

Powell Township Board Meeting
PO Box 319, 101 Bensinger, Big Bay 49808
August 20, 2024
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1. Call to Order at 7:01 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 (Hudson/Walker). All in favor, motion carried.
 - a. #2(a) \$8,000 for new tires for PTFD #2101 and #2102
 - b. #2(b) Acceptance of \$433,333.33 FEMA grant for new 4x4 fire truck.
 - c. #9 EMS Amendment to Services Agreement.
 - d. #10 Appointment of Ann Beauchaine to the position of Deputy Treasurer.
 - e. #11 Authorization for Marquette Conservation District to apply for a \$50,000 US Forest Service Grant.
5. Approval of Minutes –
 - a. **Motion** to approve July 16, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes with revisions (December/Santilli). All in favor, motion carried.
 - b. **Motion** to approve August 1, 2024, Special Board Meeting Minutes as presented (Hudson/Santilli). All in favor, motion carried.
6. Revenue & Expenditure Report –
 - a. **Motion** to approve July 31, 2024 report (Santilli/Hudson). All in favor, motion carried.
7. Treasurer's Report
8. Approval of Bills – **Motion** to approve Bills to be Paid (Santilli/December), amended to include \$125.00 to J. Wright & Co for service to the transfer station trash compactor (Santilli/Walker). All in favor, motion carried.

Committee & Dept. Reports:

- A. Ambulance Department: D. Turner – all well.
- B. Emergency Management: D. Turner – all fine, food bank is now closed.
- C. Fire Department: B. Roell/Asst. Fire Chief:
 - a. Thanks to all the volunteer firefighters, the fire department auxiliary and EMS that hosted the Fire Department event at Bay Cliff at the end of July – very successful and lots of happy campers.
 - b. In July, 3 runs that called for service, 4 runs so far in August.
 - c. Recall notice for #2102 that the Fire Department is working on to find a shop that can service this vehicle.

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- D. Parks and Recreation Department: K. Santilli - see report.
- E. Planning Commission: Considering an application from UP Propane, work session held on August 9, special meeting scheduled for August 21, requested status on tiny house on Lake Independence from the zoning administrator.
- F. Sewer Department: No issues
- G. Water Department: No report
- H. Correspondence: None
- I. Presentations: None

Public Comment: J. Gertz; did not put up sign about the P&R millage proposal, discussed the amount of revenue to be derived from the millage proposal and how it would be used, Marquette County median age is 38 years, Powell Township median age is 59 years old which should be taken into account in P&R services and, there are other ways to generate revenue other than tax increases.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

1. Ambulance: None
2. Fire Department
 - a. **Motion** to approve \$4,092.70 and \$3,841.32 for new tires for #2101 and 2102 from maintenance account (Santilli/December). All in favor, motion carried.
 - b. **Motion** to accept \$433,333.33 FEMA grant for new 4x4 fire truck (Walker/December). All in favor, motion carried.
3. Park and Rec:
 - a. **Motion** to approve \$300.00 for a banner for P&R from donated funds (Santilli/Hudson). All in favor, motion carried.
 - b. **Motion** to approve \$200 to replace a culvert on the trails from Trail Maintenance budget (Hudson/Santilli). All in favor, motion carried.
 - c. **Motion** to approve \$1,000.00 for a new picnic table at Thomas Rock (Santilli/Hudson). All in favor, motion carried.

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- d. **Motion** to approve \$200 for coat/towel/rack/hooks and a hand sanitizer dispenser at the Burn's Landing bathroom (Santilli/Turner). All in favor, motion carried.
4. **Motion** to approve up to 4 attendees to the MTA conference at NMU @ \$125 per person (Hudson/ December). All in favor, motion carried.
5. Planning Commission:
 - a. **Motion** to table changes to Zoning Ordinance Sections 402(1)(2)(3)(4)(5) regarding Storage Containers pending legal and county review (Walker/December). All in favor, motion carried.
 - b. **Motion** to table addition to Zoning Ordinance Section 402 regarding Tiny Homes pending legal and county review (Turner/Walker). All in favor, motion carried.
 - c. **Motion** to approve changes to Zoning Ordinance Section 402(71) and Section 412 regarding Fences subject to Legal and Country review (Walker/Santilli). All in favor, motion carried.
 - d. **Motion** to approve changes to Zoning Ordinance Section 202(63) regarding Environmental Protection Strips (December/Santilli). (3) in favor, (2) opposed, motion carried.
 - e. **Motion** to approve changes to Zoning Ordinance Section 101(P) regarding Wellhead Protection Zone and Wellhead Protection Area (Hudson/Santilli). All in favor, motion carried.
 - f. **Motion** to approve changes to the Appendix A, Section 4 of the Powell Township Planning Commission Bylaws regarding frequency of regular meetings (Santilli/Walker). (1) in favor, (4) opposed, motion failed.
6. **Motion** to approve Big Bay Stewardship Council rent free use of Draver Park for the September 21, 2024 Fall Festival (Santilli/Turner). All in favor, motion carried.
7. **Motion** to accept resignation of the Water Operator effective September 2, 2024 (Walker/December). All in favor, motion carried.
8. **Motion** to approve the 2024 Tax Rate Request – see attached (Santilli/Hudson). All in favor, motion carried.

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9. **Motion** to accept the Second Amendment to Billing and Collection Services Agreement between Powell Township EMS and UP Health System Marquette - see attached (Santilli/Hudson). All in favor, motion carried.

10. **Motion** to approve appointment of Ann Beauchaine as Deputy Treasurer (December/Walker). All in favor, motion carried.

11. **Motion** to approve authorization for the Marquette Conservation District to apply for a \$50,000 US Forest Service Grant - see attached (Santilli/Walker). All in favor, motion carried.

Public Comment:

1. J. Gertz: Township should extend the life of picnic tables on Thomas Rock by applying weatherproofing, turning them on their sides or covering during the winter.
2. L. Ellis: Supports not purchasing baby changing table for Burns Landing bathroom, supports tabling of changes to Storage Container ordinances in order to consider impact on contractors that need to use them and concerned that ordinance change regarding tiny homes would treat them as mobile homes.

Board Comment:

1. K. December, Trustee: The Planning Commission should address VRBO's.
2. M. Walker, Clerk: a big thanks for all the effort and hard work by former Fire Chief Sutter and current Assistant Fire Chief Roell in preparing multiple FEMA grant applications for a new 4x4 fire truck that Powell Township was awarded this month and thank you to all the members of the Planning Commission for all their efforts regarding the very complex changes and additions to Powell Township Zoning Ordinances.

Next Meeting: Regular board meeting September 17, 2024, 7:00pm

Adjourn 8:43 pm

Minutes prepared by: M. Walker, Clerk