

Powell Township Special Board Meeting
P.O. Box 319, 101 Bensinger St., Big Bay MI 49808
March 13, 2025
Minutes

1. Call to Order at 6:25 P.M. by the Supervisor.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll Call of Officers – Levi Ellis (Supervisor) present; Daryl Wilcox (Treasurer) present; Sharon Mattis (Clerk) present; Stephen Girard (Trustee) present; Denise Hudson (Trustee) present.
4. Open Budget Public Hearing.

Public Comment:

- D. Turner:
 - o Page 1 revenue bottom figure – does not add up (due to formula adjustments used to help explain items during workshops). Recommended changes and formula adjustments since the budget workshops are over, and actual figures should be reflected in the forefront for clarity.
 - o Under clerk, there are questions about the deputy clerk’s raise of .50 per hour.
 - Supervisor L. Ellis went through the latest updates to the budget, made based on department inputs and feedback received this week, and based on the two budget workshops.
 - Supervisor L. Ellis detailed how funds and revisions are currently distributed, to include wages and equipment and office funds decreases/increases.
 - o Questions about the net revenue amount.
 - Supervisor L. Ellis showed how the budgeted/appropriated use of funds (emergency) amount of \$50,000 showed in the net because he did not want to allocate (spend) that anywhere else.
 - o Question under other functions (101-261): in activity, drew attention to the \$64,764, which is over budget. Though it is for a legitimate reason, it will require a clear explanation to any auditor.
 - o Regarding the custodian insurance reimbursement, requested an explanation of the dental reimbursement.

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- Supervisor L. Ellis explained that no health insurance reimbursement funds were spent this past year due to staff having other full medical (but not dental) coverage, and that dental insurance could replace it (for current staff).
- Commented on buildings and grounds fuel funds and simplifying amounts to enable less budget amendments.
- Question regarding Fire Department numbers.
 - Supervisor L. Ellis explained that the Fire Department requested the fund allocations as they are.
- Commented on Public Works funds.
- Questions and comments about the Ambulance Department and staff training requirements and funds.
- Note about donated funds for the Board to keep in mind: the \$5,000 item is for a storage building from/for the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. It is set aside for this purpose only.
- Questions and comments about sewer funds and requirements.
- Questions and comments about Transfer Station wages, repairs, and maintenance.
- Comments regarding the RRI account and purpose.
- Comments about a contract with Northern Michigan University when the water tower was re-painted.
 - 906 Technologies uses area on the water tower in Big Bay for cell panels.
 - They also use an area at the Halfway Fire Station.

5. Close Budget Public Hearing.

Adjourn 7:15 P.M.

Minutes prepared by: M. Mramor, Deputy Clerk