

REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD

Monday, October 8, 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 two electors present.

PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES

MOTION by Grenfell supported by Ikola to approve the minutes as presented from September 24, 2012. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS- Item 9.C. Planning Commission Appointment.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PETITIONS

None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Supervisor:

- Minutes from September 12, 2012 of the Bessemer Area Sewer Authority.
- Daily Pumpage report for September 2012 from the Gogebic Range Water Authority.
- Minutes from September 10, 2012 of the Gogebic County Board of County Road Commissioners.

Clerk: None.

Treasurer: None.

Ikola: None.

Tarnaski: None.

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

REPORTS – BOARDS & COMMITTEES

E911 – None.

BESSEMER AREA SEWER AUTHORITY (BASA) –None.

GOGEBIC RANGE WATER AUTHORITY (GRWA) – None.

POWDERHORN AREA UTILITY DISTRICT (PAUD) – None.

GOGEBIC RANGE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (GRSWA) – Supervisor Randall reported they are currently in the process of interviewing for a new part-time truck driver.

VETERANS – None.

ASSESSOR – None.

MISCELLANEOUS – None.

OLD BUSINESS

MISKOVICH WATER LINE ISSUE – MOTION by Randall supported by Tarnaski to table until next meeting. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION FOR FUND-RAISING REVIEW – No updates have been given to the Clerk to date. Trustee Tarnaski would like to review further; the clerk will e-mail her the resolution. MOTION by Randall supported by Janczak to table. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENT – The board discussed Trustee Tarnaski’s ability to continue on the committee, which looks feasible. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Randall to have the Supervisor check on the possibility of assigning an alternate to the committee. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

COUBAL WATER-BILL – The board discussed the last letter sent by Lori Coubal to the board regarding the outstanding bill for the property located on Verona Road. Legal advice is the next step in this process. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Janczak to obtain a legal recommendation from Michael Pope for a different attorney (as he cannot represent the township since he has been advising Lori Coubal) and proceed with consultation. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

EMERGENCY SERVICES POLICY REVIEW & RENEWAL – The board discussed the changes in plans regarding the supplemental policy for the fire department. Some questions were asked regarding how much is covered under the regular workman’s comp or township policy and when would this policy take effect. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Randall to have the Clerk contact Hannula and find out some more information before the board proceeds. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

COMPUTER UPGRADE – The Treasurer provided the board with information and quotes for upgrading the computers from Computer Doctors. The Treasurer explained that the main office computers would be sent to the DPW office and the fire department. Trustee Tarnaski questioned the expense of the upgrade. There does need to be something done as the upgrade for the BS & A software requirements are not a part of the current set-up on the office computers. The board discussed the other new procedures that would take place. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Ikola to table any decisions at this time. AYES: 4/NAYES: 1. Motion carried.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK AD – The Supervisor reviewed the ad and noted that the township does this each year. The Globe did stop at the township hall and took a picture of the fire department. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Ikola to approve of the cost for the ad. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Treasurer Grenfell review the account balances. The utility bills went out two days ago.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLL & MILEAGE

The Clerk noted that bond payments were made out of the water fund, thus the large balance for payables. The following checks were presented for payment: General Fund: Check#9455-9481-\$11,722.10; Anvil Sewer: Check #1116-\$62.10; Ramsay Sewer: Check#2396-2397-\$267.18; West End Sewer: Check #1077-\$1635.08; Water Fund Checks #19637-19652- \$27,453.21. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Grenfell to approve payment of bills. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS

The MTA Christmas Party will be on December 11th beginning at 5:30 p.m. There was discussion on locations. The board decided on La Panetteria in Bessemer. The Clerk will call for reservations and get more information on menu choices and cost.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Grenfell supported by Tarnaski to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

These minutes are respectfully submitted:

Debra A. Janczak, Bessemer Township Clerk