

POWELL TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

FROM THE DESK OF FIRE CHIEF CHRISTOPHER SUTTER

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July Fire Department Report

- **Calls for Service:** We have had 3 calls for service since the last township meeting, 2 Lockouts to Auto and an Assist Other.
- **Membership:** is at 25, of that 14 are FF's, 3 are Trainees, and 8 are Auxiliary. FF Trainee Weber was terminated on 07/02/23 for failure to meet state mandates & training requirements. We are still in the process of recovering all of his gear.
- **FireFighter Training:** June was Water Rescue & Boat Operations, July will be Tanker Shuttle & Pump Operations
- **Auxiliary Class:** July Training was Radio Communications
- **Fire Stations:** Station 1 Hose Rack has been rebuilt and extended. A police report was filed for an attempted break in at Station 2. It is not believed entry was successful, but there is damage to a couple of window screens and the base of one window frame.
- **Apparatus:** Still waiting on numbers from the City of Marquette for annual fleet service. AC Anderson is still looking into the light fixtures on Brush 2104 that will need to be replaced. We have been unsuccessful so far in finding a used trailer with both the axle rating and size needed. Brush ATV 2112 finally had its radiator replaced earlier this month and it was used during the parade and fireworks. There has been no overheating issues since the replacement, so it appears to have resolved the overheating issue.
- **Equipment:** 1 of our retractable extension cord reels on Engine 2101 has failed, we will be looking at replacement costs at this months Fire meeting. We have a few items on tonights agenda that were submitted with our 2023 Budget back in March, that we knew needed to be addressed this year. That would be the replacement vehicle maintenance creeper, OSHA approved eye wash station for each firehall, and replacement salvage and overhaul tarps for the fleet.
- **Grants:** Received a turn down notice from FEMA for the 2021 AFG Grant we submitted to replace our 1979 Brush Truck. We still have the 2022 AFG Grant out for replacing the 1964 DNR Tanker 2109. We were able to submit this years 50/50 DNR Grant for replacement fire hose and the \$10,000 MI State Fire Grant for help replacing some of our SCBA bottles, both were submitted on time. I would like to take a moment to thank the Marquette County Police and Firefighters Fund for their generous donation. Last month we were awarded a \$2,200 Grant that we had submitted for in April to place a Thermal Imaging Camera at Station 2 on Engine 2102, this now places a thermal imaging camera at both of our fire stations.
- **Events:** The 4th of July Parade Detail went well, the Auxiliary was a huge help with that. All in-service apparatus was in the parade. Fire on the Bay Kids Games went well, we had a crew present for that. The Fireworks detail went well, we could have used one more person to assist with traffic control, but we made it work. There was a small cache of fireworks boxes that caught fire at the end of the event, we were able to extinguish them with Brush 2104 with no issues. A huge thanks to everyone that helped with these events.

Darlene Turner

From: Nick Scripps <nickscrips@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 15, 2023 1:09 PM
To: Darlene Turner; phijomo@yahoo.com; bigbaypathway@gmail.com
Cc: contactcscls@gmail.com
Subject: Proposed Spaceport

Dear Supervisor Turner, Commissioner Moran, and Chairman Gonstead,

My name is Nicholas Scripps

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

I lived in Marquette for 9 years before moving to Pentwater last fall. Disappearing to Big Bay was always a highlight to end a long work trip for some peace and quiet.

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.

This whole idea sounds to me like a short sighted cash grab without consideration for long term consequences. The small coastal town of Big Bay is something special and doesn't need to be altered.

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

Nicholas Scripps

APPENDIX C

POWELL TOWNSHIP ZONING PERMIT FEES

Revised and approved 10-18-22

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| SITE PLAN RESIDENTIAL | \$37.50 |
| SITE PLAN COMMERCIAL | \$50.00 |
| DEMOLITION | \$37.50 |
| COPY OF ORDINANCE ON CD | \$15.00 |
| COPY OF COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ON CD | \$15.00 |
| COPY OF COMPREHENSIVE PLAN HARD COPY | \$50.00 |
| SIGN PERMIT | \$27.50 |
| CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT | \$300/\$550* 400 650 |
| REZONING PERMIT | \$300/\$550* |
| SPECIAL HEARING MEETING | \$300/\$550* |
| MINERAL EXTRACTION PERMIT | \$500.00 |
| PETITION FOR ZONING AMENDMENT | \$300/\$550* |
| PETITION FOR A VARIANCE | \$300.00 |
| APPEAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION (ZBA) | \$300.00 |
| CHARGE FOR NON-CONFORMING FROM B TO A | \$300/\$550* |
| HOME OCCUPATION CLASS 1 | \$37.50 |
| HOME OCCUPATION CLASS 2 | \$300/\$550* |
| AMEND ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT | \$300/\$550* |
| INTERPRETATION OF ZONING ORDINANCE | \$300/\$550* |

*~~\$300/\$550~~ The fee differences are based on the cost of a regular meeting or if a special meeting is required
400-650

FINES FOR NONCOMPLIANCE IN OBTAINING A BUILDING PERMIT IN ADVANCE

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| ACCESSORY BUILDING | \$50.00 |
| GARAGE/STORAGE BUILDING OVER 200 SQ. FT | \$100.00 |
| HOUSES (UP TO 1,500 SQ. FT.) | \$250.00 |
| HOUSES (OVER 1,500 SQ. FT.) | \$500.00 |

REVISED _____

Project Agreement

This agreement made the _____ day of _____, 2023 between Powell Township ("Township") and the Marquette County Road Commission ("Road Commission").

The Michigan Department of Transportation ("MDOT") makes Transportation Alternatives (TAP) Grants available to Act 51 Agencies. The Road Commission is an Act 51 agency. The Township is not.

The Road Commission has agreed to **sponsor the** TAP Grant for the **Safe Routes To School** in the Township, contingent on the Township's acceptance of the terms and conditions of this Project Agreement.

Now, therefore, the Road Commission and the Township agree as follows:

1. The Road Commission will **sponsor the** TAP Grant for the following described work:

Extend or improve non-motorized pathways along the priority routes to/from school as determined from the MSU report, which includes CR 550/Bensinger St, Deutsch Rd/ Rayment St, Balke Ave, and Hoffman St.

2. If the Grant is secured, it will be necessary for all aspects of the work to be completed in accordance with Federal and MDOT rules and regulations, or the Road Commission, as the Act 51 Agency, might be liable for financial or other penalties.

3. The Township may retain an engineering firm to assure compliance with all Federal and MDOT rules regarding the grant. The selected engineering firm cannot be in litigation with the Road Commission.

4. Therefore, the Township agrees that it will reimburse the Road Commission, as the Act 51 Agency sponsoring the TAP Grant for the Township, regarding any claims arising out of or relating to rules applicable to the TAP Grant program from the Federal Government, any agency of the Federal Government, or MDOT in relation to the project described in Paragraph 1, above.

Powell Township
By:
Its:

Marquette County Road Commission
Peter J. Duex
Managing Director

List of thought to be Blight in Powell Township

I was emailed and told in person by township residents places they thought was blight. I have taken the emails and others and combined them in this list. Some did not have Fire numbers or they could not find them, so they have given me descriptions:

1. Trailer on 550 across from KS
2. Front and back yards of the house next to Crams store on 550 directly north and across from the township hall.
3. N4417 Lighthouse Road
4. Yellow trailer on 550 north of Alder Creek
5. Yellow house on big curve on 550 just south of town
6. 201 Dump Road
7. 202 Balke
8. Lot corner of Schenk and Balke

9. 101 Schneider
10. Green house across from 101 Schneider
11. W3702 Squaw Beach Rd