

REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD

Monday, August 24, 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 were three electors present.

PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES - MOTION by Grenfell supported by Tarnaski to approve the minutes as presented from August 10, 2015 AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS – John Verbos made comments regarding the future of gravel pits and the involvement of local government. Roads being used by these trucks need attention. Dust is also a large issue.

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

PETITIONS – None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Supervisor:

- Notice of public hearing from the Northern States Power on September 9, 2015 in Lansing.
- Letter from the Gogebic County Board of County Road Commissioners regarding road work on Chaney Lake Road.

Clerk:

- Gogebic County Council of Veterans Affairs agenda and minutes for July 23, 2015 and minutes from June 18, 2015, and agenda for August 13, 2015
- Just a note regarding the re-dedication to the new veteran’s memorial in front of the township hall, Don noted that this will be done after the area schools are in session so that the ROTC can participate.

Treasurer: None.

Ikola: None.

Tarnaski: None.

MOTION by Randall supported by Tarnaski to acceptance the correspondence and place on file.

AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

REPORTS – BOARDS & COMMITTEES

GRWA – Treasurer Grenfell reported this was a regular business meeting.

PAUD – Supervisor Randall reported this was a regular business meeting.

GRSWMA – Supervisor Randall reported this was a regular business meeting. The administrator’s contract was tabled. There was also discussion of the City of Bessemer and their lack of payments.

ROAD COMMISSION – The chip sealing is done and the patcher work will begin soon. There is \$10,000 of patching that is to be done.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

SEWER PROJECT PAY REQUEST APPROVALS – MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Ikola to approve the signatures and payment of \$356,761.70 and \$42,586.67 for the construction project. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

FROZEN WATERLINE PROJECT PAY REQUEST APPROVALS - MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Grenfell to approve the signatures and payment of 15% of \$142,817.97 and \$3341.78 for the

Community Development Block Grant project. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

SAND/GRAVEL PIT PERMIT REQUEST – Supervisor Randall reviewed the letter received by Michael Pope regarding the board and the planning commission’s separate roles in granting permit requests. The planning commission *does* have the final approval in these matters. Trustee Tarnaski questioned the ability for a pit to also crush as a part of the process. This was discussed and crushing is considered a part of the extraction of natural resources. MOTION by Grenfell supported by Tarnaski to rescind his original motion from June 8, 2015 to deny continuation of the Tizziani gravel pit. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

MOTION by Randall supported by Janczak to request that the planning commission review and make necessary revisions and recommendations to the current zoning ordinance regarding gravel pits in the township to include, but not be limited to mineral extraction issues such as dust control, blasting, times of operation, etc. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Randall to authorize the planning commission to review and make recommendations to the Tier 1, 2, 3 reviews and clarify that the final say should be going to the township board in the future. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Janczak to authorize the payment of expense incurred by Dean and Pope regarding the latest planning commission’s decision review. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

DUMP TRAILER PURCHASE – The DPW is looking to purchase a trailer for the purpose of dumping gravel, sand and the like. MOTION by Grenfell supported by Janczak to approve the purchase up to \$3000.00, after all negotiations are exhausted, for a used dump trailer. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

PAUD BOARD APPOINTMENT – MOTION by Grenfell supported by re-appoint Jeff Randall to the PAUD board. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT – The Treasurer reviewed the accounts. Around 700 tax bills have been collected out of 1800.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLL & MILEAGE –The following checks were presented for payment: General Fund: Check#11368-11391- \$15,392.93; Water Fund Checks #20448-20460- \$15,932.27; Anvil Sewer: Check #-; Ramsay Sewer: Check#2525-\$15.46; West End Sewer: Check #-; Ramsay Construction Account: Check #-; Ramsay Sewer SAW grant: check #98 - \$9020.00. MOTION by Grenfell supported by Tarnaski to approve payment of bills. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS – Supervisor Randall gave a welcome and thanks to Cathi Cole the project administrator for the frozen water line.

ADJOURNMENT - MOTION by Grenfell supported by Tarnaski to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 p.m. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

These minutes are respectfully submitted:

Debra A. Janczak, Bessemer Township Clerk