POWELL TOWNSHIP
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING AGENDA
Tuesday, October 20, 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
   Approve the Board Meeting: September 15, 2026
   Approve the Special Board Meeting: October 01, 2026
6. Revenue & Expenditure Report
7. Budget Amendments Report
8. Treasurer's Report
   a. September 2026
9. Approval of Bills
10. Committee & Department Reports

Ambulance Department:
There were 7 EMS calls in the past 30 days.

i. EMS attended Fall Festival enjoyed engaging and answering questions from the community.
ii. The ambulance will be out of service Wednesday, November 4th, and again for a few days in the month of November. EMS will respond to calls until an UPHS ambulance arrives from Marquette. Updates will be posted on the fire department's Facebook page.
iii. A spaghetti dinner will be held for Jackie Park-Burns on November 6th from 4-7:00pm at the Presbyterian Church to assist with medical/travel expenses.

a. Emergency Management Department:
   i. The EMS department would like to commend our Fire Department for a job well done with the wildfire on 510, and the county, state and federal firefighters that responded to the fires in the UP.
   ii. The food bank will be open on the posted dates. Thank you to all that have donated supplies and funds.
   iii. Sending get well wishes to Patty Chapman, our food bank volunteer.

b. Fire Department:
   i. There was one (1) call for service, a brush fire on October 11, 2026.

c. Parks & Recreation Committee:
   i. Ideas were discussed on how to honor Darlene Turner Wilcox.
   ii. Trails are being worked on.
   iii. The school is helping with the native garden.
   iv. Preliminary grant report shows parks & recreation will not be getting the Passport recreation grant, other plans are being made to finish Draver Park without the grant.
   v. Fall Fest cookshack went well and was a learning experience.
   vi. Ideas for revisions in the rental agreements were discussed.
   vii. Lights are needed for the Draver Park flagpole.
   viii. Trick or Treating will be on Saturday, October 31,2026 at houses with porch lights on.
   ix. Christmas Tree lighting will be on Saturday, December 5, 2026.

d. Planning Commission:
    i. The planning commission met on Wednesday, September 16, 2026.
    ii. B. Hutchinson reported his research findings on a range of topics.
    iii. B. Hutchinson distributed a copy of research notes on Accessory Dwelling Units and Levi Ellis agreed to serve on the committee.
    iv. Support for a one-year moratorium on new data center permitting and construction was discussed. There will be a Data Center meeting on November 10, 2026.
    v. D. Hudson shared information on upcoming meeting dealing with human trafficking.

e. Sewer Department:
f. Water Department:

11. Correspondence
    a. From the Powell Township Supervisor
        i. Powell Township will hold a public hearing on November 17, 2026, at 6:00pm to discuss the proposed ordinance to reduce the number of Powell Township Planning Commissioners from seven (7) to five (5). Following the public hearing the Township Board will meet at 7:00 pm to discuss and vote.
        ii. Our Powell Township Assessor, Dylan Jurasin has advised us he will be in the office on Monday's from 10am to 1pm, no longer on Thursday's. This will be effective on Monday October 26, 2026.
        iii. The letter for the Township of Powell household garbage and recycling services new millage proposal went out last week to all voters of Powell Township.
        iv. The (CUPMMPC) The Central Upper Peninsula Materials Management Planning Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, October 22, 2026, at the Delta County Service Center, Escanaba, Michigan. This meeting will include a review and approval of the materials management plan and adoption timeline update.
    b. From the Powell Township Clerk
        i. The public accuracy test that was held on October 15, 202, and went very well.
        ii. Early voting begins at Marquette Township Hall on October 24 – November 1, 2026, from 8:00-4:00pm.
        iii. The revision to the Marquette County Master Plan is now available for the public to review and can be found at: mqtcoplan.org.
        iv. There will be an election inspector meeting held on Wednesday, October 28, 2026, at 9:30am in the Powell Township Hall.
        v. Powell Township Hall will open on Tuesday, November 3,2026, from 7:00am to 8:00pm for voting on election day.

    c. From the Election Commission:

    d. From the Big Bay Stewardship Council:
    e. 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.

12. Presentations – None

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

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

1. Water & Sewer Operations: Approval for USPS postage paid envelopes from postage for $509.00.
2. Building & Grounds: Approval for USPS postage paid envelopes from postage for $ 1,013.00.
3. Sanitation Department: Approval for USPS postage paid envelopes from postage for $ 505.00.
4. Election postage: Approval for USPS postage stamps from postage for $ 235.00.
5. Building & Grounds: Approval to pay for Carousel checks for Accounts payable & Tax checks from office supply for $324.00.

6. Fire Department: Approval to seek funding opportunities to replace the Halfway Firehall.
7. Fire Department: Approval to seek funding opportunities for battery powered extrication equipment and/or turnout gear, if funding is not received through the fire equipment grant.
8. Fire Department: Approval for $7500.00 to have R & R Fire Truck Repair, Inc. perform pump testing, annual DOT inspections, oil changes and maintenance on the fire trucks from maintenance funds.
9. Fire Department: Approval for 5 locks for $ 233.54 from the Repairs - Building.
10. Fire Department: Approval for 12 hard hat headlamps for wildfire helmets for $800.00 from equipment.
11. Fire Department: Approval for $1,080.94 to The Summit Fire Protection Co. from maintenance.
12. Powell Township Hall Library: Approve the grant pass-thru funding from Community Foundation of Marquette County for $2100.00 for the purchase of the library shelves for the Powell Township Hall. A reimbursement will be made in the amount of $2100.00 to Clare Lutgen.
13. Emergency Services: Approval for the Emergency Services Interlocal Response Agreement for the "Receiving Townships" operating within Powell Township located within Marquette County to update the costs to reflect current operating costs.
14. Motion to approve a payment of $ 2,286.00 to Bensinger, Cotant & Menkes, P.C. from other functions-professional services.
15. Motion to accept the resignation letter from Marti Mramor dated September 15, 2026.
16. Supervisor: Motion to approve budget amendment for $300.00 from the office supply to deputy wages.

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Board Comment:

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 17, 2026, 7:00 P.M.

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