

REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD

Monday, September 10, 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, Jerry Grenfell-Treasurer, Jeff Randall-Supervisor Debbie Janczak-Clerk. Absent: Hope Tarnaski-Trustee. In addition there were three electors present.

PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES

MOTION by Grenfell supported by Ikola to approve the minutes as presented from August 27, 2012. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS- None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Grenfell supported by Randall to approve the agenda as presented. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

PETITIONS

A request for a “Hidden Driveway” sign was review by Mary Tenney who lives off of Old US2 just outside of Yale Location. The board discussed previous public requests for signage. MOTION by Grenfell supported by Ikola to approve of the request for a *Hidden Driveway* sign. Placement of sign to be determined by the road commission. Cost for the sign is to be shared equally between the township and Mary Tenney. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Grenfell, Randall. Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Supervisor:

- Letter to the MI DOT from the County Road Commissioners regarding abandonment of public roads and right-of-ways for Stub Road which is off of Prospect Road near Black Jack.
- Western UP Planning & Development Regional Commission notice on attendance of various UP government meetings to promote a new website “Get Around the Western UP” focusing on transportation provided in the UP. Gogebic County will be on September 26th at 5:00 p.m.
- GRWA pumping report for August 2012.
- Gogebic County Board of County Road Commissioners minutes from August 13, 2012.
- Notice from UP Substance Enforcement Team (UPSET) requesting donations.

Clerk:

- MTA offering for fire departments held in October in Frankenmuth.

Treasurer: None.

Ikola: None.

Tarnaski: None.

MOTION Randall supported by Janczak to accept the above communications and place them on file.

AYES: 4/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) – None.

VETERANS – None.

ASSESSOR – None.

MISCELLANEOUS – The Supervisor noted that a copy of the flow report has been received and the engineers are continuing to work on the SSO plan.

OLD BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION FOR FUND-RAISING REVIEW – The Clerk provided a resolution for review to make comments and recommendations to. The township has received a letter from the state requesting for action to be taken on the remarks made by the auditor regarding the fire department and heritage committee finances. Comments are to be sent to the Clerk.

FIRE DEPARTMENT APPLICATION – APPROVAL – The Fire Department has reviewed and approved the application of Jay Saari, who has been on the department in the past. MOTION by Grenfell supported by Janczak to approve of the appointment of Jay Saari to the Bessemer Township Fire Department. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

RAMSAY SCHOOL WINDOWS – BLIGHT- Upon request the board discussed the condition of the old school located at the end of the curved road going out of Ramsay. This is a privately owned building and there are not ordinances to cover windows specifically as a blight issue. The Supervisor will send a letter to the owners noting the board's concern and request for clean up. The Supervisor did a walk around town with Velda Scalfini and discussed possible beautification projects.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Grenfell review the account balances. Taxes are due on September 14th without any penalties. On the 15th penalties will be applied. Utility bills will be going out on October 1st. Transfers within the accounts have been made in compliance with the audit. The board discussed the payment received from Barbara Lake for the Riley house and its past due utility bill. The township will receive the payment minus the penalties applied. The Treasurer and Supervisor will draft a letter to send to Ms. Lake regarding the payment.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLL & MILEAGE

The Clerk noted that the payment for Barber Road work is included in the payables. The following checks were presented for payment: General Fund: Check#9415-9433- \$43,262.59; Anvil Sewer: Check #1115-\$35.62; Ramsay Sewer: Check#2394-\$934.58; West End Sewer: Check #1076-\$1635.08; Water Fund Checks #19618-19628- \$8713.64. MOTION by Grenfell supported by Ikola to approve payment of bills. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

The Clerk informed the board that the ramp grant is still in process. She has been in contact with the grant manager and he has been working on the last election. MOTION by Randall supported by Grenfell to take a voice poll for approval if the grant goes through prior to the September 24th board meeting, expediting the bid process. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS

Brian Miskovich approached the board regarding utility bills he has been receiving, although he does not have water hook-up. The board was given the history of the situation. More discussion needs to take place with Jean Verbos of GRWA for additional clarification on some of the issues pending. MOTION by Randall supported by Janczak to table until more information of gathered and paperwork found regarding the actual hook-up. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Grenfell supported by Janczak to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m. AYES:
4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

These minutes are respectfully submitted:

Debra A. Janczak, Bessemer Township Clerk