

Powell Township Board Meeting
PO Box 319, 101 Bensinger, Big Bay 49808
October 17, 2023
Minutes

1. Call to Order 7:01 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/Hudson). All in favor, motion carried.
 - a. #6 Fence Ordinance
 - b. #7 Sale of Drafting Table \$1,000
 - c. #8 3rd Quarter Budget Amendments
 - d. #9 Move \$500 from cemetery repairs to cemetery wages
 - e. #2f Dressler boiler repair \$885
5. Approval of Minutes –
 - a. **Motion** to approve September 19, 2023, board meeting minutes with the following corrections:
 - i. Add “Budget” before Amendment on #5 New Business (December/Santilli). All in favor, motion carried.
6. Revenue & Expenditure Report:
 - a. **Motion** to approve September 30, 2023 report (Hudson/Santilli). All in favor, motion carried.
7. Treasurer’s Report
8. Approval of Bills –
 - a. Including late additions of:
 - i. Rick Hausfeld, \$160, repairs to transfer station backhoe.
 - ii. Signs Unlimited, \$339.40 and \$84.80, invoices from 12/22, just received, for trail signs.
 - b. **Motion** to approve Bills to be Paid (Santilli/December). All in favor, motion carried.
 - c. A copy of the payroll detail will be provided to the Township Board Trustees (December and Hudson) for their review whenever a payroll is processed.

Committee & Department Reports:

1. Ambulance Department:
 - a. Kim Bourgeois, EMS Billing Coordinator: It is inspection time for the ambulance, and they will have to send in the paperwork and fee by the end of the month. 4 calls this month.
2. Emergency Management:
 - a. Kim Bourgeois, EMS Billing Coordinator: Working on getting a volunteer(s) for the food bank. Should have the food bank open by the end of the

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- month. Must review and update the emergency management plan. CPR classes are going to be offered for free in the township
3. Fire Department: Chris Sutter, Fire Chief. See report.
 4. Parks and Recreation Department: Kelli Santilli, Treasurer.
 - a. The ribbon cutting at the new trail went well. Wrapping up the grant.
 - b. GiveButter will be used to allow the township to collect donations for trails.
 - c. The annual Township Christmas Tree lighting will be on 12/2 at 6:00 pm, at the Township Hall. Santa will be there.
 5. Planning Commission: Denise Hudson, Planning Commission Vice-Chair.
 - a. Motion passed to advise the board to return the fee for the hearing for the proposed change to the zoning ordinance.
 - b. Motion passed to recommend a revised fence ordinance to the township board.
 - c. Workshops to be held to address storage containers, tiny homes and non-conforming properties.
 - d. The next public meeting will be Wednesday, 11/15/23 at 7pm at the Township Hall.
 - e. Mitch Walker, Township Clerk: A meeting was held on Friday 10/13/23, between attorneys for the Citizens for a Clean and Safe Lake Superior (CCSLS) and the Township. The information discussed at the meeting will be taken back to the CCSLS Board to determine next steps. Expect a presentation at the next township board meeting.
 6. Sewer Department:
 - a. Everything functioning as expected
 7. Water Department:
 - a. No alarms
 - b. Generator test was good
 - c. Water test was good
 8. Correspondence: No correspondence was received
 9. Presentations: Mike Grentz, Anderson & Tackman
 - a. Auditor presented the 2022/2023 fiscal year audit findings.
 - b. Opinion – unmodified opinion; the township conforms to common accounting principles.

Public Comment:

- a. Joe Derocha, County Commissioner, introduced himself and attended the meeting.

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

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1. Ambulance
2. Fire Department
 - a. **Motion** to approve \$300 from donated funds for 1 Knox Home Box + Tamper Seals (December/Walker). (2) in favor, (3) opposed, motion failed.
Motion to table \$300 from donated funds for 1 Knox Home Box + Tamper Seals pending legal and insurance assessment of township liability (Santilli/Hudson), All in favor, motion carried.
 - b. **Motion** to approve \$191.62 Dressler Mechanical Boiler Trouble Shooting ref water main break (Hudson/Walker). All in favor, motion carried.
 - c. **Motion** to approve \$160 Monitor VI Pager Amplifier/Charger for Station 2 (Santilli/Walker). All in favor, motion carried.
 - d. **Motion** to approve \$80 Replacement Monitor V Pager Amplifier/Charger for Station 1 (Hudson/Santilli). All in favor, motion carried.
 - e. **Motion** to approve \$200 for 8 Replacement Kenwood Portable Radio Batteries – needed for Interoperability with DNR/Wildland Team (Santilli/Walker). (4) in favor, (1) opposed, motion carried.
 - f. **Motion** to approve \$885 to Dressler for boiler repair (Walker/Santilli). All in favor, motion carried.
3. Park and Rec
 - a. **Motion** to approve Trail name signs - \$200.00 (Santilli/Hudson). All in favor, motion carried.
 - b. Wolverine winterized & tracks – no information provided with request, no action taken.
 - c. **Motion** to approve Sven \$30.00 for bins music concert equipment (Walker/Santilli). All in favor, motion carried.
 - d. **Motion** to approve \$500.00 for Christmas tree light Dec 2 (Santilli/Hudson). All in favor, motion carried.
4. Draver Community Park SPARK Grant Award. Presentation by Mike Springer: Powell Township has been awarded the \$886,000 grant.
5. Safes Routes to School Application. Presentation by Sven Gonstead regarding the status of the application.
6. **Motion** to table Fence Ordinance for review (Santilli/Walker). All in favor, motion carried.
7. **Motion** to approve sale of drafting table for \$1,000 (Santilli/Turner). All in favor, motion carried.
8. **Motion** to approve 3rd Q Budget Amendments (Hudson/Santilli). All in favor, motion carried.
9. **Motion** to approve \$500 move from cemetery repairs to cemetery wages (Santilli/Hudson). All in favor, motion carried.

Public comment:

1. C. Wheelock, expressed thanks to the township for the removal of the house next door to hers.

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Board comment:

1. Mitch – thanks for the work done with the SPARK grant; legislation is being considered in Lansing over removing local control for zoning for solar and wind power.
2. Darlene – asked Mr. Derocha to look for our request to retain Burns Landing as the name for that area
3. Derocha – expressed his support for local control and would look for our letter requesting support.

Next Regular Board Meeting November 21, 2023; 7:00pm

Adjourn 8:20 pm

Minutes prepared by:
S. Bevins, Recording Secretary