

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

MONTHLY BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, May 19, 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
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 demolition and rebuild update from the Supervisor...
 - ii. Memorial Day long weekend event details are:
 1. Sunday, May 24, is the Fire Department Pancake Breakfast fundraiser at Town Hall from 8 A.M. to noon.
 2. The breakfast menu is pancakes, eggs, bacon, sausage, coffee, and juice.
 3. The suggested donation is \$10 (adults) and \$5 (children over 5 years old).
 4. Monday, May 25 is the Big Bay Cemetery Memorial Day Tribute Event at 10 A.M.
 5. The event includes a flag raising and lowering to half-staff and a veteran honor roll reading.
 6. The event lasts an hour (or less) and there will be seasonal picnic tables in the cemetery AND coffee and donuts at the Community Presbyterian Church if anyone is interested in gathering longer, picnicking, enjoying the scenery, or seeing the quiet noontime flag full-staff raising.
 7. A current interactive Powell Township Cemetery Plot Map is also available at powelltownship.org or by scanning the QR code posted on township bulletin boards.
 - b. From the Michigan Association of Ambulance Services
 - i. This week is designated as "EMS Week".
 - ii. Powell Township would like to thank our town's EMS providers for their dedication and service to the community – we are very grateful for your service and support, and

cognizant of the time you volunteer for the rigorous training and regular skills maintenance.

- c. From Emergency Management
 - i. The Bill Dionne (Halfway) Fire Hall Food Bank will open from 5 to 7 P.M. on May 20, June 3, and June 17.
 - ii. Food Bank items are also available for residents' emergency needs at any time by contacting Powell Township offices or the township Emergency Manager.
- d. From the Parks and Recreation Committee
 - i. There is one committee vacancy; please contact the committee or the township offices if interested.
 - ii. The committee and township are pleased to invite all to attend the Draver Park Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Saturday, June 6, 2026, from 1:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Draver Park.
 - 1. This event will celebrate the completion of major improvements to include ADA-accessible pathways and amenities, a four-season concession and restroom facility, upgraded pavilion infrastructure, an ADA-accessible loop trail, and new recreation equipment for all ages and abilities.
 - 2. Following the ribbon cutting, guests are encouraged to stay and enjoy the park, explore the new amenities, and connect with fellow community members during a casual reception.
- e. From Eagle Mine
 - i. There will be an Eagle Mine Forum on June 1, 2026, 5:30 to 7:00 P.M., in Town Hall.
 - ii. This is a free event with food provided and the township will post all details once confirmed.
- f. From the Big Bay Stewardship Council (BBSC)
 - i. The 16th annual Big Bay Rummage Sale is June 13 from 8 A.M. to 4 P.M.
 - ii. To get on the map, visit Drury's or contact the BBSC at director@bigbaystewardship.org (847-894-3763).
 - iii. Flyers are posting soon throughout town and on the township and BBSC websites.
- g. From the Marquette County Road Commission: Seasonal weight restrictions lifted on all roads under the jurisdiction of the Commission beginning Monday, May 18, 2026.

12. Presentations – None

Public Comment: each comment must not exceed 3 minutes

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

- 1. Zoning Board: Approve Darlene Turner as an alternate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals effective May 19, 2026.
- 2. Zoning Board: Approve Mike Kantola as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals effective May 19, 2026.
- 3. Zoning Board: Approve James Bedore as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals effective May 19, 2026.
- 4. Zoning Board: Approve Levi Ellis as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals effective May 19, 2026.
- 5. Buildings and Grounds: Approve the Maintenance Supervisor contract wording from dental-only to dental and medical expense reimbursements effective April 1, 2026.
- 6. Buildings and Grounds: Approve a purchase up to \$4,800.00 to Road Machinery & Supplies for a mini-grapple bucket and shipping costs.
 - a. Up to \$3,200.00 (or 2/3 cost) will come from Buildings and Grounds equipment funds.
 - b. Up to \$1,600.00 (or 1/3 cost) will come from Transfer Station equipment funds.

7. Cemetery Department: Approve purchases up to \$500.00 from donated (Veterans) funds for Memorial Day ceremony preparation.
8. Transfer Station: Approve the use of \$235,000.00 in insurance proceeds for the Transfer Station emergency demolition and rebuild.
9. Fire Department: Accept the resignation of Brad Pelto.
10. Fire Department: Accept the resignation of Jack Cram.
11. Fire Department: Approve application for 2026 Michigan Fire Equipment Grant funds up to \$50,000.00.
12. Water Department: Approve the proposal and a \$6,000.00 maximum payment to Aqua-Line for a township water system leak detection survey.
13. Parks and Recreation Committee: Approve the conditional donation of two (2) aged/excess Draver Park picnic tables to the Big Bay Racquetball Club.
14. Parks and Recreation Committee: Approve purchases up to \$80.00 from PTRR Operating funds for map signs, stickers, and loop mileage indicators.
15. Parks and Recreation Committee: Approve purchases up to \$300.00 from Thomas Rock Operating funds for parking area repairs and expansion.
16. Powell Township Schools: Approve request to waive the Draver Park Pavilion rental fee for an August 2026 fundraiser supporting the 7th and 8th grade annual class trip.

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Board Comment

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 16, 2026

Adjourn