

**POWELL TOWNSHIP
P.O. BOX 319
BIG BAY, MICHIGAN 49808**

MONTHLY BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, April 28, 2026, 7:00 P.M.
Powell Township Hall, 101 Bensinger St., Big Bay, Michigan 49808

This meeting is being recorded

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call of Officers
4. Agenda
5. Minutes
 - a. March 19, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes
 - b. March 24, 2026, Special Board Meeting Minutes
 - c. April 16, 2026, Special Board Meeting Minutes
6. Revenue & Expenditure Report
7. Budget Amendments Report
8. Treasurer's Report
9. Approval of Bills
10. Committee & Department Reports
 - a. Ambulance Department
 - b. Emergency Management Department
 - c. Fire Department
 - d. Parks & Recreation Committee
 - e. Planning Commission
 - f. Sewer Department
 - g. Water Department
11. Correspondence
 - a. From Powell Township
 - i. A Transfer Station roof collapse and bid update from the Supervisor (and a reminder to follow drop off hours and location guidelines)...
 - ii. A township phone line update from the Supervisor...
 - b. From the Fire and Ambulance Departments
 - i. There is a pancake breakfast fundraiser on Sunday, May 24, 8 A.M. to noon, in Town Hall.
 - ii. We should be able to transport orders throughout town, similar to the last pancake breakfast.
 - iii. The menu includes pancakes, eggs, bacon, sausage, coffee, and juice.
 - c. From the Parks & Recreation Committee
 - i. The Dash for Trash is on May 9 and will include trails and 550 corridor cleanups.
 - ii. The Big Bay Relay is on May 16.
 - iii. The Big Bay Cemetery Memorial Day Tribute event is Monday, May 24.
 - iv. The Draver Park Ribbon Cutting Ceremony is Saturday, June 6.
 - d. From Emergency Management
 - i. The Bill Dionne (Halfway) Fire Hall Food Bank is extended. The next dates are May 6, 5 to 7 P.M., and May 20, 5 to 7 P.M.
 - ii. Food Bank items are also available for residents' emergency needs at any time on request.

- e. From the Marquette County Road Commission
 - i. Seasonal load and speed restrictions began on March 5, 2026.
 - ii. Normal legal loads are permitted on all roads designated as “all season”.
 - iii. More information is on their site or at 906-486-4491 extension 2.
- f. From the Marquette County Senior Center
 - i. The next Senior Services Day in Powell Township Hall is May 7, 8 A.M. – 3 P.M.
 - ii. This is a free service to assist seniors with administrative-type needs. It is essentially a Marquette County Senior Services “satellite office for the day”.
 - iii. For more information or to make an appointment, you can check the Marquette County site or call 906-228-0456.
- g. From Recycle906
 - i. Free household hazardous waste drop off days for Marquette County residents start in May.
 - ii. All 6 dates are: May 7, June 4, July 9, August 6, September 10, October 1, and/or by appointment.
 - iii. Drop off location is the Marquette County Landfill, not our Transfer Station.
- h. From the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE)
 - i. The organization “Michigan Saves” partnered with EGLE to create the Septic Replacement Loan Program (SRLP).
 - ii. The SRLP provides low-interest financing for residents to replace failing or near-failing septic systems and connections to the municipal sewer system.
 - iii. Flyers are posted online and throughout town.
 - iv. For more details, visit michigansaves.org/septic, email info@michigansaves.org, or call 517-484-6474.
- i. From the Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority (MCSWMA)
 - i. MCSWMA staff will propose an \$11 increase to the tipping fee effective July 1, 2026.
 - ii. This is due to costs for the wastewater treatment plant, final closure for a portion of the landfill, new perpetual care requirements soon, and cost of living increases.
- j. From Marquette County Planning
 - i. As a county resident, there are several chances for you to provide input to the Marquette County 2040 Master Plan Update.
 - ii. Flyers are posted throughout town with dates, venues, and opportunities to discuss economy, housing, recreation, health services, environment items, and transportation.
 - iii. All details are online at mqtccoplan.org, via email at mqtccoplan@gmail.com, or by calling Marquette County Planning at 906-225-8198.
- k. From the community (regarding local jobs, term appointments, community service, and volunteering)
 - i. Four Powell Township positions are posted online and throughout town
 - ii. Volunteers are also needed for parks, recreation, trail grooming, and other township items
 - iii. Drury’s General Store and Cash’s Corner Café are hiring part-time (please contact Drury's directly)
 - iv. The Big Bay Stewardship Council is hiring a new Director (please call or check their site directly until flyers are posted)
 - v. The Powell Township School Board will have three seats up for election during the November 3, 2026, General Election. There are two (2) 6-year full terms available and one (1) 4-year partial term available

12. Presentations: None

Public Comment: each comment must not exceed 3 minutes

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

1. Approve attendance and up to \$250.00 in additional registration fees for staff attendance at the May 2026 Marquette County Townships Association Spring Banquet.
2. Buildings and Grounds: Approve a \$2,320.00 payment to Business Software & Analytics from BS&A technical services funds for annual financial software service and support fees.
3. Fire Department: Approve a \$421.91 payment to Trudell Plumbing & Heating from facilities maintenance funds for boiler igniter replacement and services.
4. Fire Department: Approve a \$233.92 payment to Superior Lock & Security from facilities maintenance funds for fire hall door lock and key system troubleshooting and service.
5. Parks and Recreation Committee: Approve the Local Governing Body Resolution for Charitable Gaming Licenses.
6. Parks and Recreation Committee: Approve a \$675.00 payment to Signs Now from Powell Township Recreation Network operating funds for Powell Township Recreation Area signs and maps.
7. Parks and Recreation Committee: Accept the resignation of Kelli Santilli effective April 10, 2026.
8. Parks and Recreation Committee: Approve the \$15,500.00 “Spielbauer Fireworks” Contract for signature and payment for the July 11, 2026, Fire on the Bay events.
9. Parks and Recreation Committee: Approve the \$1.00 Fire on the Bay 2026 Johnson property rental agreement for signature and payment.
10. Election Commission: Approve a \$1,280.00 payment to the United States Postal Service from postage funds for August and November 2026 election correspondence.

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Board Comment

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 19, 2026

Adjourn