

Powell Township Board Meeting
PO Box 319, 101 Bensinger, Big Bay 49808
December 20, 2022
Minutes - APPROVED

Call to Order 7:03pm 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/Walker) all in favor, motion carried.
4. Approval of Minutes:
 - a. **Motion** to approve November 15, 2022, Board meeting minutes (Santilli/Hudson) with noted corrections, all in favor, motion carried.
 - i. Correct spelling of L’ance and L’anse to L’Anse.
 - ii. Correct spelling of personal to personnel (#4).
 - iii. Remove “re-apply” to “apply”. (#3 c&d)
 - iv. Correct “Lou Fredricks” to “Luke Fredericks”. (#3f)
 - b. **Motion** to approve December 5, 2022, Special Board meeting minutes (Santilli/Walker), all in favor, motion carried.
5. Expenditure & Revenue Report – **Motion** to approve report (Santilli/Turner) all in favor, motion carried
6. Treasurer’s Report
 - a. Discussion regarding Road Fund
7. Approval of Bills – **Motion** to approve bills to be paid (Hudson/Santilli) all in favor, motion carried.

Committee & Department Reports:

1. Ambulance Department – No report.
2. Emergency Management – Per K. Bourgeois, Emergency Management Chair, Supervisor reported: that everything was fine, donations being received at food bank.
3. Fire Department – B. Roells, Assistant Fire Chief: 1 call since last meeting, 5 firefighter trainees preparing for their Firefighter Academy beginning January 17th, 7 auxiliary members and their next meeting will be January 12th, thanks to the Huron Mountain Club for \$8,500 grant, won the bid on the L’Anse 2002 F550 Brush/Rescue Truck which will be used to replace 2 vehicles that are out of service – new truck should be ready for service by the end of January 2023, received a thank you note and \$1,500 donation from Bonnie & Steve Van Lannen for a recent water rescue on Lake Independence during which their son was rescued, received a \$30 donation and thank you letter from the Jarvis family, expect to hear back from the DNR within the next week in reference to our DNR VFA Grant, should hear back from FEMA about the Regional SCBA AFG Grant and AFG Grant to replace our 1979 Brush Truck soon - have not received a turn down letter yet, so we are still in the running.
4. Parks and Recreation Department. Kelli Santilli, Treasurer. Received delivery of new container for equipment storage, but wrong size and a new one will be delivered tomorrow, SBEI meeting tomorrow during which they will present a new plan based on our suggestions, submitted application for SPARK grant

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yesterday and we should hear back by end of January 2023, trail system is switching over to winter operations, meeting in January 2023 to plan for Powell Township property designations i.e. trails, wild.

5. Planning Commission. Denise Hudson, Trustee. No report, next meeting January 18, 2023 at 7:00pm.
6. Sewer Department. Peter TenEyck, Custodian: Everything fine.
7. Water Department. Supervisor Turner: Water Operator reported to her that everything is ok, and weather has been holding out.
8. Correspondence: 2 letters opposing proposed rocket launch site from Alex Graeff and Austin Russell.
9. Presentations: None

Public Comment: Karen December, Trustee (remote): expressed concern over sound quality of remoted meetings and notification for remote attendees, requested who prepared SPARK grant and expressed concern over if the public was informed or provided an opportunity for input to the plan for Draver Park. Expressed concern that Township officials are also liaisons or members of the Park and Recreation Committee and/or participate in planning with the SBEI.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business

1. Ambulance:
 - a. **Motion** to approve purchase of \$155.00 AED Replacement Battery, Halfway fire Hall (Med supplies) and oxygen carrying bag (Hudson/Santilli) all in favor, motion carried.
 - b. **Motion** to approve \$500.00 for service to the snowmobile from Vehicle Maintenance (Santilli/Hudson) all in favor, motion carried.
 - c. **Motion** to approve \$365.00 for 3 snowmobile helmets from donated funds (Hudson/Santilli) all in favor, motion carried.
 - d. **Motion** to approve \$1,215.00 for a stokes basket from Equipment (Santilli/Hudson) all in favor, motion carried.
 - i. Need to remove sales tax from order
 - e. **Motion** to approve \$45.00 portable oxygen carrying bag (Hudson/Santilli) all in favor, motion carried.
 - f. **Motion** to approve \$185 for medical supplies (Santilli/Hudson) all in favor, motion carried.
2. Fire Department:
 - a. **Motion** to approve travel costs for 5 members to attend the Fire Fighter Academy beginning in January 2023 (Walker/Hudson) all in favor, motion carried.
 - i. Expensed from Fire Department travel and training budget
 - ii. Fire Fighters will carpool to reduce costs
 - b. **Motion** to approve \$140 NIMS/ICS helmet and vehicle passports for new members and vehicles (Walker/Santilli) all in favor, motion carried.

