried.
 - i. Ambulance Coordinator offered to take a cut in pay for the assistant coordinator to get funds to help run the department
 - ii. Clerk Morin states that there are funds available in Ambulance Wages; her personal opinion that Ambulance Coordinator shouldn't have his wage cut for the help; her opinion ambulance Coordinator and Fire Chief should have been at the same amount; the person to fill the Assistant Coordinator position would be decided by the Ambulance Coordinator
 - iii. Supervisor Turner also states that the Ambulance Coordinator shouldn't have a cut in wage; the next budget year these wages for heads of departments should be reassessed
 - iv. Ambulance Coordinator Tyler Vargo corrects that it is the Ambulance Department that decides the Assistant Coordinator and not his direct decision
4. Fire Department
- a. Motion to approve \$525 for Siren and Shoreline installation *after discussion* (December/Santilli). All yes, motion carried.
 - i. Treasurer Santilli asked for clarification about whether both siren and Shoreline were already approved in prior months this year and this is an additional amount to have it installed or if the total amount should be approved.
 - b. Motion to approve \$2200 Annual Vehicle service after discussion (Morin/December). All yes, motion carried
 - i. Trustee December asked Fire Chief Sutter if this was for this budget year while next year was the agreement for the fleet maintenance with Marquette
 - c. Motion to approve two fire department trainees training plus mileage in summary costs of each to be \$1787.86 in Mileage, \$200 in Books, \$45 for SCBA Fire Hoods (Morin/Santilli). All yes, motion carried.
 - i. Supervisor Turner states it would be appreciated if they can double up on driving together as much as possible
 - ii. Supervisor Turner inquired about contracts with Fire Department trainees much like Ambulance Trainee Contracts
 - 1. Clerk Morin at this time there are no training contracts with Fire Department trainees
5. Parks and Rec
- a. Motion to approve \$450 Burns Landing Message Board (Hudson/Santilli) All yes, motion carried
 - i. Locked year round billboard for Pavilion notices and rentals needed at Burns Landing
 - b. Motion to approve \$4500 donated funds for cab enclosure door kit and Windshield heater (Hudson/Turner). All yes, motion carried.
 - c. Motion to approve \$500 for Holiday Tree Lighting on December 4th, 2021
 - i. For gift bags, tree, refreshments, etc.
 - ii. Trustee December wants gift bags to home-school kids as well
 - 1. Trustee Hudson pointed out its community wide notices
6. Motion to approve Resolution of Support for section of County Road KB or the "Peep-a-day" as Scenic road *after discussion*(December/Santilli). Roll Call Vote: Hudson, no; Turner, no; Santilli, no; December, yes; Morin, no
- a. Supervisor Turner states clarifying letter received at board meeting; board doesn't have enough information on what section; spoke to others on County Road KB; spoke to Marquette County Road Commission who recommend waiting till proposal is sent in to Marquette County Road Commission; Scenic Road designation is by County Road Commission and not Township
7. Accepting bids for generators
- a. Larger Generator from Water Department bid declined. Does not meet minimum bidding price.

- b. Smaller Generator from Township Building and Grounds accepted for \$200. S. Demoulin placed winning bid

Public Comment:

- G. Champagne- great job on the sound set up; can hear board better and those who joined virtually
- C. Sorby- wants answers about the open position for parks & trail manage; would like interview; interested in being involved with Parks and Recreation; states that more young people to get involved
- C. Sutter- thanks Sven for excellent presentation; support the fire department trainees doubling up on mileage and class contract; will bring up those points at their next meeting
- D. Tendrup- thank you for everyone on Parks and Rec who has done anything for Big Bay
- J. Nasky- interested in the process of getting an officer in Big Bay

No virtual comment

Board Comment:

- Treasurer Santilli- contract with county Sheriff has been looked into but staffing at the County level also stretches them thin and adding more to their load is the hesitation
 - Bring back a Powell Township Constable is a possibility to be looked at again
- Supervisor D. Turner- funding for a local constable is one set back
- Supervisor D. Turner- apologized to C. Sorby about the Parks & Trail position and tardiness with contacting him but with assessor leaving, clerk retiring, and health issues of supervisor she is just getting everything back in order. That position is newly established and the filling of the position was on a lower priority
- Supervisor D. Turner- Bids for Generator not approved will have to be brought back up with the water department about lowering the starting asking price for that generator

Next Meeting Regular Board Meeting December 21st, 2021 7:00 pm

Adjourn 8:10pm

Minutes prepared by
Samantha Morin
Powell Township Clerk