

REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD

Monday, October 22, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. Meeting was called to order by the Supervisor and began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

Beverly Ikola-Trustee, Hope Tarnaski-Trustee, Jerry Grenfell-Treasurer, Jeff Randall-Supervisor Debbie Janczak-Clerk. In addition there were eight electors present.

PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES

MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Grenfell to approve the minutes as presented from October 8, 2012. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Grenfell supported by Tarnaski to approve the agenda as presented. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

PETITIONS

None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Supervisor:

- Gogebic Range Solid Waste Management Association audit for June 2012.
- Minutes from September 24, 2012 from Gogebic County Board of County Road Commissioners.

Clerk:

- Minutes from October 9, 2012 from the Bessemer Township Planning Commission.
- Request for tax collection from Gogebic/Ontonagon Intermediate School District. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Grenfell to approve of the township collected taxes for GOISD for the payment amount of 1% in administrative fees. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. /NAYES: none. Motion carried.

Treasurer: None.

Ikola: None.

Tarnaski: None.

MOTION Randall supported by Tarnaski to accept the above communications and place them on file. AYES: 5/NAYES: none.

REPORTS – BOARDS & COMMITTEES

E911 – None.

BESSEMER AREA SEWER AUTHORITY (BASA) – Jean informed the board that she has called for an early audit as a result of various billing and revenue issues that are unresolved.

GOGEBIC RANGE WATER AUTHORITY (GRWA) – The Treasurer informed the board that the water line that was put in on Lake Road this past year in Ironwood has been paid off. An update of the schedule on the waterline in Bessemer was shared.

POWDERHORN AREA UTILITY DISTRICT (PAUD) – The Supervisor reported this was a regular meeting and they approved the budget for the next year.

GOGEBIC RANGE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (GRSWA) – Supervisor Randall reported that the authority received a qualified audit, which meant there were some items that needed to

be reported to the state (e.g. the under billing with Waste Management). Some possible resolutions were presented to the board regarding the repayment that is owed.

BLIGHT – The Supervisor reported that citations have been issued regarding the trailer on Puritan Road and the garbage dumping. Also a letter was sent to Mr. Tauer regarding the school’s windows.

VETERANS – None.

ASSESSOR – None.

MISCELLANEOUS – None.

OLD BUSINESS

MISKOVICH WATER LINE ISSUE – The board and Mr. Miskovich discussed in length the history and possible outcomes to the outstanding water/utility bill on file. **MOTION** by Ikola supported by Tarnaski to write off past bill from the time of the stop payment to the present. **ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES:** Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. **NAYES:** none. Motion carried.

MOTION to have a letter of agreement drafted and sent with a specific date for hook-up to be agreed upon between the DPW Coordinator and the water billing department (treasurer). **ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES:** Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. **NAYES:** none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION FOR FUND-RAISING REVIEW – **MOTION** by Grenfell supported by Ikola to table until next meeting for the board to read through the updates made to the resolution. **AYES: 5/NAYES:** none. Motion carried.

COUBAL WATER-BILL – The Supervisor informed the board that new legal counsel has been sought with a recommendation from Michael Pope (as he has had interaction with Ms. Coubal about this issue, thus a conflict of interest would arise). The hired attorney Steven Tinte is currently reviewing the correspondence and pending billing.

COMPUTER UP-GRADE- Eric Ritter from Computer Doctors was present to give a report to the board on the proposal he has made for upgrades. An overview was given to process, products and cost. The discussion of a firewall was had and its importance was stressed. The data is encrypted so that he and his employees do not have the ability view the actual data. Brad Noreen at the County Courthouse is his main reference. **MOTION** by Tarnaski supported by Janczak to approve of the upgrade in computers to include 1-clerk, 1-treasurer, 1-notebook assessor as well as the purchase of a firewall and labor to install for the amount of \$5757.57. **ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES:** Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. **NAYES:** none. Motion carried.

MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Grenfell to approve of the \$110.00 monthly fee for service with Computer Doctors; with the agreement that this can be discontinued at any time. **ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES:** Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. **NAYES:** none. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS-None.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Treasurer Grenfell review the account balances. The utility bills are coming in, tax collection is slow.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLL & MILEAGE

The Clerk noted that a payment was made to offset money received for the EVIP grant towards the new garbage truck with Gogebic Range Solid Waste Management Authority. The following checks were presented for payment: General Fund: Check#9482-9506- \$134,527.84; Anvil Sewer: Check #-; Ramsay Sewer: Check#2399-2401-\$128.75; West End Sewer: Check #-; Water Fund Checks #19653-19662- \$3470.55. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Grenfell to approve payment of bills. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

The Clerk noted that all papers and budgets have been filed for this year's 1st installment of the township's EVIP payment. Information was shared on the additional insurance coverage for the fire department after contact from Hannula Agency was made. This is an additional coverage point and should be continued by the township. There are approximately 69 absentee ballots out at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS

A discussion was had regarding new water line being put up at Horseshoe Bend and the payment for hook-up brought up by Mr. Dummett.

Jean Verbos brought up an issue that took place last week with the fire hydrant on Puritan Road need the fire truck garage. There was damage to the hydrant. The fire department needs to receive training on how to remove and use the hydrants.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Grenfell supported by Tarnaski to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

These minutes are respectfully submitted:

Debra A. Janczak, Bessemer Township Clerk