

**Powell Township Board Meeting**  
**PO Box 319, 101 Bensinger, Big Bay 49808**  
**July 16, 2024**  
**Minutes - APPROVED**

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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 (Trustee) present; Denise Hudson (Trustee) present.
4. Approval of Agenda – **Motion** to approve agenda with the following additions (Santilli/Walker). All in favor, motion carried.
  - a. #4 Water Operator and Assistant to attend classes \$75 each for \$150
  - b. #5 County Road Commission decision for pothole or crack sealing in 2025 40/60 pay
  - c. #6 Credit Card Limits
5. Approval of Minutes –
  - a. **Motion** to approve June 16, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes with revisions (Walker/Hudson). All in favor, motion carried.
  - b. **Motion** to approve July 8, 2024, Special Board Meeting Minutes as presented (Santilli/Walker). All in favor, motion carried.
6. Revenue & Expenditure Report –
  - a. **Motion** to approve June 30, 2024, report (Hudson/Walker). All in favor, motion carried.
7. Treasurer’s Report
8. Approval of Bills – **Motion** to approve Bills to be Paid (Santilli/December), amended to move \$2,500 from P&R donated funds to town hall (Santilli/Walker). Three (3) in favor, two (2) opposed, motion carried.

Committee & Dept. Reports:

- A. Ambulance Department: Kim Bourgeois, 4 calls in June, 3 in July, responders on all calls but not all were transports, ambulance and side-by-side were in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade and at fire on the bay
- B. Emergency Management: Kim Bourgeois, talked with Patty Chapman who has been running the food bank with little activity. Recommend closing over the summer and evaluate re-opening in the fall.  
**Motion** to approve closing the food bank until fall (Walker/Santilli). All in favor, motion carried.
- C. Fire Department: Mitch Walker, Clerk, see report.

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- D. Parks and Recreation Department: See report.
- E. Planning Commission: No meeting since the last board meeting. Meeting and Public Hearing tomorrow for conditional use permit for storage tank at 7pm. A second public hearing will occur to approve changes to ordinances.
- F. Sewer Department: No issues
- G. Water Department: No report
- H. Correspondence:
  - a. Michigan planner tips for zoning
  - b. Lake Superior partnership, asking to come next month to see how they can help Powell Township
- I. Presentations:
  - a. Compost Presentation, Phil Carter, Partridge Creek Farm and Compost

Public Comment:

- 1. J. Gertz, fire on the bay was entertaining, suggests that when the budget is done for 2025 to budget funds to mail to residents about donations for fire on the bay, don't mail with the taxes, suggest selling tickets to win donated prizes
- 2. J. Gertz, agrees that the fireworks were good

Unfinished Business:

- 1. **Motion** to table Fire Department Service Charges Ordinance (Santilli/December). All in favor, motion carried.
- 2. Cemetery Sexton discussion

New Business:

- 1. Ambulance
  - a. **Motion** to approve Ambulance items i through vii, ½ from equipment budget line, ½ from donated funds (Santilli/December). All in favor, motion carried.
    - i. Laptop \$1500
    - ii. Internet modem (nextivity Megafi) - \$1,280
    - iii. Unlimited data plan through first net - \$35 per month

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- iv. Modem install through Elcom - \$575
- v. Netmotion Cad Licensing (Marquette Central Dispatch) - \$150
- vi. Dell Latitude Tablet (used) - \$200
- vii. Tablet mount - \$33

2. Fire Department

- a. Thank You to Mike Thoma for Station Sign on building in Halfway

3. Park and Rec:

- a. **Motion** to approve \$800.00 for August Band (Walker/Santilli). All in favor, motion carried.
- b. **Motion** to approve \$150.00 signs (December/Santilli). All in favor, motion carried.

4. **Motion** to approve Water Operator and Assistant to attend testing in November \$75 each for \$150 (December/Hudson). All in favor, motion carried.

5. **Motion** to approve permission to talk to County Road Commission to determine if we will require any pothole or crack sealing in 2025 40/60 pay (December/Santilli). All in favor, motion carried.

6. **Motion** to approve revised Credit Card Limit (Hudson/Walker) as follows:

Position	Card Holder	Credit Limit
Supervisor	Darlene Turner	\$ 1,000
Treasurer	Kelli Santilli	\$ 1,000
Clerk	Mitch Walker	\$ 3,000
Maintenance	Scott Demoulin	\$ 3,000
Fire Chief	- OPEN	
Asst. Fire Chief	Brian Roell	\$ 500
Asst. Fire Chief	Matt Anderson	\$ 500

All in favor, motion carried.

Public Comment:

- 1. H. Shatz, we have 20 fire on the bay shirts left. Question regarding how the credit card charges are audited. Thank you to Jean for cleaning the LeClair cabin.

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Board Comment:

1. M. Walker, Clerk, thanks to Kelli, Heidi and Sven for cleaning up the fireworks site.
2. K. Santilli, Treasurer, thanks to Scott and Coty for their efforts cleaning up the fireworks

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

Adjourn 8:34 pm

Minutes prepared by:  
S. Bevins, Deputy Clerk