

Powell Township Board Meeting
PO Box 319, 101 Bensinger, Big Bay 49808
February 20, 2024
Minutes

1. Call to Order 7:05 pm by the 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) absent.
4. Approval of Agenda – **Motion** to approve agenda with the following additions (Santilli/December). All in favor, motion carried.
 - a. #6 \$500 for paint and supplies for the town hall from ARPA funds
 - b. #9.a.i Letter of Support for Safe Routes to School
5. Approval of Minutes –
 - a. **Motion** to approve January 16, 2023, board meeting minutes with revisions (Walker/Santilli). All in favor, motion carried.
 - b. **Motion** to approve February 9, 2024, special board meeting minutes with revisions (Walker/Santilli). All in favor, motion carried.
 - c. **Motion** to approve February 12, 2024, special board meeting minutes with revisions (Walker/December). All in favor, motion carried.
6. Revenue & Expenditure Report:
 - a. **Motion** to table January 31, 2023, report until Friday Special Board Meeting (Santilli/December). All in favor, motion carried.
7. Treasurer’s Report
8. Approval of Bills –
 - a. **Motion** to approve Bills to be Paid (Santilli/Turner). All in favor, motion carried.

Committee & Department Reports:

1. Ambulance Department:
 - a. Kim Bourgeois on behalf of Tyler Vargo: 5 calls since the last meeting, nothing else to report
2. Emergency Management:
 - a. Kim Bourgeois, Emergency Manager: nothing new
3. Fire Department: Chris Sutter, Fire Chief. See report.
4. Parks and Recreation Department: Heidi Shatz, P&R Chair.
 - a. Meeting on 2/13 had presentations from grant advisory committee
 - b. Presentation on how NTN trail network works with Powell Township
 - c. Hired prime professional for Draver Park SPARK grant

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- d. Easter Egg hunt scheduled for 3/23
- e. Will start providing zoom for P&R meetings
- f. Started webpage updates
- g. Discussed Burn's Landing usage
- 5. Planning Commission:
 - a. No updates
- 6. Sewer Department:
 - a. No problems
- 7. Water Department: Joe Santilli, Water Operator:
 - a. Working on annual reports
 - b. Water samples were good
- 8. Correspondence: Letter from Jen Hill, Booklet from Yellowdog Watershed Preserve
- 9. Presentations:
 - a. **Mike Springer** – SPARK grant update, Safe Routes to School
 - i. **Motion** to approve Letter of Support for Safe Routes to School (/).
All in favor, motion carried.
 - b. **Sven Gonstead** – Marquette County Rec-Tourism Network (MCRTN), 2024 Marquette County ORV revised ordinance
 - c. **Kelsey Wermager** – BBSC Coordinator, 2024 BBSC Events

Public Comment: 3-minute rule:

- 1. Mike Springer, bid documents for contracts will be available for the grant projects so local contractors can apply

Unfinished Business

- 1. **Motion** to approve Resolution agreement to Manage Floodplain (Santilli/December). Roll Call Vote, all in favor, motion carried.
- 2. **Motion** to approve Ordinance Floodplain management (Santilli/December). Roll Call Vote, all in favor, motion carried.
- 3. **Motion** to approve NMU Changes for support on Water Tower for antennas (December/Turner). All in favor, motion carried.

New Business:

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1. Ambulance
 - a. **Motion** to approve \$920.00 to replace batteries for Portable radio (out of equipment line) (Santilli/December). All in favor, motion carried.

2. Fire Department
 - a. **Motion** to accept resignation of FF Trainee Luke Fredericks (December/Santilli). All in favor, motion carried.
 - b. **Motion** to approve \$900 for 1 replacement Mustang Ice Commander – Cold Water Immersion Suit (Santilli/December). All in favor, motion carried.
 - c. **Motion** to approve \$700 for a replacement Gas Stove for Station 1 (Santilli/December). Two (2) in favor, Two (2) opposed, motion failed.
 - d. **Motion** to approve \$100 for 2 Residential/Commercial Door Forceable Entry Tools (Walker/Santilli). All in favor, motion carried.
 - e. **Motion** to approve \$2500 for MIOSHA Firefighter Physicals (December/Santilli). All in favor, motion carried.
 - f. **Motion** to approve \$500 for service/repairs to 2101's K12 Saw and Gas Ventilation Fan (Walker/December). Three (3) in favor, One (1) opposed, motion carried.
 - g. **Motion** to approve \$250 to purchase a 48"x72" 4 tier utility rack for Station 1's work bench area (Walker/Santilli). All in favor, motion carried.

3. Park and Rec
 - a. **Motion** to approve \$400.00 Easter Egg Hunt March 23 (Santilli/December). All in favor, motion carried.
 - b. **Motion** to approve Safe & Clean Lake Superior to improve the native garden & outdoor Classroom at the Big Bay Pathway Trail Head (December/Santilli). All in favor, motion carried.
 - c. **Motion** to approve permission to research grant opportunities (Santilli/December). All in favor, motion carried.

4. **Motion** to approve Poverty Exemption \$15,000 Family Unit 1 person (Santilli/December). All in favor, motion carried.

5. **Motion** to approve Board of Review Dates
 - a. March 5, 2024 2:30 pm

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b. March 13, 2024 9am - 3pm
c. March 14, 2024 3pm - 9 pm
(Santilli/Walker). All in favor, motion carried.

6. **Motion** to approve \$500 for paint and supplies for town hall
(Santilli/Walker). All in favor, motion carried.

Public Comment

1. Chris Sutter, working on garage door seals at station 2

Board Comment

1. Kelly Santilli, Treasurer, Thanks Kim and Jack for hot dog machine donation for parks & rec
2. Mitch Walker, Clerk, thankful for the input from the FD for postponing the fishing derby due to unsafe ice conditions
3. Karen December, Trustee, heard a rumor that members of the fire auxiliary are being paid and this isn't true, it is a volunteer program and all are welcome

Next Meeting: Regular board meeting March 19, 2024, 7:00pm

Adjourn at 8:50 pm.