

BESSEMER TOWNSHIP BOARD

REGULAR MEETING MAY 13, 2013 5:00 PM

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Jeff Randall and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Motion by Grenfell, supported by Randall to appoint Ms. Tarnaski to take minutes of the meeting in the absence of the Township Clerk.

ROLL CALL: Present: Grenfell, Randall, and Tarnaski. Absent: Janczak, Ikola.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES: Motion by Grenfell, supported by Tarnaski to approve the minutes of the meeting of 4/22/13 with one correction regarding roll call vote under Pg 2 of 2/OLD BUSINESS/Accessibility Improvement Project Bids. Grenfell was listed as voting on the issue and was absent from that meeting. Minutes were approved with correction as listed and presented. 3 Ayes, Nays: None. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: Mr. McDermott was present at the meeting to inquire about dust control and the possibility of paving the remainder of Oak Lane. Distance is approximately ¼ mile. Supervisor Randall stated he would cover the issue later in the meeting under Reports.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Grenfell, supported by Randall to approve the Agenda as presented. 3 Ayes. Nays: None. Motion carried.

PETITIONS: None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1.) Bessemer Township Heritage Committee: written financial report.
- 2.) GO CO EMR RE: pagers and rebanding of radios.
- 3.) GO CO Forestry and Parks Comm RE: 2012 annual report and PILT.
- 4.) State of MI RE: public service comm. Hearing for NSP/Excel Energy regarding power supply recovery costs.
- 5.) GRWA: Pumping report 4/13
- 6.) VA Rep Mr. Donald Ormes was present and submitted minutes for 3/13/13 approved in April, and financial statement.

Motion by Randall, supported by Grenfell to accept communications as presented and place on file. 3 Ayes, Nays: none. Motion carried.

REPORTS-BOARDS, COMMITTEES & OFFICES:

- 1.) BASA: No exceptional business before this committee.

- 2.) GRWA: Meeting was attended by rep. Grenfell on 5/9/13. Mr. Grenfell reported that two change orders were considered and implemented, and shared developments as such. Discussion was had.
- 3.) PAUD: Meeting forthcoming
- 4.) GRSWMA: Discussion was had regarding report received from board member Randall. All municipalities in agreement not to request repurpose of current grant monies to pay outstanding Waste Management billing. Several options are currently being considered. Mr. Randall will keep board informed of developments.
- 5.) GO CO RD COMM: Supervisor reported he has been unsuccessful in reaching Mr. Pionk to discuss current concerns with road conditions. During the recent MTA meeting, discussion was had regarding inability to provide "chip sealing" to municipalities due to deficit spending incurred with the inclement weather. Supervisor will keep board informed of developments. Discussion was had regarding spring road inspection. Board members present agreed that Keystone road was not a priority. Uuvila Road was discussed. In addition, Harding and Chokecherry Lane were discussed. Supervisor thanked board members present for sharing various road concerns and will share developments after road inspection is scheduled and completed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1.) Accessibility Improvement Project Bids: Excavator is in place and successful bidder is readied to begin project. Discussion was had. MOTION by Tarnaski, supported by Grenfell, to authorize publication regarding contact information while handicap access is reconstructed. Roll call vote ayes: Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- 2.) Audit Quote: Discussion was had. Mr. Grenfell had checked with GO CO Treasurer and school admin asst. regarding other bidder for contract. Pros and cons were discussion and weighed as well as the opinions of the referenced entities. MOTION by Grenfell, supported by Tarnaski, to accept bid from Mr. Roger Kohlemainen as auditor for fiscal year 2013 at quoted price. Roll call vote ayes: Grenfell, Randall, Tarnaski. Nays: None. Motion carried. Clerk will follow up with letters to both bidders.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1.) Union contract: Discussion was had. MOTION by Grenfell, supported by Tarnaski to appoint same committee (Janczak and Randall) to represent management for negotiations. 3 Ayes. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- 2.) Resolution for Compliance WPA152 of 2011: MOTION by Tarnaski, supported by Grenfell, to table any action until full board is present. 3 Ayes. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- 3.) Resolution for supporting Trail Authority Creation: Discussion was had. MOTION by Randall, supported by Tarnaski to pass resolution of support as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE AYES: Randall, Tarnaski, Grenfell. Nays: None. Motion carried.

- 4.) County GIS Grant/Letter of Support: Discussion was had. MOTION by Grenfell, supported by Tarnaski, to authorize supervisor to write letter of support as discussed. ROLL CALL VOTE AYES: Grenfell, Randall, Tarnaski. Nays: None.
- 5.) Noxious Weed Ad: Discussion was had. MOTION by Tarnaski, supported by Grenfell to authorized expenses and publication as discussed. ROLL CALL VOTE AYES: Randall, Grenfell, Tarnaski. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- 6.) Spring Clean up: Discussion was had. If the weather is favorable, supervisor will set date and voice poll board if necessary.
- 7.) MTA District Meeting Conference: Discussion was had. MOTION by Randall, supported by Tarnaski, to authorize expenses for any board members interested in attendance. ROLL CALL VOTE AYES: Grenfell, Randall, Tarnaski. Nays: None. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Grenfell submitted an oral report detailing accounts and reconciliation. In addition, report was given on tax collection and utility billing. The board thanked Mr. Grenfell for his report.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLL AND MILEAGE: Motion by Grenfell, supported by Tarnaski to pay the bills as presented : General Fund Check # 9832 – 9864, \$21512.91; West End Sewer Fund Ck#1089-1090; \$5506.36; Bessemer Township Water Fund Ck#19804-19813, \$9397.20. MOTION by Grenfell, supported by Randall to pay bills as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE AYES: Grenfell, Randall, Tarnaski. Nays: None. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS: VA representative Don Ormes reported that there will be VA Personnel at the Bessemer VFW on Wednesday from 4:30 to 5:30 PM.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, MOTION by Grenfell, supported by Randall to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 PM. 3 Ayes. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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