

Monday, January 11, 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 - Beverly Ikola-Trustee, Hope Tarnaski-Trustee, Jeff Randall-Supervisor, Debbie Janczak-Clerk. Absent: Jerry Grenfell-Treasurer. There was one elector present.

PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES - MOTION by Grenfell supported by Ikola to approve the minutes as presented from November 23, 2015 AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS – Supervisor Randall added item 10.D. Fire Department Purchases.

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

PETITIONS – None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

From Supervisor: Notice from Department of Licensing & Regulatory Affairs regarding the Michigan Public Service Commission Ceasing Video Franchise Operations; Notice from the Gogebic County Board of County Road Commissioners regarding Task Force No. 13B meeting on January 8, 2016.

From Clerk: Charter Communication notice of fees increases; Board of Review meeting minutes from December 15, 2015; Western UP Planning & Development Region Winter Newsletter. MOTION by Randall supported by Tarnaski to accept and place correspondence on file. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

REPORTS – BOARDS & COMMITTEES

1. PAUD – Supervisor Randall reported this was a regular business meeting. Jean Verbos is checking with the state regarding re-financing of the bond in order to lower utility payments for residents and business in this district.
2. GRSWMA – Supervisor Randall informed the board that they have ordered a new truck with a bed for roll off dumpsters. The money from the EVIP grant will be used for the purchase.
3. TRAIL AUTHORITY – There is work on the trails that will now go from Moore Street to Wakefield. There will be a need for an easement for approximately 500 feet of land through Jeff Elias's property.
4. The snowmobile trail was also discussed by the board.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. TIES/STICKERS TO REPLACE GARBAGE BAGS – The board heard from the Clerk and Supervisor about their findings on costs and various options. Samples of tags were given. At this time the bags are not that much more expensive to continue. This was weighed against having to public an entire new ordinance for a different method of collection that would have to be done. MOTION by Randall supported by Tarnaski to continue with the blue bags for garbage pick-up and authorize the clerk to place the order, which will last another two years (approximately). ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried. A future inquiry should be on getting ten bags per sleeve and what cost difference there would be as well as selling price.

NEW BUSINESS

1. 911 COMMITTEE UPDATE AND PETERSON RESIGNATION LETTER – Mike Peterson gave updates to the board as well as a handout on the make-up of the current committee. This will be changing in the near future. MOTION by Randall supported by Janczak to accept his resignation with appreciation for his many years of service. AYES: 3/NAYES: 1(Tarnaski); Motion carried.
2. UNION DISCUSSION – CLOSED SESSION – MOTION by Randall supported by Tarnaski to move to closed session at 6:00 p.m. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.
3. MOTION by Randall supported by Tarnaski to move out of the closed session at 6:26 p.m. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried. MOTION by Randall supported by Tarnaski to appoint the Supervisor and Clerk as representatives to meet with the union regarding negotiation issues. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.
4. RESOLUTION 125-16 – PA 152 COMPLIANCE – The Clerk presented the 2016 resolution for compliance of the health care act and for the township to opt out of the 80/20 requirement for its employees insurance contributions. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Ikola to approve the resolution as presented. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.
5. FIRE DEPARTMENT PURCHASES – Chief Saari has been looking at purchases and was going to present at this meeting. Supervisor Randall reviewed what the fire department is looking at and it is for six new composite fiberglass breathing apparatuses. The currently have eight. The transfer station will be purchasing two for the department because of the work they do in burning excess brush for the transfer station. Another purchase discussed was a commercial hood for over the stove. They are also still investigating the purchase of a new fire truck.

TREASURER’S REPORT – None.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLL & MILEAGE –The following checks were presented for payment: General Fund: Check#11600-11641- \$19,101.83; Water Fund Checks #20552-20574- \$23,959.13 Anvil Sewer: Check #1192-1193-\$4998.08; Ramsay Sewer: Check#2569-2573-\$4712.62; West End Sewer: Check #1142-\$3600.58. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Ikola to approve payment of bills. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried. A short discussion was had regarding an update to the township’s website and goals for the future as we come up to budget preparation for the 2017 fiscal year.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS

1. The board will be looking at the rental policy and reviewing forms needed.
2. Supervisor Randall informed the board that Michael Pope has now been appointed Judge and will no longer be representing the township. A new legal representative will have to be appointed. Tim Dean, Michael’s partner is a possibility.
3. There have been furnace issues over the weekend and Mukavitz is looking in to it. Louie has been coming in and trying to regulate the temperatures. There is an issue with a switch. A possible solution would be to install an automatic dialer when the temperature gets to a certain degree.
4. The Clerk noted that she will be gone from January 26-31. The Supervisor will be out of the office on January 12 in Baraga for a meeting.
5. Trustee Tarnaski inquired about the ditching that had never been completed on Stone Road.

ADJOURNMENT - MOTION by Ikola supported by Janczak to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

These minutes are respectfully submitted:

Debra A. Janczak, Bessemer Township Clerk