

REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD

Monday, January 13, 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 December 9, 2013. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS – None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Motion by Randall supported by Tarnaski to approve the agenda as amended. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

PETITIONS – None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Supervisor:

- BASA agendas for December 11, 2013 and January 8, 2014; minutes from November 13 and December 11, 2013.
- Daily pump schedule for December 2013.
- Public hearing for Northern States Electric on January 9 in Lansing.
- Letter and check from Enbridge for \$1000.00 to the fire department.

Clerk:

- Operation Action UP 50th anniversary meeting on January 21 in Marquette.

Treasurer: None.

Ikola: None.

Tarnaski: None.

MOTION by Randall supported by Grenfell to approve and place correspondence on file. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

REPORTS – BOARDS & COMMITTEES

E911 – None.

BESSEMER AREA SEWER AUTHORITY (BASA) – Supervisor Randall reported this was a regular business meeting.

GOGEBIC RANGE WATER AUTHORITY (GRWA) –Treasurer Grenfell reported that it was a regular business meeting with city of Bessemer issue and hydrant usage/placement. There was work done at the Mt. Joy tank to clear up the water.

POWDERHORN AREA UTILITY DISTRICT (PAUD) – Supervisor Randall reported this was a regular business meeting.

GOGEBIC RANGE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (GRSWA) – Supervisor Randall reported this was a regular business meeting.

VETERANS – None.

ASSESSOR – None.

MISCELLANEOUS – The Supervisor commented on the road commission meeting in which most township supervisors were in attendance. There will be a follow-up to the issues brought forth.

BLIGHT – None.

BEAUTIFICATION – None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

GARBAGE COLLECTION – The board was informed that the GRSWMA administrator is contacting an auditor to review the figures she has presented to the township. The board discussed future endeavors with the authority.

NEW BUSINESS

SEWER RATES – The Supervisor presented a report done by C2AE regarding Wastewater System User Charges. It is recommended that the township raise sewer rates, especially when looking ahead to the SAW grants. This can be done in smaller increments so as to not be a huge burden to residents all at one time.

GOGEBIC COUNTY SOLID WASTE PLAN RESOLUTION – The resolution would enable the county to both accept and export waste to all counties in Michigan. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Grenfell to approve of the resolution. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

TAX COLLECTION AGREEMENT – This is with the Wakefield/Marenisco School district and has no changes from the past. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Grenfell to approve of the tax collection agreement between Bessemer Township and the Wakefield/Marenisco School District. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

BOARD OF REVIEW TRAINING – Two possible locations and costs were reviewed by the board. The assessor current attends those session offered by UP Assessors Association. The cost is also significantly less. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Ikola to approve of the \$50.00 attendance fee and mileage for the current 3 member board of review committee to attend. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

BOARD OF REVIEW SCHEDULE – This was included in the agenda packet for board information. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Janczak to approve of the 2014 Board of Review schedule. AYES: 5; NAYES: none. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT – The treasurer reviewed the accounts. Approximately 700 taxes payments have been collected. Utility bills have also been mailed on the 2nd.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLL & MILEAGE - The following checks were presented for payment: General Fund: Check#10249-10295- \$22, 087.36; Anvil Sewer: Check #1138-\$6051.28; Ramsay Sewer: Check#2453-2455-\$933.28; West End Sewer: Check #1100-1101-\$3902.33; Water Fund Checks #19976-19998- \$4883.45. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Grenfell to approve payment of bills. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

The Clerk noted that new wages and vacation/sick time have been appropriated to the DPW workers per contract agreement. The attached P & L is tracking according to budget with no adjustments necessary. Also, she will be gone for the last meeting of the month.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS – The Supervisor updated the board on the fire department Christmas party, raffle and attached financial report.

Trustee Tarnaski noted that there was a shortage of funds for the MTA Christmas party in Marenisco. This will be discussed at next week's MTA meeting in Ironwood.

ADJOURNMENT - MOTION by Grenfell supported by Randall 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