

# POWELL TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

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To the Powell Township Board

04/18/2023

## April Fire Department Report

- **Calls for Service:** We have had 4 calls for service since the last township meeting. A roller over accident, a Propane Gas Leak Mgt Twp responded mutual aid to as it was just off of Eagles Nest Rd, and 2 calls with live power lines down with trees or ground debris on fire.
- **Membership:** is at 25, of that 13 are FF's, 5 are FF Trainees, and 7 are Auxiliary
- **March Training:** FF Rehab & Safety / New 2104 Familiarization and Pump Operation
- **April Training:** Tentatively CPR and AED Training
- **FF Academy Report:** All is still going good and is on schedule for May Final Exams
- **Auxiliary Class:** Went over Respiratory Protection and Blood Borne Pathogen Training
- **Fire Stations:** Stations are doing ok, Stl Emergency Generator was serviced on 04/14
- **Apparatus:** We are still waiting on numbers from the City of Marquette for annual fleet service. During last Fridays Rollover Accident we noticed the backup lights and backup alarm is not working on Brush 2104, we also have a few of the emergency lights not working on it that may need to be addressed, it maybe a loose wire or just the bulbs, we will be looking into it. After the Brush ATV's initial service and maintenance last month the City of Marq is recommending replacing the radiator to resolve the overheating issues thats been plaguing EMS for years, they said there is years worth of scale build up inside thats not able to be flushed out.
- **Equipment:** We have a couple of Positive Pressure Fans used for ventilation and overhaul on fire scenes that are not working and will need some maintenance and repairs. In the process of locating a local company that can work on them, so we can get some maintenance/repair quotes together for next months twp mtg.
- **Miscellaneous:** We were able to submit for the MCPFF Grant in time, but not the AAA Grant with all the budget prep work that was going on in March. There was also a \$3,000 price increase for the same Splitter/Cutter Extrication Tool that was priced out last year, which would have put it above the \$15,000 grant limit. So that just was not meant to be this time around. FireCatt Hose and Ladder Testing dates will be released soon for this coming June. I was notified April 10<sup>th</sup> that FireCatt will be increasing prices due to an unprecedented rise in costs of living, citing Hotels are up +10%, Wages +28%, and Fuel +40%. This will equate to an increase of about \$500. We will be submitting the hose and ladder testing for May's Twp Mtg, after we have a chance to discuss the price increase at this months FD Meeting, which will be April 27<sup>th</sup>.

## Darlene Turner

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**From:** Taylor Freund <tfreund@grtherapygroup.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 27, 2023 4:41 PM  
**To:** Darlene Turner; phijomo@yahoo.com; bigbaypathway@gmail.com  
**Cc:** contactscsls@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Proposed Spaceport

Dear Supervisor Turner, Commissioner Moran, and Chairman Gonstead,

My name is Taylor Freund and I live at 4250 Buttrick Ave SE Grand Rapids MI. I went to college at NMU, have plans to move back to start a small business if and only if a launch site is NOT built there, and my husband and I currently vacation several times per year in Marquette. I am aggrieved to say we will not continue should this pristine land be polluted, both physically and soundwise, by a rocket launch site. To build a launch site near a place like Lake superior is to completely disregard the people, the plants, and the wildlife that make this place great. It's a shortsighted decision. It takes for granted the very reasons that people are drawn to Marquette.

I strenuously object to the proposed Granot Loma rocket launch plan.

According to Marquette County Board's employees and aerospace experts, this would require rezoning and amending the Powell Township Zoning Ordinance to create a new, intense, industrial use zone. Specific concerns include (but are not limited to):

- launch blast will be seen and heard for miles around
- launch will require evacuation of multiple family homes due to explosion risk
- falling rocket debris will endanger hunting, fishing, and other recreational activities
- lighting and water towers will pollute the day and nighttime sky views
- clear cutting will strip crucial habitat for many plant and animal species
- the launch site will be built on fragile wetlands atop a sandstone bluff
- a water deluge shockwave suppression system will draw large amounts of water from groundwater tables and/or the already eroding lakeshore

This industrialization of our Lake Superior coastline will degrade the quality of life now enjoyed by those who hike, fish, hunt, recreate and live in the beautiful natural landscape of Powell Township.

