

REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD

Monday, February 10, 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, Jerry Grenfell-Treasurer, Jeff Randall-Supervisor, Debbie Janczak-Clerk.

Absent: Hope Tarnaski-Trustee. There were two electors present.

PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES - MOTION by Ikola supported by Grenfell to approve the minutes as presented from January 27, 2014. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried. MOTION by Randall supported by Ikola to approve of the Special Meeting Minutes from February 4, 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 presented. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

PETITIONS – Susan Barggren was present at the meeting to discuss a frozen water pipe issue with the board. She has asked the board for help with her bill since she will need to let the water run to prevent any further freezing. Supervisor Randall will pursue the issue and also talk with the road commission about removing snow that is currently covering water lines.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Supervisor:

- Public Service meeting notice from Northern States Power for a February 20, 2014 meeting in Lansing regarding a gas recovery plan factor of .51690.
- Daily Pumping report from January 2014 from Gogebic Range Water Authority.

Clerk:

- Minutes of the Gogebic County Council of Veterans Affairs from October and November 2013.

Treasurer: None.

Ikola: None.

Tarnaski: None.

MOTION by Randall supported by Janczak to approve and place correspondence on file. 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) – None.

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

VETERANS – None.

ASSESSOR – None.

MISCELLANEOUS –None.

BLIGHT – None.

BEAUTIFICATION – None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

GARBAGE COLLECTION – The waste authority closed on the loan today. Bessemer City still has not offered any payment towards the shortfall. At this time it is tentative that Ironwood Township will give \$20,000. MOTION by Randall supported by Grenfell to approve of the \$20,000 pre-payment of tipping fees from Bessemer Township with a payback schedule to be \$700 per month beginning in July of 2014

and continuing through November 2016 until paid in full. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

MOTION by Randall supported by Grenfell to pledge up to an additional \$20,000 if needed to the Gogebic Range Solid Waste Management Authority and follow the same payback schedule as noted with a \$700 per month reduction in tipping fees to begin in July 2014 and continue through November 2016 until paid in full. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: Ikola. Motion carried.

SEWER RATES – Supervisor Randall discussed how in the near future the need to raise rates will be realized. A chart was reviewed that gave a rate increase of \$4.00 per user per month. It was also noted that a review should be made to the number of users in the Verona Area and where those fees are being deposited. The Treasurer and Clerk will check into this

NEW BUSINESS

SALARY RESOLUTIONS: In order to have these available for public review thirty days prior to the annual meeting at the end of March.

TREASURER - MOTION by Janczak supported by Randall to approve of the April 1, 2014 salary of \$20,000 for the incumbent and \$15,000 for any new incoming officer. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Randall, Janczak. ABSTAIN: Grenfell. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

CLERK - MOTION by Randall supported by Grenfell to approve of the April 1, 2014 salary of \$20,000 for the incumbent and \$15,000 for any new incoming officer. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Grenfell, Randall. ABSTAIN: Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

SUPERVISOR – MOTION by Grenfell supported by Janczak to approve of the April 1, 2014 salary of \$18,000 for the incumbent and \$10,000 for any new incoming officer. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Grenfell, Janczak. ABTAIN: Randall. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

DEPOSITORY RESOLUTION – MOTION by Grenfell supported by Randall to approve of resolution #110-14. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

PUBLICATION RESOLUTION – MOTION by Janczak supported by Randall to approved of resolution #111-14. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

POVERTY EXEMPTION RESOLUTION – POVERTY GUIDELINE APPROVAL – The only changes to this are the resolution number and the amount of the current year’s poverty guideline amounts. MOTION by Grenfell supported by Ikola to approve of resolution #113-14. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

TRAIL AUTHORITY MEMBER AND ALTERNATE APPOINTMENT – MOTION by Grenfell supported by Janczak to appoint Jeff Randall as the member and Beverly Ikola as the alternate. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMBER APPROVAL – Benjamin Tucker from Bessemer has applied to the fire department. Two of the board members have positive comments on Ben. The fire department has recommended his hire. MOTION by Grenfell supported by Ikola to approve of the hiring of Benjamin Tucker to the Township Fire Department. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT PURCHASE OF THERMAL IMAGER – Chief Kuchinski was present to talk to the board about the imager. This will aid in fire rescue by showing where a person may be located. **MOTION** by Grenfell supported by Ikola to approve of the purchase of the thermal imager for the \$5070.00 price quoted by the Fire Chief. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** AYES: Ikola, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT – Treasurer Grenfell updated the board on the accounts. Past due notices have been sent out. The board discussed the past balance that will be owed by Grand View for the west end sewer charges. Taxes are coming in with 1400 out of 2400 returned.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLL & MILEAGE - The following checks were presented for payment: General Fund: Check#10328-10353- \$13,792.71; Anvil Sewer: Check #1142-1145 \$616.95; Ramsay Sewer: Check#2458-2459-\$510.58; West End Sewer: Check #1102-\$3569.00; Water Fund Checks #20011-20017- \$10,849.95. **MOTION** by Grenfell supported by Randall to approve payment of bills. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** AYES: Ikola, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS

The Supervisor noted that work on the 2015 fiscal year’s budget will begin soon. Several things are still being worked on before the township’s tentative taxable value can be figured.

Treasurer Grenfell noted that the last day for tax collection is Friday, February 14.

The Clerk received the proof for the progress edition.

ADJOURNMENT - **MOTION** by Grenfell supported by Randall to adjourn the meeting at 6:14 p.m. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

These minutes are respectfully submitted:

Debra A. Janczak, Bessemer Township Clerk