

REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD

Monday, December 8, 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. There was one elector present.

PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES - MOTION by Grenfell supported by Ikola to approve the minutes as presented from November 10, 2014. 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 amended. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

PETITIONS – None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Supervisor:

- Daily pump report for November 2014 from Gogebic Range Water Authority.
- Agenda for November 12, 2014 for the Bessemer Area Sewer Authority.
- Letter from Charter Communications regarding an increase in surcharge of \$.25.
- MTA notice for Board of Review training coming up in February.
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Clerk:

- Letter from the insurance company regarding a claim against the township from Chris Golemski. The township was found to not be at any fault for damages.

Treasurer: None.

Ikola: None.

Tarnaski: None.

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

REPORTS – BOARDS & COMMITTEES

ROAD COMMISSION – None.

E911 – None.

BESSEMER AREA SEWER AUTHORITY (BASA) – None.

GOGEBIC RANGE WATER AUTHORITY (GRWA) – None.

4th of JULY – None.

POWDERHORN AREA UTILITY DISTRICT (PAUD) – None.

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

PLANNING COMMISSION –None.

FIRE DEPARTMENT –None.

MISCELLANEOUS –

The Supervisor noted the Board of Review meeting on Tuesday December 9 at 1:00 p.m. and the Planning Commission meeting at 5:00 p.m. on that same day.*

The Supervisor informed the board that there will need to be a committee from each municipality involved in the SAW grant project.

The new pickup truck has arrived and is getting under coating and a spray liner installed.

VETERANS – None.
ASSESSOR – None.
BEAUTIFICATION –None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS

AUDITOR COMMITMENT – This is needed for the USDA RD bond process and should be for at least a term of two years. MOTION by Grenfell supported by Ikola to ask current auditor Roger Kolehmainen for a letter of commitment. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: Tarnaski. Motion carried.

PUBLICATION RESOLUTION FOR SEWER PROJECT – There is intent from the township that needs to be published for continuation of the project process. MOTION by Grenfell supported by Tarnaski to approve publication and cost of ad. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

GARBAGE COLLECTION/TRUCK REPAIR – The garbage truck was out of commission after the last meeting in which repairs were approved. The current amount went up two times. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Grenfell to approve of the repairs for the approximate amount of \$3215.65. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

The holiday schedule will need to be changed for garbage collection. Publication should be the following: Christmas: Wednesday to Friday/Thursday to Tuesday; New Year’s Thursday to Tuesday. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Grenfell to approve of the posting and publication (as well as place new schedule on answering machines). ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

COPIER – The Township’s current copier is no long listed as having available parts if a breakdown occurs. The treasurer presented two quotes for a new one. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Ikola to approved of the purchase of a new copier for \$5640.00 without the service contract cost. In addition bids for excess equipment will be placed once the new copier is received. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

HEALTH INSURANCE RATES – The Clerk reviewed the increase in rates which are pretty minor overall. A breakdown of costs/rate increases including the addition of Beau Rajala were reviewed.

TAX COLLECTION FOR GOISD – MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Grenfell to approved of the 2015 tax collection agreement for the 1% administration fee. This is no change from the previous year. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT CHRISTMAS PARTY – The Supervisor noted that the party which will be held in the fire hall will be on December 13th at 6:00 p.m. with an approximate cost of \$900.00. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Janczak to approve of the cost. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT – The tax statements will be sent out with a final pay date of February 15, 2015. Utility bills will be mailed the first week of January.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLL & MILEAGE –The following checks were presented for payment which include the bills paid from the cancelled November 23 meeting: General Fund: Check#10843-10893- \$47,384.63 (includes the check for the new pickup truck); Water Fund Approved
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Checks #20240-20258- \$7760.52; Anvil Sewer: Check #1163-\$112.00; Ramsay Sewer: Check#2509-2512-\$492.27; West End Sewer: Check #1121-\$3569.00. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Grenfell to approve payment of bills. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS – The fire department financial summary was included in the agenda packet. There have been some picture donations as well as an old “Raiders” hockey shirt from R who used to own the Keystone Bar. The board had a brief discussion on the use of the park in the upcoming year.

ADJOURNMENT - MOTION by Grenfell supported by Tarnaski to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

These minutes are respectfully submitted:

Debra A. Janczak, Bessemer Township Clerk