

Powell Township Board Meeting
PO Box 319, 101 Bensinger, Big Bay 49808
January 19, 2024
Minutes

1. Call to Order 7:00 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) present; Denise Hudson (Trustee) present.
4. Approval of Agenda – **Motion** to approve agenda with the following additions (Hudson/December). All in favor, motion carried.
 - a. #8 WR Contracting Burns Landing payment \$70,285.19
 - b. #9 Ambulance Intercept agreement with Marquette
 - c. #10 Budget Meeting Dates
 - d. #11 Transfer Station Renovations
 - e. #12 Water Assistant Posting
 - f. #13 Budget Amendments
 - g. #14 Township Mileage Reimbursement Rate
5. Approval of Minutes –
 - a. **Motion** to approve December 19, 2023, board meeting minutes as presented (Walker/Santilli). All in favor, motion carried.
 - b. **Motion** to approve January 4, 2024, special board meeting minutes as presented (Walker/Hudson). All in favor, motion carried.
6. Revenue & Expenditure Report:
 - a. **Motion** to approve December 31, 2023, report (Hudson/December). All in favor, motion carried.
7. Treasurer’s Report
8. Approval of Bills –
 - a. **Motion** to table Bills to be Paid (Santilli/Walker). All in favor, motion carried.
 - b. **Motion** to approve Bills to be Paid (Hudson/Santilli). All in favor, motion carried.

Committee & Department Reports:

1. Ambulance Department:
 - a. Tyler Vargo, EMS: 3 calls since last meeting, department is running well
2. Emergency Management:

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- a. Kim Bourgeois, Emergency Manager: everything is going well, no problems from storm, food bank is being used and will continue through the winter
3. Fire Department: Chris Sutter, Fire Chief. See report.
4. Parks and Recreation Department: Heidi Shatz, P&R Chair.
 - a. Have had two meetings since the last board meeting; regular meeting and 5-year review
 - b. Draver park prime professional bid is out
 - c. Trails are groomed
 - d. Burns landing survey markers and equipment are in place; late spring or early summer for completion
 - e. Revisited 5-year plan made good headway based on community input; new plan for next board meeting
 - f. Email bigbaymichigan@gmail.com to be added to the newsletter
 - g. Committee is discussing how best to communicate with the public
5. Planning Commission: Denise Hudson, Planning Commission Vice-Chair.
 - a. Will be meeting tomorrow
6. Sewer Department:
 - a. No report
7. Water Department: Joe Santilli, Water Operator:
 - a. Monthly samples were good
 - b. Monthly generator test was good
 - c. No alarms
8. Correspondence: none
9. Presentations: none

Public Comment: 3-minute rule:

1. J. Gertz, agenda #4 will it apply for the next budget year

Unfinished Business

1. none

New Business:

1. Ambulance

2. Fire Department

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- a. **Motion** to approve 50/50 Grant Award from donated funds \$4,515.00 (December/Santilli). All in favor, motion carried.
 - b. **Motion** to approve Resignation FF Trainee McWebb (Walker/Santilli). All in favor, motion carried.
3. Park and Rec
- a. **Motion** to approve July 13, 2024, for Fire on the Bay Fireworks (Hudson/December). All in favor, motion carried.
4. **Motion** to accept the request for Board Members Wages for 2024 / 2025 Budget Year (Hudson/Santilli). All in favor, motion carried.
- a. Supervisor - \$12,000
 - b. Clerk - \$15,000
 - c. Treasurer - \$12,000
 - d. Trustees
 - i. Denise Hudson - \$100 per meeting
 - ii. Karen December - \$100 per meeting
5. **Motion** to approve MTA Spring Conference attendance for Clerk April 22 - 25, 2024 \$700 plus mileage (Hudson/Walker). All in favor, motion carried.
6. **Motion** to table Resolution agreement to Manage Floodplain (Santilli/Hudson). All in favor, motion carried.
7. **Motion** to table NMU Changes for supporting on Water Tower (Santilli/Walker). All in favor, motion carried.
8. **Motion** to approve \$72,285.19 payment to WR Contracting for work completed at Burn's Landing (Santilli/Walker). All in favor, motion carried.
9. **Motion** to approve Ambulance Intercept Agreement with Marquette (Walker/Santilli). All in favor, motion carried.
10. **Discussion** regarding Budget Meeting Dates, no action.
11. **Motion** to approve Transfer Station Remodel \$2000 materials, \$500 tools (B&G equipment budget), subject to approved plan for completion (Walker/Santilli). All in favor, motion carried.

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12. **Motion** to approve Water Assistant Job Posting (Hudson/Santilli). All in favor, motion carried.
13. **Motion** to approve Budget Amendments (Santilli/Walker). All in favor, motion carried.
14. **Motion** to approve Township Mileage Reimbursement Rate of \$.67 per mile beginning 1/1/2024 (December/Santilli). (3) in favor, (1) opposed, motion carried.

Public Comment

1. J. Gertz, questions about Burns Landing work and usage
2. C. Sutter, available for Budget meeting Monday-Thursday, not available Friday after 1pm through the weekend
3. C. Sutter, out of service hard suction hose is available for flushing hydrants

Board Comment

1. Mitch Walker; would like to have a plan for burns landing building and then determine resources needed.
2. Mitch Walker; the park is plowed to the landing for the fishing derby. Private residents are plowing. Can the township maintain that for ice fishing?
3. Denise Hudson; burns landing, special meetings years ago for how it would be used, would like to revisit in a responsible way

Next Meeting: Regular board meeting February 20, 2024, 7:00pm

Adjourn at 8:08 pm