

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD**

Monday, April 27, 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 April 13, 2015 AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS** – None.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Motion** by Randall supported by Grenfell to approve the agenda as presented. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

**PETITIONS** – None.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Supervisor:

- Letter of request for funds for the Economic Development Committee from the Gogebic Ontonagon Community Action Agency. The Supervisor has been trying to get in touch with the new contact. It is hoped that Dominic can attend a future meeting. No action was taken on the request.
- Western UP Trail Authority request for membership.

Clerk: None.

Treasurer: None.

Ikola: None.

Tarnaski: None.

MOTION by Randall supported by Grenfell to accept correspondence and place on file. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

**REPORTS – BOARDS & COMMITTEES**

POWDERHORN AREA UTILITY DISTRICT (PAUD) – this was a regular business meeting.

GOGEBIC RANGE SOLIS WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (GRSWMA) – Michael Pope attended the meeting to discuss the City of Bessemer’s request for pulling out of the authority. This is not just a request to be granted there are other considerations to be reviewed. They will be meeting with the city to discuss this further.\*

4<sup>th</sup> of JULY – There will be a cook out in June with the Keystone Bar. Also June 9<sup>th</sup> will be the block drive.

NON-MOTORIZED TRAIL AUTHORITY – Trustee Ikola attended the meeting. They elected the chairperson, Scott Erickson and discussed engineering aspects of the plans. There was also discussion on how the funds would be dispersed and it was suggested that the county handle this.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

TRAIL CAMERA PURCHASE – The Supervisor did talk with Michael Pope on any issues, especially regarding the Freedom of Information Act. There is nothing extra that the township would have to do to begin surveillance in various areas. The search for the appropriate camera will be done in the near future.

**NEW BUSINESS –**

**GARBAGE TRUCK/COLLECTION** – Jean Verbos reported that the truck is in bad shape and no more money should be spent on repairs. She requested that the board take action now with a future plan for either replacement or going with another service. The board discussed the various repercussions and what it would mean for pick up schedules and fees. **MOTION** by Grenfell supported by Randall to request a price for pick up from the GRSWMA. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

**ATTORNEY CONFLICT OF INTEREST NOTICE** – The board reviewed the letter received from Michael Pope and his involvement with the City of Bessemer only in their upcoming project and how that representation would not affect the counseling the township is seeking regarding the solid waste issues. **MOTION** by Randall supported by Grenfell to allow Michael Pope to continue in his legal representation of the township in the GRSWMA issue. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

**BENCH AND PLANTER PURCHASE FOR THE MEMORIAL** – The board went outside to get a view of the area and to help them decide on the style of bench. **MOTION** by Tarnaski supported by Ikola to approve of the purchase of 2 benches with backs and 2 planters not to exceed \$4,000 and have the Supervisor continue the process. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS AND MEMBERSHIP** – The Supervisor noted the list of new officers and the roster attached to the agenda. Jay Saari is now the new Fire Chief with Brian Kuchinski as the Assistant.

**TREASURER’S REPORT** – The accounts were reviewed. There is still a little over \$31,000 in outstanding utilities bills.

**APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLL & MILEAGE** –The following checks were presented for payment: General Fund: Check#11121-11136- \$8173.49; Water Fund Checks #20351-20358- \$1461.22; Anvil Sewer: Check #1178-\$204.64; Ramsay Sewer: Check#2526-2528-\$1113.92; West End Sewer: Check #-\$. **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 also reminded the board on the upcoming May 5<sup>th</sup> election.

**PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS** – The Supervisor handed out information on Proposal 1. There has been an ad in the paper regarding blight and a request for bid for cleanup. The question of a spring clean-up was brought up. There isn’t a lot of response, so there will not be one this year.

**ADJOURNMENT** - **MOTION** by Grenfell supported by Tarnaski to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 p.m. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

These minutes are respectfully submitted:

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Debra A. Janczak, Bessemer Township Clerk