

Monday, February 22, 2016 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 - Hope Tarnaski-Trustee, Jerry Grenfell-Treasurer, Jeff Randall-Supervisor, Debbie Janczak-Clerk. Absent: Beverly Ikola-Trustee. There were nine electors present.

PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES - MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Grenfell to approve the minutes as presented from February 8, 2016 AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

PUBIC HEARING – RURAL DEVELOPMENT LOAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$230,000 FOR A NEW FIRE TRUCK

At 5:05 p.m. the board went into the public hearing.

The Supervisor gave a brief history on the need for the fire truck and the search for grants of which none were found. The township board does have money in a set aside account that will be used towards a new purchase. At this time the payback schedule looks like it will be around \$19,449 per year for fifteen years or \$16,906 a year if loan is only for \$200,000. This is with a current interest rate of 3 1/8%, which may change. There would be no pre-payment penalty. There was support given from members of our current fire department. A couple of questions were raised as to the fit of the new truck in the current garage and what would happen with the old truck. The hearing was closed at 5:13 p.m.

PUBIC HEARING – DNR TRUST FUND GRANT APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$300,000.00 FOR PARK IMPROVEMENTS

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This is part of the master plan and the five year recreation plan. Items to be updated would be the stairs, playground equipment, basketball/tennis courts, which would all coincide with the addition of the non-motorized trail that will be coming through the township. There is a 25% local match with \$100,000. Volunteers and our DPW workers would work towards the local match figures. The Clerk read a letter from John McClean who is not in favor of the loan. There were several positive and supporting comments from those in attendance (Pat Leemon, Joy Saari, Jean Verbos, Lisa Hegbloom, Hope Tarnaski, and Debbie Janczak). The Supervisor explained the process for the loan. The township is in good financial position point wise, which is how the loans are assessed for feasibility. The hearing was closed at 5:20 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS – Richard McDermott asked about some type of road/dust treatment on Oak Lane. The board will look in to this.

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

PETITIONS – None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

FROM CLERK – Notice from the Department of Environmental Quality regarding Coliform Rule implementation; Letter from the Department of Treasury regarding the corrections to the AMAR deficiencies.

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

REPORTS – BOARDS & COMMITTEES

- 1. PAUD – This was a regular business meeting. A restructuring of rates and financing will not happen; businesses and residences continue talking with their congressman about the issue.
- 2. GRSWMA – The authority will be purchasing another garbage truck
- 3. GRWA – Treasurer Grenfell reported that the main topic was the Bessemer Project which may begin by October. Gathering easements seems to be a main problem at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 1. 911 COMMITTEE UPDATE – No update.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. RESOLUTION FOR DNR TRUST – MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Grenfell to approve of the Resolution for application of the \$300,000.00 in funds for park improvement. Township contribution would be in the amount of \$105,400. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.
- 2. BUDGET DRAFT – The Supervisor reviewed the draft as it currently stands. There has been input from the Clerk regarding updating of some cost centers. It was noted that the money coming in for the fire truck was placed in miscellaneous income.
- 3. WATER SYSTEM OPERATORS EDUCATION EXPENSE APPROVAL – Louis Sworab will need to attend an operator’s training in April. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Grenfell to approve of the expenses for attendance at the April training for Louis Sworab. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT – The Treasurer reviewed the accounts. There is approximately \$40,000. There is around one more week of collection for taxes and then any unpaid goes to the County Treasurer.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLL & MILEAGE –The following checks were presented for payment: General Fund: Check#11697-11722- \$15,604.73; Water Fund Checks #20595-20601- \$1313.70; Anvil Sewer: Check #-; Ramsay Sewer: Check#-; West End Sewer: Check #-\$. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Grenfell to approve payment of bills. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried. The Clerk noted the upcoming March 8 election, which will be held in the old library.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS

- 1. A comment was made regarding the water quality from the Chicago mine; it has a white film.

ADJOURNMENT - MOTION by Grenfell supported by Tarnaski to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 p.m. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

These minutes are respectfully submitted:

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