

REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD

Monday, January 26, 2015 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. There were two electors present.

PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES - MOTION by Grenfell supported by Ikola to approve the minutes as presented from January 12, 2015. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS – Item 10. F. was added as Postage Machine.

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

PETITIONS – None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Supervisor: None.

Clerk:

- Gogebic County Council of Veterans Affairs December 2014 minutes.

Treasurer: None.

Ikola: None.

Tarnaski: None.

MOTION by Randall supported by Grenfell to accept correspondence and place on file. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

REPORTS – BOARDS & COMMITTEES

ROAD COMMISSION – None.

E911 – None.

BESSEMER AREA SEWER AUTHORITY (BASA) – None.

GOGEBIC RANGE WATER AUTHORITY (GRWA) – None.

4th of JULY – None.

POWDERHORN AREA UTILITY DISTRICT (PAUD) – Regular business meeting. They are waiting for the audit report.

GOGEBIC RANGE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (GRSWA) –Supervisor Randall reported that they did set up a committee, which is basically the board itself.

PLANNING COMMISSION –None.

FIRE DEPARTMENT –Supervisor Randall made a public note that the fire department does have generators in time of power outage if residents are in dire need.

MISCELLANEOUS – The power outage did have our DPW workers out and making sure that the sewer and water pumps continued to run. Thanks were expressed for such a good crew.

The currently is an issue with a fire hydrant in Ramsay. This is still being evaluated.

The Road Commission meeting reviewed spring projects. A discussion was had regarding the excess snow that is building on roadways between snow mobile trails. The road commission will be clearing these as best as they can. The groomers will also be notified.

VETERANS – Don Ormes noted that there are only 3 days a week that the bus is currently going to Iron Mountain.

ASSESSOR – None.

BEAUTIFICATION –None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

AUDITOR COMMITMENT – We are currently waiting for other proposals to be reviewed. This item remains tables.

EQUIPMENT FOR NEW PICK-UP – The Supervisor provided copies of actual equipment that has been requested and for which truck. The board reviewed the equipment. MOTION by Grenfell supported by Randall to approve quotes and equipment outlined in the agenda packet for an approximate amount of \$1478.59. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Grenfell, Randall, and Janczak. NAYES: Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION COMPLIANCE WITH PA152 OF 2011 – As a matter of updating the Clerk informed the board of the opt out option for the health care contribution amount for township employees. This is something we have done since Obama care has been enacted. MOTION by Grenfell supported by Ikola to approve of Resolution #123-15. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Grenfell, Randall, and Janczak. NAYES: Motion carried.

BOARD OF REVIEW APPOINTMENT – At the last board meeting the board omitted the re-appointing of the other two current members. MOTION by Randall supported by Janczak to re-appoint John Heikkinen and Dana Cebolski to the Board of review for a term of two years. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Grenfell, Randall, and Janczak. NAYES: Motion carried.

ANVIL SEWER EQUIPMENT – PUMP – One out of the two pumps available for Anvil sewer has failed and was in need of repair. The township should always have two working pumps on hand. MOTION by Grenfell supported by Ikola to approve of the \$3000.00 quote for a new pump for Anvil Sewer. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Grenfell, Randall, and Janczak. NAYES: Motion carried.

PURITAN FIRE HALL REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE – Supervisor Randall along with Steven Selin of the fire department informed the board of the leaking roof and mold that is occurring at this fire hall. The board discussed various options for replacement and repair. Another issue was who is responsible for the shoveling of the roof. The board concurred that it is the township's DPW responsibility as it is a township building and liability insurance is held on our DPW workers, not the fire department for this type of work. MOTION by Grenfell supported by Ikola for the cost to advertise for bids for a metal roof as well as repair of the mold on the walls inside the Puritan Fire Hall. The Supervisor will put together the bid for publication. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Grenfell, Randall, and Janczak. NAYES: Motion carried.

EXCESS INVENTORY – A list was included in the agenda packet to note that the old copier and fax machine (both Panasonics) are excess inventory. Chief Kuchinski also noted that the lift that was originally on the bus now used by the fire department should also be considered as excess. MOTION by Grenfell supported by Randall to place all three items as excess inventory. Also to advertise for bids to be received prior to the February 9th meeting. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Grenfell, Randall, and Janczak. NAYES: Motion carried.

POSTAGE MACHINE – The Clerk noted that the five year lease has expired and there is a need for an updated machine. Two machines were reviewed on with an automatic feeder that would cost approximately \$300.00 more per year. MOTION by Ikola supported by Randall to approve of the lease of the Pitney Bowes Machine DM400 for \$347.61 per quarter. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Grenfell, Randall, and Janczak. NAYES: Motion carried. The Clerk will get the contract signed and set up a delivery date.

TREASURER'S REPORT – The various accounts were reviewed. Utility bills are also coming in. The Treasurer asked the board for input on whether a maintenance contract should be purchased for the

new copy machine. This would include maintenance and supplies. He will check into this more and report back to the board via e-mail if necessary.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLL & MILEAGE –The following checks were presented for payment which included the new copy machine and the welding done to the garbage truck. General Fund: Check#10957-10982- \$17817.37; Water Fund Checks #20283-20292- \$1573.82; Anvil Sewer: Check #1167-\$88.50; Ramsay Sewer: Check#2516-\$14.50; West End Sewer: Check #1123-\$3569.00. MOTION by Randall supported by Ikola to approve payment of bills. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Grenfell, Randall and Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried. Also included in the agenda was the 3rd quarter Profit and Loss Statement. All accounts are tracking well and any journal entries will be done at year end.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS – None.

ADJOURNMENT - MOTION by Grenfell supported by Randall to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 p.m. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

These minutes are respectfully submitted:

Debra A. Janczak, Bessemer Township Clerk