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- c. **Motion** to table approval of \$250 to SignsUnlimited for the lettering on the Polaris Brush ATV and \$360 to the City of Marquette for ATV annual service & radiator flush until later in the meeting (Santilli/Hudson) all in favor, motion carried.
 - d. **Motion** to approve \$800 to the City of Marquette 2104's first service & safety check, including pump service (Hudson/Santilli) all in favor, motion carried.
 - e. **Motion** to approve \$500 to SignsUnlimited for the lettering and logos on the new Brush Rescue 2104 from Donated Funds (Santilli/Hudson) all in favor, motion carried.
 - f. **Motion** to approve \$250 to El.Com to install the mobile radio removed from the old 2104 from Donated Funds (Walker/Santilli) all in favor, motion carried.
 - g. **Motion** to approve \$750 to City of Marquette to fabricate and install a tow hitch on the new 2104 from Donated Funds (Hudson/Santilli) all in favor, motion carried.
 - h. **Motion** to approve \$3,100 nozzles, hose fittings and initial equipment for the new brush rescue truck from Donated Funds (Hudson/Santilli) all in favor, motion carried.
 - i. **Motion** to approve \$2,356 Lowe's ATV Trailer, \$ 1,500 from ARPA funds (Santilli/Hudson) 1 in favor, 3 opposed, motion fails.
3. Parks and Recreation
- a. **Motion** to approve \$500 for storage container ramp and keys for transfer station from ARPA funds (Santilli/Hudson) all in favor, motion carried.
 - b. **Motion** to approve Community Board repairs \$100.00 (Walker/Santilli) all in favor, motion carried.
 - c. **Motion** to approve \$250 signage rules for trails (Hudson/Santilli) all in favor, motion carried.
4. **Motion** to approve \$40 each for 2 attendees to the NMPA grant writing class (Walker/Santilli) all in favor, motion carried.
5. **Motion** to approve for the Supervisor to attend the MTA April conference in Traverse City (Walker/Santilli) all in favor, motion carried.
6. **Motion** to approve Peter TenEyck opting out of current health insurance plan and reimbursing him at \$675 per month (Walker/Santilli) all in favor, motion carried.
7. **Motion** to approve 2023 meeting dates for all departments based on the 2022 meeting schedule (Walker/Santilli) all in favor, motion carried.
- a. Planning Commission meets 3rd Wednesday of every other month, or as needed – 7pm at Township Hall
 - b. Parks & Recreation Committee meets 2nd Tuesday of each month – 6:30pm at Township Hall
 - c. Fire Department meets last Thursday of each month – 6pm at Big Bay Fire Hall
 - d. Ambulance Department meets 1st Sunday of each month – 6pm at Big Bay Fire Hall.

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8. **Motion** to approve Quarter Budget Amendments Report dated 11/30/2022 (Santilli/Hudson) all in favor, motion carried.
9. **Motion** to approve the Fire Department to purchase the Polaris side by side from the Ambulance department for \$5,000 from ARPA funds, amended to table the approval of the purchase until January 2023 (Hudson/Santilli) all in favor, motion carried.
10. **Motion** to table approval of \$250 to SignsUnlimited for the lettering on the Polaris Brush ATV and \$360 to the City of Marquette for ATV annual service & radiator flush until January 2023 (Santilli/Hudson) all in favor, motion carried.

Public comment:

1. K. December, Trustee, expressed difficulty in hearing all members of the Board while connected to the meeting remotely, would be willing to entertain re-allocating the \$5,000 of ARPA funds designated for CR KK to the Fire Department to purchase the ATV from the Ambulance Department and we need a public meeting regarding the Draver Park project plan.
2. J. Gertz expressed difficulty in hearing the Board members during this evening's meeting.

Board comment:

1. Trustee Hudson and Supervisor Turner wished all a Merry Christmas
2. Clerk Walker explained that we have been making changes to the audio setup for the meeting and will continue to work on this to improve the audio quality for remote participants.

! Next Regular Board Meeting January 17, 2023; 7:00pm

Adjourn 8:10pm

Minutes prepared by:
Mitch Walker
Powell Township Clerk