

Monday, January 25, 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, Jeff Randall-Supervisor, Debbie Janczak-Clerk.
Absent: Jerry Grenfell-Treasurer. Absent: Beverly Ikola-Trustee. There were three electors and one guest present.

PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES - MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Grenfell to approve the minutes as presented from January 11, 2016 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 – None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

From Supervisor: Annual audit from Gogebic Range Solid Waste Management Authority.

From Clerk: Minutes from December 14, 2015 and annual calendar from 2015 from the Gogebic County Council for Veterans Affairs. Flyer for planning and zoning workshops downstate.

REPORTS – BOARDS & COMMITTEES

1. VA – Don Ormes gave figures on the amount of services that Gogebic County receives as well as ranking nine of out eighty three counties in support. The board thanked him for his service.
2. PAUD – Supervisor Randall reported this was a regular business meeting. They are still looking in to a lower payment option via the Department of Treasury.
3. GRSWMA – Supervisor Randall noted they were presented with the audit which was clean. Also was the approval for the authority to proceed with legal processes with the City of Bessemer.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. 911 COMMITTEE UPDATE – Supervisor Randall poled the fire department with no interest in serving. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Grenfell to approve of the cost to advertise for a township representative to the E911 committee. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.
2. UNION DISCUSSION – Supervisor Randall informed the union rep of the board's wishes to not proceed with any pay raise until negotiations are ongoing. There was no response to his email.

NEW BUSINESS

1. APPOINTMENT OF TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY – TIMOTHY DEAN – Motion by Tarnaski supported by Randall to appoint Timothy Dean as the township's new attorney. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.
2. DNR TRUST FUND GRANT/PARK RESTORATION – A representative from Coleman Engineering Company was present. Since the township now has a five year recreation plan, it is in a good position to apply for grants. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Grenfell to give approval for Coleman Engineering to move forward with the grant application with fees not to exceed \$4,000. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

3. LOT 17 BID – The Supervisor published the ad for bid for Lot 17 located in Anvil. One bid was received from Josh Elias for \$200.00. MOTION by Grenfell supported by Tarnaski to accept the \$200 bid for Lot 17 and to not that all closing costs involved with the sale of the lot are the responsibility of Josh Elias. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.
4. PAVILION RENTAL FORM – The Supervisor presented a new revised form for rental. Reviews of other area rental forms were also used. One correction should be made regarding the length of time that the rental can go until. This will be fixed on the form. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Grenfell to approve of the pavilion rental form. AYES: 4/NAYE: none. Motion carried.
5. LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR CHARTER – Charter Communications is combing with another company for service to the area and is looking for a letter of support. Surrounding municipalities have already sent letters. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Randall to approve of the Supervisor writing a letter of support. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.
6. TIRES FOR PICKUP TRUCK – The board reviewed two prices for tires for the Chevy truck. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Grenfell to leave the decision to the discretion of the Lean DPW man for purchase. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.
7. PROGRESS EDITION AD – the Board reviewed last year’s ad. They would like anew board picture and an update of the outside of the township hall. MOTION by Randall supported by Tarnaski to approve of the cost of the ad with updates. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT – The Treasurer reviewed the accounts. Utility bills have gone out. Taxes are due by the 15th of February with penalties being added on the 16th.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLL & MILEAGE –The following checks were presented for payment: General Fund: Check#11642-11669- \$15,613.41; Water Fund Checks #20575-20583- \$1674.08; Anvil Sewer: Check #-\$. Ramsay Sewer: Check#2574-2575- \$63.82; West End Sewer: Check #-\$. MOTION by Grenfell supported by Tarnaski to approve payment of bills. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Tamaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried. The Clerk noted that an anniversary card was sent to Louis Sworab for his 12 years of service; the garbage bags should be delivered within the next couple of days; she will be gone from the 27th until the 1st; AV ballots are now available, notices will be sent; new filing petitions and affidavits of identity were given to the board.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS

1. Trustee Tarnaski commented on a lack of correct pricing from the Christmas party dinner. She was waiting for a refund from Indianhead, which has not come yet.

ADJOURNMENT - MOTION by Grenfell supported by Tarnaski to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 p.m. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

These minutes are respectfully submitted:

Debra A. Janczak, Bessemer Township Clerk