

Powell Township Board Meeting
PO Box 319, 101 Bensinger, Big Bay 49808
November 21, 2023
Minutes

1. Call to Order 7:03 pm by Treasurer
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call of Officers – Darlene Turner (Supervisor) absent; Kelli Santilli (Treasurer) present; Mitch Walker (Clerk) present; Karen December (Trustee) absent; Denise Hudson (Trustee) present.
4. Approval of Agenda – **Motion** to approve agenda with the following additions (Santilli/Walker). All in favor, motion carried.
 - a. #3C \$1200 repair tracks on side-by-side
 - b. #15 Trailer purchase cancelled
 - c. #16 Update on Social Security reports
5. Approval of Minutes –
 - a. **Motion** to approve October 17, 2023, board meeting minutes as presented (Hudson/Santilli). All in favor, motion carried.
 - b. **Motion** to approve October 29, 2023, board meeting minutes as presented (Santilli/Walker). All in favor, motion carried.
6. Revenue & Expenditure Report:
 - a. **Motion** to approve October 31, 2023 report (Hudson/Walker). All in favor, motion carried.
7. Treasurer’s Report
8. Approval of Bills –
 - a. **Motion** to approve Bills to be Paid (Hudson/Walker). All in favor, motion carried.

Committee & Department Reports:

1. Ambulance Department:
 - a. Kim Bourgeois, EMS Billing Coordinator: From Tyler: The annual inspection went well and our license is good for another year. Two calls since the last meeting.
2. Emergency Management:
 - a. Kim Bourgeois, EMS Billing Coordinator: The food bank is open every other Wednesday through December. It is open tomorrow from 5-7.
3. Fire Department: Chris Sutter, Fire Chief. See report.

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4. Parks and Recreation Department: Heidi Shatz, P&R.
 - a. The SPARK grant committee met and the bid for an architect went out
 - b. MDARD grant is complete
 - c. Burns landing stage 2 is starting
 - d. Bear Mountain and Ridge Line trails are closed for the winter
 - e. Tree lighting is 12/2 at 6pm, need volunteers.
 - f. 5-year work plan review is set for 12/10 at 6:30.
 - g. Need cross country ski groomers.
 - h. 15K that was appropriated to P&R hasn't been transferred into the GL account yet.
5. Planning Commission: Denise Hudson, Planning Commission Vice-Chair.
 - a. Workshop planned for 12/6 at the township hall 4:00 pm
6. Sewer Department:
 - a. Everything is good
7. Water Department:
 - a. No problems
8. Correspondence: Opinion from township lawyer regarding the request for ordinance change. Letter attached.
9. Presentations: None

Public Comment: 3 minute rule:

1. Jean Bowman, Powell Township resident: read a written comment to be included with the record

Unfinished Business

1. Fence ordinance: sent back to the planning commission for a hearing

New Business:

1. Ambulance
2. Fire Department
 - A. **Motion** to approve Knox Box \$300 donated (Walker/Santilli). All in favor, motion carried.
 - B. **Motion** to approve Hand light \$200 (Hudson/Walker). All in favor, motion carried.

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- C. **Motion** to approve Reconnect lost radio to network \$250 (Walker/Santilli). All in favor, motion carried.
 - D. **Motion** to approve Testing and repair SCBA packs \$221 (Walker/Hudson). All in favor, motion carried.
 - E. **Motion** to approve Burst hose 2105 inspect and possible repair up to \$500 (Hudson/Walker). All in favor, motion carried.
 - F. **Motion** to approve Replace washer/dryer \$4312 (insurance) (Hudson/Walker). All in favor, motion carried.
 - G. **Motion** to approve Apply for HMC grant (Walker/Santilli), All in favor, motion carried.
3. Parks and Rec
- A. **Motion** to approve ASV oil change \$650 (Walker/Santilli). All in favor, motion carried.
 - B. **Motion** to approve Raise trail manager limit to \$14,000/yr (Walker/Santilli). All in favor, motion carried.
 - C. **Motion** to approve \$1200 to repair tracks on side-by-side (Walker/Santilli). All in favor, motion carried.
4. **Motion** to approve Delinquent UB acct # 062. State law requires waiving as of 12/31/2023. (Walker/Santilli). All in favor, motion carried.
5. Safe Routes to School. Mike Springer – No action
6. **Motion** to approve Coty Sorby and assistant to paint/install upgrades to townhall @ 15/hr ARPA. (Hudson/Santilli). All in favor, motion carried.
7. **Motion** to approve Resolution establishing early voting location. (Walker/Santilli). Role call vote: Santilli – in favor, Walker – in favor, Hudson – in favor, motion carried.
8. **Motion** to table Resolution for deficit elimination PENDING AUDITOR (Santilli/Walker). All in favor, motion carried.
9. **Motion** to approve Resolution regarding zoning decision (Walker/Santilli). Role call vote: Santilli – in favor, Walker – in favor, Hudson – in favor, motion carried.
10. Associated repairs to hydrant (emergency) – No action
11. **Motion** to approve Lettering for new truck - \$81 (Walker/Hudson). All in favor, motion carried.
12. **Motion** to approve Caution Light for new truck (Walker/Santilli). **Motion** amended to include a power inverter \$871 (Walker/Santilli). All in favor, motion carried.
13. Public input regarding renovations to townhall – A survey will be sent to the community

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14. **Motion** to approve HVAC inspection/propane tank tracking \$400 (Walker/Santilli). All in favor, motion carried.
15. **Motion** to approve disapproval of funds previously approved for trailer that isn't needed (Hudson/Walker). All in favor, motion carried.
16. Update on social security reports – when taxes were filed, the information wasn't sent to social security for 2021 and 2022, clerk anticipates having it resolved by year end

Public Comment

1. N. Gaines, PT Deputy Treasurer, visited the social security office and was advised that employees should submit W2s to SS to get credit for wages earned if you worked in Powell Township during 2021 or 2022.
2. J. Gertz, Ferrell gas price \$1.719 straight rate until June 2024
3. D. Ferraro, thanked Powell Township for their work on the zoning ordinance change request

Board Comment

None

Next Meeting: Regular board meeting December 19, 2023, 7:00pm

Adjourn at 8:07 pm