

**Powell Township Board Meeting**  
**PO Box 319, 101 Bensinger, Big Bay 49808**  
**November 15, 2022**  
**Minutes (Approved 12/20/2022)**

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**Call to Order 7:05pm by Supervisor**

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call of Offices – Darlene Turner (Supervisor) present; Kelli Santilli (Treasurer) present; Karen December (Trustee) absent; Denise Hudson (Trustee) present; Mitch Walker (Clerk) present.
3. Approval of Agenda – **Motion** to approve agenda (Santilli/Hudson) all in favor, motion carried.
4. Approval of Minutes:
  - a. **Motion** to approve October 18, 2022, meeting minutes (Santilli/Hudson) with noted corrections, all in favor, motion carried.
    1. Correct spelling of Lance to L'Anse. (#3)
    2. Parks and Recreation purchased and will be installing storage unit, needed repairs to Wolverine. (#4)
    3. Zoning waiting for materials for presentation (#5).
5. Expenditure & Revenue Report – **Motion** to approve report (Santilli/Turner) all in favor, 3 approved – 1 unapproved, motion carried.
6. Treasurer's Report
7. Approval of Bills – **Motion** to approve bills to be paid (Hudson/Santilli) all in favor, motion carried.

**Committee & Department Reports:**

1. Ambulance Department – Tyler Vargo, Ambulance Department Coordinator. 3 calls since last township meeting. Ambulance is out of service until Marquette City (who does our fleet maintenance) replaces the batteries on 11/16/22.
2. Emergency Management – K. Bourgeois, Emergency Management Chair. Asking for donations of hams/turkeys for families in Halfway Village that are without food.
3. Fire Department – C. Sutter, Fire Chief. 2 calls since last meeting. Loft and stair work is finished. Will be planning Phase 2 for drywall will in 2023. Still waiting to hear back from the Marquette County Firefighters Association regarding the next Fire fighter class. Dressler's coming to change a sensor.
4. Parks and Recreation Department. Kelli Santilli, Treasurer. SBEI meeting with potential upgrades to the Township, they all look good, but they may not be what we want (which can be amended). Working on 2 SPARK grants, one for Draver Park and one for Historical Trail (if we can get the personnel to get these grants ready in time). Christmas Tree Lighting on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Still looking for someone to be Santa.
5. Planning Commission. Denise Hudson, Trustee. No meeting last month, we are meeting on 11/16/2022.
6. Water & Sewer Departments. Daryl Turner, Water Operator. Water department contacted U.P. Engineering with a letter of intent to apply for Federal Funds that are available under ARFI to replace a couple of old lines

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that didn't get replaced. It is just a letter of intent, and we must be accepted to apply for the money.

7. Correspondence: None
8. Presentations: None

**Public Comment:** None

**Unfinished Business:**

1. Turner: Still waiting on legal to complete review of draft Marijuana Ordinance. We did get ordinance back from the lawyer for Marijuana Ordinance. We are going to call for a special meeting with the Planning Commission. The lawyer did advise us to study it very carefully.

**New Business**

1. Ambulance: **Motion** to approve purchase of AED replacement batteries to get ambulance back in service. (Hudson/Santilli) all in favor, motion carried.
2. Emergency Management – Asking for donations of hams/turkeys for families in at Halfway Village that are without food.
3. Fire Department
  - a. **Motion** to approve the return of Firefighter Captain Greg Ochylski (Hudson/Santilli) all in favor, motion carried.
  - b. **Motion** to approve \$630.00 for 2 new Books with access codes and 3 extra access codes only for use with last year's books for firefighters training (Santilli/Turner) all in favor, motion carried.
  - c. **Motion** to apply for 2023 AFG Grant to replace 2105 (Hudson/Santilli) all in favor, motion carried.
  - d. **Motion** Request to apply for 2023 AFG Grant to replace 2109 (Santilli/Walker) all in favor, motion carried
  - e. **Motion** Bid for \$20,002.00 submitted L'Anse FD F450 (Santilli/Walker) all in favor, motion carried.
  - f. **Motion** to hire Fire Fighter Luke Fredricks. (Hudson/Santilli) all in favor, motion carried.
4. Parks and Recreation
  - a. **Motion** for \$500 for gift bags and refreshments for Christmas Tree Lighting on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. (Hudson/Santilli) all in favor, motion carried. From Donated Funds.
  - b. **Motion** for \$200 to purchase a photo back drop for pictures with Santa (Santilli/Turner) all in favor, motion carried.
  - c. **Motion** to accept George Girod's resignation (Santilli/Hudson) all in favor, motion carried.
  - d. **Motion** to apply for a Michigan DNR SPARK Grants for Historical Trail and Draver Park (will form Advisory group to help with grants) (Santilli/Hudson) all in favor, motion carried.

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- e. **Motion** Permission to go to a lawyer to draw up a easement agreement with Bay Cliff and Arthur Fleury for easement threw their property for the Historical Trail (Santilli/Hudson) all in favor, motion carried.
- 5. **Motion** to renew Blue Cross Blue Shield Gold for \$15,404.88 (Turner/Santilli) 3 in favor, 1 opposed, motion carried.
- 6. **Motion** for \$1500.00 to service and replace tires on old plow truck (Santilli/Walker) all in favor, motion carried.
- 7. **Motion** for After School Community Youth Outreach Program to use the hall 2 days a week from 3:45pm to 5:30pm. Two separate age groups K-4 and 5-8. Board will monitor for 2 weeks and if there are no issues, they will be allowed to continue (Santilli/Turner) all in favor, motion carried.

**Public comment:**

- 1. J. Gertz: Would like to thank Clerk Mitch Walker for the set-up for election day. Flow of set-up worked very well.
- 2. K. December had a hard time hearing some people on Zoom.

**Board comment:**

- 1. Kelli Santilli would like to thank Mitch Walker-Clerk for a great job done on this election.
- 2. Mitch Walker reported that the November 8, 2022 State General Election conducted at the Powell Township precinct was successful in which 490 voters participated: 199 absentee voter ballots and 291 in person voters. He thanked the Election Inspectors for an excellent job done and minimizing voter wait times.

**! Next Regular Board Meeting December 20, 2022; 7:00pm**

**Adjourn 8:08pm**

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Powell Township Clerk