

Powell Township Board Meeting
PO Box 319, 101 Bensinger, Big Bay 49808
April 18, 2023
Minutes - DRAFT

Call to Order 7:03 pm by Treasurer

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call of Officers – Darlene Turner (Supervisor) absent; Kelli Santilli (Treasurer) present; Karen December (Trustee) present; Denise Hudson (Trustee) present; Mitch Walker (Clerk) present.
3. Approval of Agenda – **Motion** to approve agenda with the following changes. (Hudson/December) all in favor, motion carried.
 - a. Add approval of Budget Amendments as item #9.
 - b. Add presentation by Sven Gonstead, Park & Recreation Chairman
 - c. Fire Department additions:
 - i. Request for approval of \$375 for CPR training
 - d. Parks & Recreation additions:
 - i. Request for approval of \$325 per month for ADA porta-potty at Draver Park
 - e. Add discussion of dangerous building complaint as item #6.
4. Approval of Minutes:
 - a. **Motion** to approve March 21, 2023, Board meeting minutes with correction of “MDART” to “MDARD” (Walker/Santilli). All in favor, motion carried.
 - b. **Motion** to approve April 3, 2023 Special Board meeting minutes (Hudson/Santilli). All in favor, motion carried.
5. Revenue & Expenditure Report – **Motion** to approve report (Santilli/Hudson). All in favor, motion carried.
6. Treasurer’s Report
7. Approval of Bills – **Motion** to approve bills to be paid, with addition of \$6,000 to Spielbauer Fireworks (Hudson/Santilli) all in favor, motion carried.
8. Quarterly Budget Amendment Report – **Motion** to approve (December/Santilli). All in favor, motion carried.

Committee & Department Reports:

1. Ambulance Department: No Report
2. Emergency Management: No Report
3. Fire Department: Chris Sutter, Fire Chief. See attached report.
4. Parks and Recreation Department: Kelli Santilli, Treasurer. Grooming equipment has been put up, will be getting ADA bathroom for Draver Park, waiting on news from SPARK grant, the compact TrackSteer has been delivered to the dealer/waiting on attachments, Easter egg hunt went well – 30 kids and 20 adults, MDARD grant funds will be spent this summer getting trails finishing including a new parking lot, and a new refrigerator and microwave is needed for the food shack.

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5. Planning Commission: Denise Hudson, Trustee. Nothing to report. Not meeting again until May. There is a posting for a new Planning Commission member.
6. Sewer Department: Mitch Walker, Clerk: Per Pete Ten Eyck (Custodian), all good.
7. Water Department: Mitch Walker, Clerk: Per Pete Ten Eyck (Custodian), all good.
8. Correspondence: One letter from Taylor Freund regarding the proposed spaceport (see attached).
9. Presentations: Sven Gonstead, Park & Recreation Chairman regarding future Park & Recreation trail development plans this summer.

Public Comment: None.

Unfinished Business:

1. Credit Card Policy. **Motion** to table until next month (Santilli/Walker). All in favor, motion carried.
2. Monthly Credit card expenses form
3. Invoice Tracking form
4. Crams expense form
Motion to table Unfinished Business items 2, 3 and 4 (December/Walker). All in favor, motion carried.

New Business

1. Ambulance Department. None
2. Fire Department:
 - a. **Motion** to approve \$1155 Annual Online Training Software Renewal with the expense to be split between EMS \$500.58 and FD \$654.05 (December/Santilli). All in favor, motion carried.
 - b. **Motion** to approve \$1,000 for a Portable Scene Light for Engine 2101 (Walker/December). All in favor, motion carried.
 - c. **Motion** to approve Fire Fighter Trainee Ryan Iacovacci transfer to Auxiliary (December/Walker). All in favor, motion carried.
 - d. **Motion** to approve addition of a new Payroll rate for Trainee/Probationary Fire Fighter at \$30 per call (Walker/December). All in favor, motion carried.
 - e. **Motion** to approve \$2,050 to extend & repair the water fill pipes from under the new stairs, with \$500 from EMS (Walker/December). All in favor, motion carried.
 - f. **Motion** to approve permission to place 2103R and 2104R out for bids for 6 weeks (December/Santilli). All in favor, motion carried.
 - g. **Motion** to approve \$375 for Fire Fighter CPR Training (Hudson/Walker). All in favor, motion carried.

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3. Park & Recreation Department: **Motion** to approve of \$325 per month for ADA porta-potty at Draver Park (Hudson/Santilli). All in favor, motion carried.
4. **Motion** to accept resignation Daryl Wilcox, Water Operator (Walker/December). All in favor, motion carried.
5. **Motion** to accept resignation of Karl Williams from the Planning Commission (Hudson/Santilli). All in favor, motion carried.
6. Dangerous Building Complaint. A complaint was brought by Colette Wheelock regarding the green house adjacent to 102 Schneider Avenue (see attached). **Motion** to initiate a plan to resolve the dangerous building issue at the green house adjacent to 102 Schneider Avenue in which the following contacts will be made by Board members: Legal – Turner, Health Department – Hudson, Locate Daughter – December, Hearing Officer – Santilli, Sheriff Department – Walker (Santilli/Hudson). All in favor, motion carried.

Public comment:

1. J. Gertz, expressed concern that there has been no enforcement of the Blight Ordinance.
2. J. Gertz, expressed concern over the impression to visitors to our trail system are left with because there has been no enforcement of the Blight Ordinance and that if the Supervisor is concerned for her safety enforcing the Blight Ordinance, she should contact the Sheriff's Office for assistance.
3. M. Bevins stated that green house adjacent to 102 Schneider Avenue was condemned and the condemned sign was removed by a nearby property owner, requested that the Board investigate purchasing the property at a tax sale with financial assistance from the community, that the Sheriff should be asked to assist, that the Board showcase ordinances, such as the Blight Ordinance, on the Township website, the Board should enforce provisions of the Blight Ordinance and he volunteered to assist with this task.
4. S. Gonstead. Spoke regarding the upcoming Dash for Trash and encouraged the community to get involved.
5. C Sutter, Fire Chief, spoke regarding the Dangerous Building Complaint that the Fire Department worked with the VA to remove the occupant and get him help and there may be safety and/or fire codes that would assist with enforcement of Blight Ordinance. He has the contact information for the last structure fire that we waived fees on.
6. N. Korstead, inquired regarding what is the allowable use of the trail system and class of ebikes permitted.

Board comment:

1. D. Hudson, Trustee. Encouraged the Board to take care with what it considers to be trash/blight as it may be important/valuable to the property owner.

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2. K. December, Trustee. There has been a lot of discussion regarding blight, but nothing has been done, thanked Colette for bringing this issue to our attention and encourages the public to regularly attend Township meetings.
3. M. Walker, Clerk. Thanked Colette for bringing this issue to our attention, we seem to always come up with excuses for non-enforcement, blight enforcement is the responsibility of the Board, not just the Supervisor and we need to work together and take action, possibly with a task force to assist the Supervisor.
4. K. Santilli, Treasurer. Thanked Colette for bringing this issue to our attention and now that we are aware of it, we will get some answers, we may not be done by next month, but we will make progress. As the Township does not have a contract with the Sheriff, we have to pay them if we want their assistance to enforce ordinances, and based on prior inquiry with the Sheriff, they did not have the resources to take on another Township.

Next Regular Board Meeting May 16, 2023; 7:00pm

Adjourn 8:10 pm

Minutes prepared by:
Mitch Walker
Powell Township Clerk