

Powell Township Board Meeting
PO Box 319, 101 Bensinger, Big Bay 49808
April 16, 2024
Minutes

1. Call to Order 7:00 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 (Absent) present; Denise Hudson (Trustee) absent.
4. Approval of Agenda – **Motion** to approve agenda with the following additions (Santilli/Hudson). All in favor, motion carried.
 - a. #9 Budget Amendments
 - b. #10 Park and Rec Millage
 - c. #11 USA BlueBook \$216.68
5. Approval of Minutes - **Motion** to approve March 19, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes as presented (Walker/Santilli). All in favor, motion carried.
6. Revenue & Expenditure Report - **Motion** to approve March 31, 2024, report (Hudson/Turner). All in favor, motion carried.
7. Treasurer’s Report
8. Approval of Bills – **Motion** to approve Bills to be Paid (Santilli/Walker). All in favor, motion carried.

Committee & Dept. Reports:

- A. Ambulance Department: 3 Calls, 1 meeting regarding state protocols.
- B. Emergency Management: Nothing new to report.
- C. Fire Department: Chris Sutter, Fire Chief. See report.
- D. Parks and Recreation Department: Heidi Shatz, P&R Chair. See report.
- E. Planning Commission: No Report, next meeting in May.
- F. Sewer Department: No Report
- G. Water Department: Joe Santilli, Water Operator: See report
- H. Correspondence: None
- I. Presentations: Mitch Walker – High Speed Internet Update

Public Comment: Cody Sorby – Public Garden

Unfinished Business: Wages for 2024 / 2025 Fiscal Year – see Wages and Payroll Schedule.

- A. **Motion** to raise Assistant Water Operator hourly wage to \$16 per hour (Walker/Turner). All in favor, motion carried.

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- B. **Motion** to raise Township Admin and Maintenance General Labor and P&R General Labor when performed by the P&R Parks and Trail Manager to \$16 per hour (Walker/Hudson). All in favor, motion carried.
- C. **Motion** to approve the 2024 – 2025 Wages and Payroll Schedule with changes above (Santilli/Hudson). All in favor, motion carried.

New Business:

1) Fire Department:

- a) **Motion** to approve 1,225.00 Annual Online Training (\$694.00 Fire/\$531.00 EMS) (Santilli/Hudson). All in favor, motion carried.
- b) **Motion** to approve \$300.00 Annual Station 1 Backup Generator Service (Split 50/50 with Ambulance Department) (Hudson/Walker). All in favor, motion carried.
- c) **Motion** to approve \$250.00 SCBA Mask Fit Testing (Walker/No Second). Motion failed.
- d) **Motion** to approve \$688.00 Fire Extinguisher Inspection (Santilli/Walker). All in favor, motion carried.
- e) **Motion** to approve \$905.00 Biannual Hurst Tool Service (Walker/Santilli). 2 in favor, 2 opposed, motion failed.
- i) **Motion** to approve Fire Chief to schedule Biannual Hurst Tool Service (Walker/Santilli). All in favor, motion carried.
- f) **Motion** to approve \$1,060.00 Annual SCBA Quantitative Flow Testing (Walker/Santilli). All in favor, motion carried.
- g) **Motion** to approve \$9200.00 Biannual Pump Testing, Annual Fleet Maintenance & DOT Inspections (Walker/No Second). Motion failed.
- i) **Motion** to approve Fire Chief to schedule Biannual Pump Testing, Annual Fleet Maintenance & DOT Inspections (Walker/Santilli). All in favor, motion carried.
- h) **Motion** to approve \$1,400.00 for 4 individual MIOSHA Firefighter Physicals (Santilli/Walker). All in favor, motion carried.
- i) **Motion** to approve \$75.00 for 2 Laminated Employee Notices – Employee Rights Space Saver Posters (Walker/Hudson). 2 in favor, 2 opposed, motion failed.
- j) **Motion** to approve \$900.00 for 1 Mustang Ice Commander Cold Water Immersion Suit (Walker/Hudson). 3 in favor, 1 opposed, motion carried.
- k) **Motion** to approve \$100.00 Shoreline Cord Reel for Station 2 Brush 2105 (Hudson/Walker). All in favor, motion carried.

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- l) **Motion** to approve \$7,830.00 Long Tool Storage and Hose Reels for 2104 from proceeds of HMC Grant (Walker/Santilli). All in favor, motion carried.
 - m) **Motion** to approve Fire Chief to apply for MCP&F Fund Grant to replace PPV Fan (Walker/Santilli). All in favor, motion carried.
- 2) Park and Rec:
- a) **Motion** to approve \$290.00 for Wolverine to repair side x side (Hudson/Santilli). All in favor, motion carried.
 - b) **Motion** to approve \$250.00 prize for fire on the bay tee-shirt design contest (Hudson/Santilli). All in favor, motion carried.
- 3) Cemetery: **Motion** to approve \$250 for flowers and flags (Santilli/Hudson). All in favor, motion carried.
- 4) Flood Pain: **Motion** to approve Michigan Resolution and Agreement to Manage Floodplan Development for the National Flood Range Program (Santilli/Walker). All in favor, motion carried.
- 5) Big Bay Relay: **Motion** to approve the Big Bay Relay to use bathrooms at Fire Station #2 during the race (Santilli/Walker). All in favor, motion carried.
- 6) Building and Grounds: **Motion** to approve hire of Scott Demoulin as the Building and Grounds Supervisor at \$20.00 per hour – job description to be approved at May 2024 Board Meeting (Santilli/Hudson). 3 in favor, 1 opposed, motion carried.
- 7) Sewer Operations: **Motion** to approve \$500 for fees and travel for the Building and Grounds Supervisor to attend the May 2024 Sewer Operations conference (Walker/Santilli). All in favor, motion carried.
- 8) Budget Amendments:
- a) **Motion** to approve March 31, 2024 Non-Wage Budget Amendments - see report (Hudson/Santilli). All in favor, motion carried.
 - b) **Motion** to table approval of March 31, 2024 Wage Budget Amendments – see report (Walker/Hudson). All in favor, motion carried.
- 9) Park and Recreation Millage: Motion to approve the language of the 2024 Park and Recreation Millage ballot proposition – see attached (Santilli/Walker). Roll Call Vote, motion carried.

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- i) Turner – Aye
- ii) Santilli – Aye
- iii) Walker – Aye
- iv) December – absent
- v) Hudson – Aye

10) Fire Hydrant Maintenance: Motion to approve \$216.68 for USA BlueBook and associated supplies (Hudson/Santilli). All in favor, motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Board Comment:

1. Walker – Thanks the Board for the diligent work during this evening’s lengthy meeting.
2. Turner – Apologizes for occasionally opposing Fire Department spending but is concerned that they have a lot of equipment and not enough fire fighters to use it. Would like to see new ideas to encourage the recruitment of more fire fighters. The Board is responsible to ensure that Fire and Ambulance volunteers are able to safely perform their duties.
3. Kelli Santilli – requests that the number of fire fighters and ambulance volunteers responding to calls be reported together with the number of calls.

Next Meeting: Regular board meeting May 21, 2024, 7:00pm

Adjourn 8:52 pm

Minutes prepared by:
M. Walker, Clerk

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Powell Township
Parks and Recreation Millage

Shall the total tax rate limitation, on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in Powell Township, Marquette County, Michigan, for the purpose of providing recreational services to the residents of Powell Township, be levied for the period of 5 years, from 2025 to 2029, both inclusive, per Article 9, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution at the rate of 1 mils on each \$1000 of taxable value. This proposal will raise approximately \$105,000.00 in its first year, based upon 2023 taxable value.