

REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD

Monday, April 14, 2014 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 s present.

PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES - MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Ikola to approve the minutes as corrected from February 28, 2014. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS – None.

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

PETITIONS – None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Supervisor:

- Daily Pumping report from March
- Copy of the letter sent to the county treasurer from Melanie Fullman regarding her homestead credit change
- Notice from the DEQ regarding approval of the application approval for the SAW grant
- Agenda from April 9 and March 12 and minutes from January 8 and March 12, 2014 from the Bessemer Area Sewer Authority.
- Copy of the audit from 2013 from Powderhorn Area Utility District.
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Clerk:

- Notice from the City of Wakefield regarding their water report.
- Notice from the DEQ regarding the operating license for the GRSWMA.
- MTA flyer for planning and zoning essentials workshops.

Treasurer: None.

Ikola: None.

Tarnaski: None.

REPORTS – BOARDS & COMMITTEES

ROAD COMMISSION – None.

E911 – None.

BESSEMER AREA SEWER AUTHORITY (BASA) – None.

GOGEBIC RANGE WATER AUTHORITY (GRWA) – Treasurer Grenfell noted that the township asked for help on their on the last month's water billing. The request was denied.

POWDERHORN AREA UTILITY DISTRICT (PAUD) – None.

GOGEBIC RANGE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (GRSWA) –None.

VETERANS – None.

ASSESSOR – None.

MISCELLANEOUS –None.

BLIGHT – None.

BEAUTIFICATION – A meeting will be held on April 15th at 6:00 p.m. at the township hall.

4th of July – A meeting will be held tonight at 6:00 p.m.

PLANNING COMMISSION – They are currently working on the recreation plan with Coleman Engineering. A questionnaire has been worked on and will be presented to the public for input. It will be posted on the township’s website as well. A tentative open house will be set for June 10. Advertising will be done on the local radio and newspaper.

ROADS – The road commission is working on opening up frozen culverts. There have been several washed out areas. The board discussed our area roads.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SEWER RATES – The Supervisor noted that budget figures have been received for the West End Sewer. Rates are still being worked on.

NEW BUSINESS

PRESSURE WASHER – The DPW is requesting a purchase to clean equipment, pumps and this will also help with unplugging and degreasing sewer lines. **MOTION** by Grenfell supported by Tarnaski to approve of the purchase of a pressure washer along with various water tank, hose, etc. not to exceed \$5000.00. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** AYES: Tarnaski, Ikola, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

TRACTOR TIRE PURCHASE – The New Holland tractor is in need of new tires. The board reviewed the quotes provided. **MOTION** by Grenfell supported by Tarnaski to approve of the purchase of new tires for the price of \$1223.46 from C & M. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** AYES: Tarnaski, Ikola, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE WAGE – Beau Rajala has been with the township for since 2007 and has received few raises. The board discussed Beau’s value to the township. The request was made for a .50/per hour increase. **MOTION** by Tarnaski supported by Janczak to approved of a \$1.00 per hour increase effective May 1st. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** AYES: Tarnaski, Ikola, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY ACTION/EDC SUPPORT – As in the past three years the township received a request for donation to support Velda Scalfini’s position. **MOTION** by Tarnaski supported by Ikola to approve of the \$1200.00 donation. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** AYES: Tarnaski, Ikola, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT – The Treasurer reviewed the accounts. The General Fund CD has been re-allocated to reflect restricted fund amounts. The list of let run and account amounts was reviewed. The printing on the utility bills doesn’t show the credit amount only the total. Jerry will try to re-arrange to have all of the amounts show on the bills. A review of transferred amounts was done. The tax settlement was received from the county.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLL & MILEAGE - The following checks were presented for payment: General Fund: Check#10427-10458- \$37,512.90; Anvil Sewer: Check #1148-1149-\$1377.65; Ramsay Sewer: Check#2467-2468-\$1554.90; West End Sewer: Check #1104-1105-\$4840.66; Water Fund Checks #20048-20065- \$95,865.41. **MOTION** by Tarnaski supported by Grenfell to approve payment of bills. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** AYES: Tarnaski, Ikola, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried. The Clerk noted that the township’s insurance plan was paid and showed a decrease from the previous year.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS – The Fire Department’s financial statement is included in the agenda packet. The annual meeting was held with most officers staying in their

positions with the exception of Steven Selin now being the Assistant, and not Mark. The Clerk reminded the Supervisor of payroll and inventory. A new roster will be sent to the Clerk.

An update regarding the status of the park and surrounding grounds and the easements/ownership by Youngstown had made progress. The Supervisor did locate several papers and has sent them on to Michael Pope for registration of deeds. There were several transfers and easements having to do with sewer lines as well.

MTA will be on April 22 in Marenisco.

Thank yous were given to the DPW crew for their tireless work on the many water and sewer issues as a result of frost.

ADJOURNMENT - MOTION by Grenfell supported by Tarnaski to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m.
AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

These minutes are respectfully submitted:

Debra A. Janczak, Bessemer Township Clerk