

**Powell Township Board Meeting**  
**PO Box 319, 101 Bensinger, Big Bay 49808**  
**September 19, 2023**  
**Minutes**

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1. Call to Order 7:00 pm by Supervisor
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call of Officers – Darlene Turner (Supervisor) present; Kelli Santilli (Treasurer) present; Mitch Walker (Clerk) present; Karen December (Trustee) present; Denise Hudson (Trustee) present.
4. Approval of Agenda – **Motion** to approve agenda with the following additions (Santilli/December). All in favor, motion carried.
  - a. #8 NIMS dues \$100
  - b. #9 Fall decorations \$300
  - c. #10 Truck and plow \$38,110.50
  - d. #2g Knox home box \$300
  - e. #3d P&R Burn’s Landing
5. Approval of Minutes –
  - a. **Motion** to approve August 15, 2023, board meeting minutes with correction of public comment 1b remove reference to mine matching funds (Santilli/Hudson). All in favor, motion carried.
  - b. **Motion** to approve September 6, 2023, special board meeting minutes (December/Walker). All in favor, motion carried.
6. Revenue & Expenditure Report:
  - a. **Motion** to approve August 31, 2023 report (Santilli/Walker). (2) in favor, (3) opposed, motion failed.
7. Treasurer’s Report
8. Approval of Bills – **Motion** to approve Bills to be Paid (Hudson/Santilli). All in favor, motion carried.

**Committee & Department Reports:**

1. Ambulance Department:
  - a. No report
2. Emergency Management:
  - a. No report
3. Fire Department: Chris Sutter, Fire Chief. See report.
4. Parks and Recreation Department: Kelli Santilli, Treasurer.
  - a. Harvest fest at Perkins Park, fall fest at Draver Park and concert at Draver Park this Saturday. Still need volunteers.
  - b. Ribbon cutting for new trail on 10/1 at 2pm.
  - c. The school is planting the native garden and looking to fund an outdoor classroom
5. Planning Commission: Phil Moran, Planning Commission Chair
  - a. Space port application was postponed.
  - b. Tabled storage containers and researching definition of tiny homes
  - c. Meeting at 7pm Wednesday, 9/20/2023

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6. Sewer Department:
  - a. No problems
7. Water Department:
  - a. Nothing new
  - b. Water test was good
8. Correspondence: Received a copy of Michigan Planner Magazine
9. Presentations: None

**Public Comment:**

- a. J. Gertz asked about the new trail location. It is before Thomas Rock on the same side. Park on the opposite side of 510 and walk across to the trailhead.

**Unfinished Business:**

**New Business:**

1. Ambulance
2. Fire Department
  - a. **Motion** to approve Resignation of Firefighter Rudy Goupille (Santilli/Walker). All in favor, motion carried.
  - b. **Motion** to approve Resignation of Firefighter Tyler Stansky (Walker/Santilli). All in favor, motion carried.
  - c. **Motion** to approve \$30 for 3 Chimney Inspection Mirrors (Santilli/Walker). All in favor, motion carried.
  - d. **Motion** to approve \$330 for Small Hand Tools for Station 2 / Engine 2102 (Santilli/Walker). All in favor, motion carried.
  - e. **Motion** to approve \$21,000 for 32 New SCBA Bottles + 32 Photo-luminescent Bottle Labels (\$10,000 MI Fire Equipment Grant / \$10,000 ARPA / \$1,000 Donated Funds) (Walker/December). All in favor, motion carried.
  - f. **Motion** to approve \$2,328.00 to Dressler for repairs (Hudson/Santilli). All in favor, motion carried.
  - g. **Motion** to approve Knox home box display model for fire prevention events \$300 (Santilli/Walker). (2) in favor, (3) opposed, motion failed.
3. Park and Rec
  - a. **Motion** to approve \$450.00 for Ribbon Cutting October 1 (Santilli/Hudson). (4) in favor, (1) opposed, motion carried.
  - b. **Motion** to table Tracks - Wolverine to change to request a cost quote (December/Hudson). All in favor, motion carried.
  - c. **Motion** to approve Burns Landing phase 2 from fund balance \$72,053 (Santilli/Turner). (4) in favor, (1) opposed, motion carried.
4. **Motion** to approve L-4029 Tax Rate Request 2023 (Walker/Santilli). All in favor, motion carried.

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5. **Motion** to approve Budget Amendment to move \$7,000 for Building and Grounds wages to Parks and Rec wages (Santilli/Walker). All in favor, motion carried.
6. **Motion** to approve the purchase of 3 road signs and installation from MCRC (December/Santilli). All in favor, motion carried.
7. **Motion** to approve Pumping of restrooms Thomas Rock & Burns Landing \$1,350.00 from Thomas Rock and Burns Landing maintenance (Hudson/Santilli). All in favor, motion carried.
8. **Motion** to approve Northern Michigan public academy dues \$100 (Santilli/December). All in favor, motion carried.
9. **Motion** to approve Fall decorations for the community \$300 (Santilli/Turner). All in favor, motion carried.
10. **Motion** to approve purchase of 2019 F250 Super Duty with plow \$38,110.50 (Walker/Santilli). Amend motion to include travel not to exceed \$300. (3) in favor, (2) opposed, motion carried.

**Public comment:**

1. J. Mapes, 409 Balke: would like updates on efforts towards dealing with Powell Township blight problems
2. P. Bakken: the township got a good deal on the truck purchase
3. N. Gaines: maybe we can negotiate the truck purchase to include a warranty
4. J. Gertz: concerned about spending money on a ribbon cutting but not on the lock display unit and feels that it is a missed opportunity to not show this at upcoming events
5. C. Sutter: home box program, we have been working on this for a year and feels that by being able to show it will help seniors understand the importance
6. J. Gertz: today is the first time we could hear everyone, so the mics are set up well

**Board comment:**

1. Karen would like to do away with the podium
2. Darlene has sent letters regarding blight and court action is upcoming. It is a slow process and there are not any quick answers. The green house is being demolished by the end of the year.

**Next Regular Board Meeting October 17, 2023; 7:00pm**

**Adjourn 8:40 pm**

Minutes prepared by:  
S. Bevins, Recording Secretary