Please publicly note my letter of opposition to the spaceport proposal and to any associated proposals for zoning changes. Please provide hard copies to fellow board/commission/committee members and post online with the board/commission/committee website minutes documents.

Sincerely,

Taylor Freund

To the Board Members of Powell Township:

My name is Colette Wheelock my address is 102 Schneider adjacent to the property of Mr. James Christunas. For years there has been problems with this neighbor, blight issues of ALL kinds many complaints to previous supervisor Daryl Wilcox and noted conversations as well with our current Supervisor Darleen Turner. This property is no secret to the community and how it was allowed to go on is completely unacceptable. We should be proud to live in Big Bay not embarrassed! I am just going to give you the most current complaints and dates of issues that I have complained about to our current Township Supervisor Darlene Turner.

-Witnessed dumping of urine in front yard. Called and spoke with our supervisor of this and she was already aware of the issue said she would talk with him. Witnessed it again after the first conversation with our township official so I called the Health Department since I wasn't getting anywhere with our township officials talked to Sonia Riipi on 5/7/2020 at that time I was referred to the township Supervisor.

-6/29/2020 a follow up call to Health Department and was told a Health Department official (Lucas) would make a site visit.

-7/2/2020 Sonia Riipi called me a let me know Lucas had been at the Christunas residence and talked to the township.

-nothing was accomplished resident was still living with no water!

Let's jump to more current.

-3/2022 Fire at the home fire department called when I got to my house very concerned my home would go up in flames, I witnessed James Christunas JR hauling water from across the street trying to stop fire until the fire department arrived. So fire department officials witnessed at this time the conditions of the home and no report was made of the deplorable conditions just the fire. WHY? The fire department ripped part of the walls open to get at the fire the front door wasn't even on the home. That was never repaired and the resident was allowed to continue to live there.

-3/2022 The building status at this time fell under the Powell Township Building Ordinance but still nothing had been done.

-The fire department officials, the fire chief , ambulance officials were all there no body made a report of the conditions. WHY?

- They are not only to blame many of people (officials ) have been at this home POLICE many times for other issues Marquette ambulance officials.

-8/4/2022 Resident seen dumping urine again called Powell Township Supervisor.

- resident was finally moved out of the home due to sickness, living in his own waste, no water for months! Deplorable hazardous living conditions.

Since this resident has been removed the house has been wide open, front door broken/open/broken windows. Nothing has been addressed by owner or township!

The ODOR is as you can imagine with the garbage, the resident living with no water and human waste.

Mice and other rodents I'm sure are infested in this condition of the house and guess where they will end up? YES, my house and the surrounding neighbors!

Neighbor across the street somehow thinks he should be able to store his camping trailer and other items he wishes to move back and forth on this property.

Also, on Saturday evening 4/15/2023 it was witnessed a man in the premises doing God knows what, this wouldn't be happening if the home was boarded up! Why hasn't it been?

This not only affects myself , my property value but the surrounding neighbor's safety and health!

This is picture perfect qualification of the Dangerous Building Ordinance described on the Powell Township website!  
Dated 10/2015 signed by Darlene Turner Township Supervisor

Colette Wheelock 4/18/2023

My name is Colette Wheelock. I reside at 102 Schneider. I am here today to ask that the property adjacent to 102 Schneider be deemed a Dangerous Building under the Powell Township Dangerous Building Ordinance. I believe that the property meets all the conditions under the ordinance as you can see from the pictures that I have provided for all of you.

There is a history here, I have been reporting conditions at this residence since the previous Township Supervisor Daryl Wilcox was in office. No enforcement has been taken except for the removal of junk cars during his term. Now this property has progressed to deplorable, hazardous unhealthy conditions.

The current property owner has been out of the home for a few months now and all the windows and doors have remained opened and or broken all winter long. The township is very aware he hasn't been in the home and no action has been taken thus far.

I would like to have the appropriate actions taken by the board by the next regular meeting. In your handout are dates of contact and discussion with our current Township Supervisor Darlene Turner. I feel if I hadn't come to the township office this past Saturday April 15<sup>th</sup> that no action at all would've been taken with this property which is inexcusable!

The question I have for each of you on the board:

Have you seen this house? Have you smelled it?

How upset would you be on how things have been taken care of or handled? You are all guilty of turning your heads and letting this happen to our community!

I hope I can thank all of you for your immediate enforcement of the Dangerous Building Ordinance.