

Powell Township Board Meeting
PO Box 319, 101 Bensinger, Big Bay 49808
September 17, 2024
Minutes - APPROVED

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 (Santilli/Hudon). All in favor, motion carried.
 - a. #3(c) P&R to apply for a grant for trees and plants at Burns Landing and Draver Park.
 - b. #8 Approval of Marti Mramor as Deputy Clerk.
 - c. #9 MSU Classes.
 - d. #10 Budget Amendments.
 - e. #11 NMPA Annual Renewal.
5. Approval of Minutes – **Motion** to approve August 20, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes with revisions (Hudson/Walker). All in favor, motion carried.
6. Revenue & Expenditure Report –
 - a. **Motion** to approve August 31, 2024 report (Santilli/Walker). All in favor, motion carried.
7. Treasurer’s Report
8. Approval of Bills – **Motion** to approve Bills to be Paid (Walker/Santilli). All in favor, motion carried.

Committee & Dept. Reports:

- A. Ambulance Department: D. Turner – no report
- B. Emergency Management: D. Turner – no report
- C. Fire Department: B. Roell/Asst. Fire Chief:
 - a. 4 calls in August, no calls to date in September.
 - b. 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.
 - c. Spoke with FEMA regarding grant process for new 4x4 pumper/tanker.
 - d. Recall notice for #2102, vendor found a service provider from Wisconsin who will be approved for the additional mileage to service the unit in Big Bay.
 - e. Currently 4 active wildfires in the UP. Fire danger is High and will remain so until we receive rain. Be careful.
- D. Parks and Recreation Department: H. Shatz/Chairperson.

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- a. SPARK grant, seeking additional funds.
 - b. Safe Routes to School – expect to hear something in October.
 - c. Working on Fire on the Bay Coordinator
 - d. Working on another coordinator for Halloween and Christmas events.
 - e. P&R will have a booth at the Fall Festival
 - f. A tour of the native garden is scheduled during Fall Festival
 - g. Citizens for a Clean and Safe Lake Superior conducting a workday at the Powell Township school on September 24, 2024.
 - h. Working on a grant for plants and trees for Burns Landing and Draver Park, work to be done next spring.
 - i. Seeking volunteers for the cabin at Burns Landing.
- E. Planning Commission: D. Hudson/Trustee.
- a. Met last month.
 - b. Zoning request from UP Propane was considered by the Zoning Board of Appeals. Tabled.
 - c. Meeting tomorrow evening.
- F. Sewer Department: None
- G. Water Department: C. Sorby/Asst. Water Operator.
- a. Fixed fire hydrant in front of Townhall.
 - b. Working on lead and copper pipe report due in October.
- H. Correspondence: Michigan Planner, Ishpeming Township notice of preparing their Master Plan, notice from Michigan Extension Service that the Marquette County proposed budget no longer includes funding for the Michigan Extension Service.
- I. Presentations: None

Public Comment: None.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

1. Ambulance: None
2. Fire Department: **Motion** to approve the addition of \$50 per incident report completed (Walker/December). All in favor, motion carried.
3. Parks and Recreation:

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- a. **Motion** to approve P&R to investigate applying for the 2025 MDAR grant (December/Hudson). All in favor, motion carried.
 - b. **Motion** to approve \$450 to pump each of the Thomas Rock and Draver Park restrooms (Santilli/Walker). All in favor, motion carried.
 - c. **Motion** to approve P&R to apply for a grant for trees and plants at Burns Landing and Draver Park (Santilli/Hudson). All in favor, motion carried.
4. Water Department: **Motion** to approve \$205 class and lodging for the Assistant Water Operator to attend UP Fall Class (December/Santilli). All in favor, motion carried.
 5. Sanitation Department: **Motion** to approve updated Transfer Station Fee Schedule for Large Items, including pianos and organs at \$50 - attached (Santilli/Walker). All in favor, motion carried.
 6. Assessor: **Motion** to approve the Powell Township Assessing Services Contract – attached (Hudson/Santilli). All in favor, motion carried.
 7. Supervisor: **Motion** to pay \$12,259.22 to the IRS a penalty for 2021 W-2 reporting (Santilli/Hudson). Roll call vote: Turner – Aye, Santilli – Aye, Walker – Nay, December – Aye, Hudson – Aye, motion carried.
 8. Clerk: **Motion** to approve the Marti Mramor as Deputy Clerk effective October 19, 2024 (Hudson/December). All in favor, motion carried.
 9. Planning Commission: **Motion** to approve 6 Planning Commission members to attend Citizen Planner Classes at \$175 per attendee (Santilli/December). All in favor, motion carried.
 10. Budget Amendments: **Motion** to approve Budget Amendments as of 8/31/2024 – attached (Hudson/Walker). All in favor, motion carried.
 11. Training: **Motion** to renew Northern Michigan Public Service Academy annual fee (Walker/Hudson). 4 in favor, 1 opposed, motion carried.

Public Comment: None

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Board Comment:

1. December, Trustee: Appreciates the seating at Township Board meetings.
2. Santilli, Treasurer: Recommends that the Clerk send a letter to employees regarding W-2 reporting.
3. Walker, Clerk: Questioned why \$185,000 will be proposed to be taken from the General Fund for the shortfall in the Draver Park project, rather than seeking fund raising for the shortfall.

Next Meeting: Regular board meeting October 15, 2024, 7:00pm

Adjourn 8:18 pm

Minutes prepared by: M. Walker, Clerk