

## BESSEMER TOWNSHIP BOARD

### REGULAR MEETING July 13, 2015 5:00 PM

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Jeff Randall and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Motion by Grenfell, supported by Randall to appoint Ms. Tarnaski to take minutes of the meeting in the absence of the Township Clerk.

ROLL CALL: Present: Grenfell, Randall, Ikola, and Tarnaski. Absent: Janczak.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES: Motion by Tarnaski, supported by Grenfell to approve the minutes of the meeting of 6/22/15 as presented. 4 Ayes Nays: None. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: Motion by Randall, supported by Grenfell, to approve the Agenda as presented. 4 Ayes. Nays: None. Motion carried.

PETITIONS: None.

#### COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1.) GO CO RD COMM: 6/24 RE: breakdown of PA 51 dollars for roads throughout Gogebic County
- 2.) MI Dept of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs RE: Mobile home parks and fees.
- 3.) GRWA RE: pumpage report for June
- 4.) GO CO RD COMM RE: Resolution regarding labor legislature/sharing with other gov entities
- 5.) DEQ RE: S2 Grant Project. Project is completed and DEQ has acknowledged satisfaction with the requirements as the project moves forward.

Motion by Randall, supported by Tarnaski to accept communications as presented and place on file. 4 Ayes, Nays: none. Motion carried.

#### REPORTS-BOARDS, COMMITTEES & OFFICES:

- 1.) BASA: No exceptional business before this committee.
- 2.) GRWA: Meeting was attended by rep. Grenfell on 7/9/15. Mr. Grenfell reported discussions regarding water quality supply reports (Satisfactory findings). Bernie Bernello will replace Gayla Salmi as Ironwood Township representative. Discussion was had.
- 3.) PAUD: Meeting forthcoming
- 4.) Bessemer Township 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee: Board discussion centered around the exceptional holiday festivities coordinated by this committee and commended them on a job well done. Discussion was had. MOTION by Tarnaski, supported by Ikola authorizing Supervisor to write a note of thanks to the committee as well as the Bessemer Township fire department commending them for their hard work and dedication for all to enjoy the Independence Day

festivities. Discussion was had regarding dedication of the Veterans' Memorial located in front of the Township Hall. While the memorial was already in place, the township has installed park benches, planters, flag standards, lighting, and a finished cement walkway area to feature the WWII memorial. Plans to rededicate this site are underway.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1.) Garbage truck/collections: Discussion was had. Supervisor reported the township's truck was in disrepair again and could not perform the scheduled pick up for the week. Proposal was submitted based upon prior discussion of subcontracting this service to GRSWMA and reviewed. Supervisor estimated 563 households for pickup. Mr. Grenfell requested review of this number, as our original projection was around 391. While the authority was able to discount from their former bid per household, the consensus was that the contract needed to be presented for approval and review and that for this week the crew would be instructed to complete the pickup as procedures would deem during any other time the truck was in disrepair unless the authority was able to pick up the route temporarily for the next two weeks until the contract could be presented and reviewed with full board present. MOTION by Tarnaski, supported by Grenfell, to authorize Supervisor to proceed with obtaining contract for review to both township attorney of record and board members. ROLL CALL VOTE AYES: Randall, Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- 2.) Blighted properties. Discussion was had. MOTION by Tarnaski, supported by Ikola to authorize Supervisor to proceed with the process as discussed. Roll call vote ayes: Grenfell, Randall, Tarnaski, Ikola. Nays: None. Motion carried.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- 1.) Ramsay Sewer Construction Change Order #1: Discussion was had regarding ditch project and drainage issues as well as manhole seals unanticipated during project bid resulting in higher costs. MOTION by Tarnaski, supported by Grenfell to accept and authorize the change order as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE AYES: Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Ikola. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- 2.) Ramsay Sewer Project Payment Request: Discussion was had. MOTION by Tarnaski, supported by Ikola, to authorize payment request as submitted. ROLL CALL VOTE AYES: Randall, Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- 3.) Road Repairs: Discussion was had. MOTION by Tarnaski, supported by Ikola, to accept and authorize projects as presented and stated in 3/9/15 correspondence to include East Harding from Elder .50 mi east (township share @ 60% \$23,160), Geneva Rd. .50 miles from Harding Rd. (township share @60% \$25650), and materials for patching of township roads (township share \$5000) ROLL CALL VOTE AYES: Randall, Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- 4.) MTA meeting. Discussion was had. Bessemer Township is the host this month. Location will be in Keystone Park. Preparations underway.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Grenfell reported auditor on site and progress is going well. Reports were given for all accounts as well as progress on tax collection and utility billing. The board thanked Mr. Grenfell for his report.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLL AND MILEAGE: Motion by Tarnaski, supported by Grenfell, to pay the bills as presented : General Fund Check # 11253 – 11317, \$28105.62; West End Sewer Fund Ck#1132; \$3590.05; Bessemer Township Water Fund Ck#20398-20422, \$16883.56, Ramsay Sewer Fund Ck#239-2540, \$664.57. MOTION by Tarnaski, supported by Grenfell to pay bills as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE AYES: Grenfell, Ikola, Randall, Tarnaski. Nays: None. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS: Discussion was had regarding several issues to include winner of 50/50 raffle over 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday, number of houses for garbage pickup, donations for festivities, review of current newsletter prepared by clerk, and current infrastructures in the township.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, MOTION by Grenfell, supported by Randall to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 PM. 4 Ayes. Nays: None. Motion carried.