

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD**

Monday, September 24, 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 10, 2012. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS-** Item 10.D. BS & A Software was added.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**PETITIONS**

None.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Supervisor:

- Minutes from August 8, 2012 of the Bessemer Area Sewer Authority.
- Minutes from August 27, 2012 of the Gogebic County Board of County Road Commissioners.

Clerk:

- Minutes from September 10, 2012 of the Bessemer Township Planning Commission.

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) –Supervisor Randall reported that it was a regular business meeting according to Jean Verbos.

GOGEBIC RANGE WATER AUTHORITY (GRWA) – Treasurer Grenfell reported that change orders were reviewed. A discussion took place regarding the E Coli found in the Indianhead water samples, which is all cleared now. Issues regarding Camp K-9 were also discussed regarding her holding tank.

POWDERHORN AREA UTILITY DISTRICT (PAUD) – Supervisor Randall reported a large payout was made towards debt retirement.

GOGEBIC RANGE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (GRSWA) – Supervisor Randall reported it was a regular business meeting. Discussion was had regarding the township’s garbage collection and costs related to it. These are hard to compare to any other entities since each has its own coverage area and labor costs, etc.

VETERANS – None.

ASSESSOR – None.

MISCELLANEOUS –

ZONING/BLIGHT - The Supervisor reported that a letter was mailed to Mr. Tauer regarding the windows at the old school. There have been some issues relating to someone dumping garbage up on Hill Top Road. There is a \$500.00 charge that will be assessed as well as labor charges for the clean-up. There is another issue regarding a trailer on Puritan Road that is being addressed. The Supervisor asked for approval to proceed with condemnation proceedings for the red house at the top of Hill Top Road. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Ikola to approve of the proceeding with condemnation process for the above residence. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

MISKOVICH WATER LINE ISSUE – No update. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Grenfell to have the Supervisor send a certified letter to Mr. Miskovich regarding the time line for resolution to these issues. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION FOR FUND-RAISING REVIEW – No updates have been given to the Clerk yet. MOTION by Grenfell supported by Tarnaski to table. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

NAMING OF ROAD NEAR CHANEY LAKE – MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Grenfell to approve of the name “Chaney Shored Road” and to make recommendations to the Road Commission of such as well as recommendations for placement of the sign. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

WASTE WATER OPERATOR/HELP TO WATERSMEET TOWNSHIP – the board discussed the request for aid that was included in the agenda packet. This is a service each community should be lending in time of need. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Ikola to approve the aid to be given by Louis Sworab for the duration of at least one year with labor and other costs to be compensated back to Bessemer Township by Watersmeet Township. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

PLAT BOOK AD APPROVAL – The board reviewed the ad for the new printing of the plat book. Trustee Ikola’s name will need to replace John McLean’s in the ad. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Grenfell to approve of the \$433.00 cost of the ad with the change of trustee name for Beverly Ikola. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

DIMENSIONAL VARIANCE – the board reviewed the request from David Johnson for the construction of a car port. This has been approved by the planning commission via a public hearing. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Grenfell to approve of the variance for David Johnson. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

BS & A SOFTWARE PURCHASE – the Treasurer has investigated the cost to upgrade the program as well as possible some of the other software. Four programs will be upgraded, plus webinar training for a total of \$8260.00. Also a \$2140 annual maintenance fee will be charged (which the township already currently pays). MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Janczak to approve of the new program upgrade purchase for BS & A for \$8260.00. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

Treasurer Grenfell review the account balances. The S2 grant study is three quarters complete and we should be receiving reports in the near future.

**APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLL & MILEAGE**

The following checks were presented for payment: General Fund: Check#9434-9454- \$9293.02; Anvil Sewer: Check #-; Ramsay Sewer: Check#2395-\$12.88; West End Sewer: Check #-; Water Fund Checks #19629-19636- \$975.20. MOTION by Grenfell supported by Tarnaski to approve payment of bills. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

The Clerk informed the board that she received notice that the township has been awarded a total of \$14,200.00 for the ramp and door replacement through the Bureau of Elections. Some things may be taken care of over the winter months, such as the door and we will have until June 2013 to complete the project.

**PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS**

The MTA meeting is tomorrow in Wakefield Township at 6:30 p.m.

Trustee Tarnaski noted that she is having conflicts with the Planning Commission meetings. She has asked to be replaced at this time. Trustee Ikola has agreed to serve on the committee as interim. The next meeting is scheduled for October 9<sup>th</sup>.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION by Grenfell supported by Tarnaski to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 p.m. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

These minutes are respectfully submitted:

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Debra A. Janczak, Bessemer Township Clerk