

REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD

Monday, August 26, 2013 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 3 electors and 3 guests present.

PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES

MOTION by Grenfell supported by Randall to approve the minutes as presented from August 12, 2013. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Item 10.C. Circus was added to the agenda.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PETITIONS

None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Supervisor:

- Agenda for August 14, 2013 and minutes from July 2, 2013 from Bessemer Area Sewer Authority.
- DEQ notice regarding culverts and bridge work in the Wolverine Ski area.
- Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Certificate of Compliance
- Ottawa Forest project letter; none in Bessemer Township.
- DEQ notice of public hearing for Strategic Water Quality Initiatives Fund on September 18, 2013 in Lansing.
- DEQ revolving fund end of year report.
- Letter from U.P.S.E.T. requesting funds for support.

Clerk:

- Bessemer Township Planning Commission minutes from August 13, 2013.
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Treasurer: None.

Ikola: None.

Tarnaski: None.

MOTION by Grenfell supported by Ikola to accept and place on file all communication. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

REPORTS – BOARDS & COMMITTEES

E911 – None.

BESSEMER AREA SEWER AUTHORITY (BASA) – None.

GOGEBIC RANGE WATER AUTHORITY (GRWA) – None.

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

Lodge has requested an adjustment to their bill based on actual occupied space.

GOGEBIC RANGE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (GRSWA) – This was a regular business meeting. They are still working on the loan to pay off Wastewater and have been doing offers of payment/counter offers with the company. Negotiations are still ongoing.

VETERANS – Don turned in minutes from June and July 2013.

ASSESSOR – None.

MISCELLANEOUS –None.

OLD BUSINESS

RECREATION PLAN – This is a continued discussion that began two meetings ago. Curt Haas also expressed concern over the condition and deterioration of the park and keystone bridge. Discussion was had regarding upkeep, revitalization and what to do with the baseball field. MOTION by Tarnaski to approve of the advertisement for interested parties to serve on a beautification project committee for Bessemer Township. Coordination of this committee is to be done by Velda Scalfini and Jeff Randall. Interested parties will be asked to attend a board meeting for further information on project plans and discussions on how to reach goals. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

The Clerk will also check into the ramifications (if any) of volunteers working in the park.

NEW BUSINESS

STREET NAME ISSUES – Jim Loeper of E-911 was present at the meeting and brought up several township street names that have “road,” “avenue,” and “street” as a part of their names. Discussion was had on how to proceed to change in order to be consistent for GPS mapping and mail delivery. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Janczak to authorize the notification by letters to those addresses affected and to hold a public meeting before the September 23 township meeting for comments on road changes. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.]

TRAINING/CONTINUING ED. FOR LOUIE – MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Grenfell to approve of the training and related expenses for Louie to attend the seminars. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

CIRCUS – A representative from the Culpepper & Merriweather Circus was present to speak. In previous years the Wakefield Rotary put on the circus as a fund raiser. They are no longer interested. It was brought *here* for a possible 4th of July fund raiser. MOTION by Janczak supported by Tarnaski to contact Dana Cebolski (chairperson) of the Heritage Committee to seek their interest. The board hereby gives approval to hold the event (July 13, 2014) on the baseball field/township property. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Treasurer Grenfell reviewed the account balances from the report provided. Taxes are coming in. September 16 is the last day for payment without penalties. The clerk has requested that the treasurer look into a new printer/scanner for her office. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Ikola to approve of the costs to upgrade the printer. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLL & MILEAGE

The following checks were presented for payment: General Fund: Check#10039-10068-\$20,103.55; Anvil Sewer: Check #-\$\$; Ramsay Sewer: Check#2435-2439-\$1528.52; West End Sewer: Check #1094-\$3569.00; Water Fund Checks #19879-19890- \$11,359.16. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Ikola to approve payment of bills. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS

The Supervisor made reference to the Fire Department financial statement included in the agenda. Also 4th of July income information was included.

MTA is looking for a new District 1 representative.

A reminder that the MTA Chapter meeting is tomorrow night in Irwin Township was made.

MOTION By Tarnaski supported by Ikola to have the township get estimates for the purchase three flag poles to be place behind the memorial in the front of the building. A voice poll may be used prior to the next board meeting for approval. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Grenfell supported by Tarnaski to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 p.m. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

These minutes are respectfully submitted:

Debra A. Janczak, Bessemer Township Clerk