

REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD

Monday, April 13, 2015 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. There was one elector present.

PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES - MOTION by Grenfell supported by Ikola to approve the minutes as presented from March 23, 2015 AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS – Item 10. G. Wolf Resolution was added to the agenda.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Motion by Randall supported by Tarnaski to approve the agenda as amended. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

PETITIONS – None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Supervisor:

- Monthly pump report from March 2015 from Gogebic Range Water Authority.
- Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs construction code public hearing.
- Department of Treasury notice of Audit of Minimum Assessing Requirements to be scheduled with the township.
- MTA Spring meeting in Houghton. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Grenfell to authorize any expenses incurred if any of the officers would like to attend. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, and Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.
- Gogebic County Forestry and Parks Commission annual report for Payment in Lieu of Taxes along with check to the township.

Clerk: None.

Treasurer: None.

Ikola: None.

Tarnaski: None.

MOTION by Randall supported by Janczak to accept correspondence and place on file. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

REPORTS – BOARDS & COMMITTEES

BESSEMER AREA SEWER AUTHORITY (BASA) – This was a regular business meeting.

GOGEBIC RANGE WATER AUTHORITY (GRWA) – Treasurer Grenfell reported that this was a regular business meeting. The Bessemer City project will most likely not begin until 2016.

4th of JULY – None.

PLANNING COMMISSION –The DNR notified the township that the plan has been approved. The DPW is already beginning work on new picnic tables, ordering a grill that will also be handicap accessible. Looking at obtaining one more basketball hoop; two have been donated, but only one is usable. The Supervisor will also check with Xcel Energy on possible lighting at the park for basketball.

BEAUTIFICATION –There will be a meeting on April 23 at 6:00 p.m.

4th of JULY – The fireworks will take place on July 2 and the parade on the 4th with the 50/50 drawing being done just prior to the start of the parade. A float will carry the winning number.

Approved

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS –

SEWER PUMP REPLACEMENT (Anvil) – After purchasing one pump for replacement it was found that the other back up pump is not usable (presented in Crane Engineering report). It was recommended to purchase a new pump to keep in inventory. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Randall to approve of the purchase of a new pump for the approximate cost of \$3,000. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, and Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

RAMSAY SEWER LOAN RESOLUTION – The Supervisor reviewed the resolution to move forward with obtaining funding for the project. The amount to be funded is \$1,172,000. MOTION BY Tarnaski supported by Ikola to approve signatures and moving forward with the process. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

RAMSAY SEWER PROJECT HOOK-UP PIPE – The board discussed the township’s cost in hooking up the sewer lines from residents’ homes to the new lines that will be installed. MOTION by Grenfell supported by Randall to approve of the cost of the purchase of materials and labor for the hook-ups not to exceed \$15,000. (If this is above cost a voice poll of the board will be done). ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

BOARD OF REVIEW PAY RESOLUTION – In the past there was a payment to the board in one sum at one time of the year. The Clerk revised the past resolution to be two pays with the heavier payment in March of \$300.00 and \$100.00 in December. MOTION BY Tarnaski supported by Ikola to approve the resolution #124-15. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

TOWNSHIP PAR-PLAN INSURANCE REVIEW – The Clerk received the new year’s insurance plan. This has been forwarded on the DPW for review and any changes.

TRAIL CAMERA PURCHASE – With new purchases going in to the park and other activity in the township this would be a simple way to keep track of any vandalism happening. In addition this could also help with blight issues. The Supervisor will check with Michael Pope on usage of cameras. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Janczak to proceed with review and gather more information on the use of cameras. AYES: 5/NAYS: none. Motion carried.

WOLF RESOLUTION REVISION– It was brought to the attention of the clerk that modifications needed to be made to the current Resolution #102-13. MOTION BY Tarnaski supported by Ikola to approve the changes. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT – The accounts were reviewed. The settlement from Gogebic County has been received for \$74,809.17; part of this will go to PAUD. There is still around \$70,000 in outstanding utilities bills.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLL & MILEAGE –As mentioned before with the receipt of the new insurance plan, payment has been made and dispersed between the funds. The rate is locked in for the next three years. The following checks were presented for payment: General Fund: Check#11085-11120- \$27,894.05; Water Fund Checks #20333-20350- \$106,169.90; Anvil Sewer: Check #1176-1177-\$1393.59; Ramsay Sewer: Check#2523-2523-\$1907.10; West End Sewer: Check #1128-1129-\$4840.66. 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 also gave an update on the upcoming May 5th election. The township will now be using an electronic poll book to register voters. Since there is only the one proposal on the ballot this will be a good time to have the workers become acclimated.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS – The board discussed looking at the purchase of new rugs for the township entrances.

ADJOURNMENT - MOTION by Grenfell supported by Tarnaski to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 p.m.
AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

These minutes are respectfully submitted:

Debra A. Janczak, Bessemer Township Clerk