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

MONTHLY BOARD MEETING AGENDA
Tuesday, September 15, 2026, 7:00 P.M.
Powell Township Hall, 101 Bensinger St., Big Bay, Michigan 49808

<u>This meeting is being recorded</u>

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
   a) July 2026
   b) August 2026
9) Approval of Bills
10) Committee & Department Reports
   a) Ambulance Department
      i) We had nine (9) calls for service, although we did not have adequate staffing to respond to them all.
      ii) We are seeking EMT and MFR applicants.
      iii) We plan to have the ambulance onsite for the Big Bay fall fest on Saturday, September 19, 2026, for the community to engage with the staff and to view the new medical equipment.
      iv) The EMS liner jackets and caps are completed. These will help the crew to be more easily identified in emergency situations.
      v) Alexis is working with Darlene at the assisted living and has EMS knitted hats for sale at a cost of $25.00.
   b) Emergency Management Department
      i) Kim reported the food bank is receiving very light use.
      ii) Patty Chapman is willing to continue volunteering to open and operate the food bank throughout the winter months. (5-7 P.M. the first and third Wednesday of each month through December 2026).
   c) Fire Department
   d) Parks & Recreation Committee
      i) The Bear Mountain loop on the Big Bay pathway is having work completed and is open again after a two-year closure.
      ii) The Thomas Rock railings are stained and post caps put on. Still on the agenda is the moving of the fence to expand for parking.
      iii) The last concert was well received, and we are in discussion to move the concerts to Saturdays for the 2027 season.
      iv) The Labor Day softball tournament went well, and the township concession stand was a great success. The committee would like to thank all the volunteers for their time, energy and dedication. The players complimented all the great improvements to the field.
      v) The Give Butter QR code as a form of cashless payment system at the softball tournament was well received.
      vi) There are some minor issues in rental agreements for the different parks. These will be addressed and brought to the board for discussion.
   e) Planning Commission
   f) Sewer Department

g) Water Department

11) Correspondence
   a) From the Powell Township Clerk: Letter from Gene Champagne regarding the election on November 3, 2026, addressing the mail in absentee ballots.
   b) From the Election Commission
      i) Absentee ballots are available starting on September 24th and will be mailed out after we receive the programming from the County Clerk and can perform a pre-accuracy test to make sure the ballots will be read by the tabulator.
      ii) The Public Accuracy Test will be performed on Thursday, October 15th starting at 10:00 am in the township hall.
      iii) The clerk's office will be open on October 31st from 8:00 am until 4:00 pm for anyone wishing to register to vote.
      iv) There will be a meeting of the Election Commission on Thursday, October 8th at 10:00 am to appoint the election inspectors for early voting, election day voting, and counting of absentee ballots.
      v) The general election will be held on Tuesday, November 3rd. Polls open at 7:00 am and close at 8:00 pm.
      vi) Early voting for Powell Township voters will be held at the Marquette Township Hall, 1000 Commerce Drive, Marquette from Saturday, October 24th to Sunday, November 1st from 8:00 am until 4:00 pm.
   c) From the Big Bay Stewardship Council: The BBSC is sponsoring the Fall Festival this Saturday, September 19, 2026, and the cook shack will be run again by the Parks and Recreation Committee.
   d) From Emergency Management
      i) The Bill Dionne (Halfway) Fire Hall Food Bank is for everyone, and openings are extended.
      ii) It will open from 5 to 7 P.M. on the first and third Wednesdays of each month through the end of 2026.
      iii) Food Bank items are also available for residents' emergency needs at any time by contacting Powell Township offices or the township Emergency Manager.
   e) From the Township
      i) The Central Upper Peninsula Materials Management Planning Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, September 17, 2026, at 1:00 pm in the board room of the Delta County Service Center, Escanaba, Michigan and online. This meeting will include discussion of the Materials Management Plan and the UPACC conference presentation.
      ii) The DNR's Forest Resources Division asking for public input online or at a public Open House to be held on September 17, 2026, between 3:00 – 6:00 pm at the Gwinn Field House. Your input will be used to make final decisions on forest management actions.
      iii) Gene Champagne will be submitting his resignation from the Powell Township Board of Review effective this December 2026. He has enjoyed his time serving the township.
      iv) There will be a data center seminar hosted by the Michigan Township Participating Plan and will have a section titled "Development Moratorium: getting it right". This event will be held in Marquette, Michigan on November 10, 2026. For more information and registration forms reach out to Jennifer Venema at: parplan@tmhcc.com.
      v) The Michigan Townships Association has worked with its legal counsel to develop a sample data center zoning ordinance now available on MTA's "Data Centers" webpage (MTA-member login required).
12) Presentations – None

Public Comment: <u>each comment must not exceed three (3) minutes</u>

Unfinished Business

1. Buildings and Grounds: Approve the purchase of a skid steer brush, roller, and related equipment from road funds to enable in-house township road maintenance.

New Business

1. Approve the registration fee of $45.00 for Levis Ellis to attend the P3- Marquette County Economic Exchange on October 9, 2026, for a supervisor seminar.
2. Buildings and Grounds: Approve a $3,306.28 payment to Pomp's Tire Services from vehicle repairs funds for F-350 truck repairs.
3. Transfer Station: Approve the Transfer Station Insurance estimate of $1,000.00 to pump the septic tank by North Country Disposal.
4. Parks and Recreation Committee: Approve the change order for $2,283.15 to Hall Contracting, Inc. for damage to the door at Draver Park.
5. Parks and Recreation Committee: Approve a $157.48 purchase from donated operating funds for the flowers by the flagpole.
6. Parks and Recreation Committee: Approve purchases up to $800.00 from donated concessions funds to restock the concession stand for the Fall Festival.
7. Approve the transition from the audit company Anderson, Tackman & Company, PLC to the audit company A., Cedric, & Michaels, CPAs, PLLC (ACM).
8. Approve a $11,500.00 payment to Anderson, Tackman & Company from professional services funds for the March 31, 2026, audit fees.

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Board Comment

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 20, 2026, 7:00 P.M.

Adjourn