

## BESSEMER TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING July 14, 2014

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Randall at 5:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL TRUSTEES PRESENT: Ikola, Grenfell, Randall, Tarnaski. Absent: Janczak. MOTION by Grenfell, supported by Ikola to appoint board member Tarnaski to record the minutes in the absence of the clerk. 4 Ayes. Nays: None. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES: Minutes of 6/23/14 were reviewed. MOTION by Grenfell, support by Randall to approve the minutes as presented. 4 Ayes. Nays: None. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: MOTION by Randall, support by Tarnaski to approve the agenda as presented. 4 Ayes: Nays: None. Motion carried.

PETITIONS: None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- a. BASA: Agenda 7/9/14 mtg.
- b. GRWA: June Daily Pumpage Report

MOTION by Randall, support by Grenfell to approve the receipt of communications as presented. 4 Ayes. Nays: None. Motion carried.

REPORTS-BOARDS, COMMITTEES, ETC.

- a. GRWA: City of Wakefield has appointed Mike Grayson as a new alternate member. Bob Blaskowski remains as their current representative, and John Granato as their member at large. Current projects are in progression mode. Powdermill Creek pump station was approved for paving due to weeds and plowing issues. Northwoods Paving will complete the work.
- b. BASA: City of Bessemer manager visited the plant. Planned improvements include a new roof and windows. Reports staff is motivated and engaged.
- c. Bessemer Township 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee: Committee is wrapping up from the holiday celebration. Board extends congratulation and appreciation on a spectacular job. BTVFD hosted the CIRCUS at the park on 7/13/14. Ticket sales were soft for the first event, but profit was still realized of \$173. Discussion was had on how to better market the event next year. Suggestions included tying in marketing with advertising during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July festivities. Supervisor Randall reported the BTVFD realized \$567.00 from liquor sales during the 5<sup>th</sup> of July activities.
- d. Roads: Work has begun on various roads per maintenance schedule. Discussion was had.
- e. Blight: Structure was burned in Anvil Hill location. Work continues on cleanup effort.
- f. MTA: Meeting changed from original scheduled date to July 29<sup>th</sup>. Bessemer Township is host with a planned potluck in the Ramsay Park. New District 1 representative will be present. Meeting scheduled to begin at 6:00 pm CST.
- g. Beautiful print of the Ramsay Park featuring the Eureka 4 Mine was donated to the township from Debbie Maki, local business owner of the Keystone Bar for several years. Debbie recently sold her business, and wanted to ensure that the historical print had a good home. The board extends their appreciation on behalf of the entire Township for her gift, and will display the print in the Township Hall.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. USDA/RD SEWER BUDGET: Discussion was had, and presentation of Ramsay Sewer rates and related issues were presented with Mr. Randy Scott. Process of approving the operating budget and specifics as related to the budget were reviewed in concurrence with the upcoming sewer improvement projects. A net change of \$4.50 a month will be anticipated. By October's meeting dates, a resolution must be passed to include the new rates; documents must be signed by the Clerk and Supervisor, and forwarded to Rural Development. Clerk should look to prepare the resolution in September Advertisement for the bond notice for the bond referendum must be 45 days prior to the anticipated closing in April. The first debt payment will be due six months from principal payment. Mr. Scott cautioned the board to ensure that they are ready for a possible Phase II Project. He requested the board move on acceptance of the proposed budget, signed the required documentation, and get it back to Brenda.

Approved

1. MOTION by Grenfell, supported by Randall to adopt the five year budget and the rate structure that supports it and authorize appropriate signatures on said document. ROLL CALL VOTE AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall. Nays: None. Absent: Janczak. Motion Carried. Documents will be signed, and rate will be implemented in October as discussed.

b. RIGHT OF WAY MAP CERTIFICATION:

Mr. Scott explained to the members present that this process involves them attesting the location of lines in public right of ways of easements as indicated on the documents presented for review. Said documentation has already been reviewed by our township atty., Michael Pope. Process includes certification that the maps are correct, signatures by the supervisor and clerk, corporate seal affixed to said documents, and forward of such to the atty. Atty then signs the opinion to record that the proper right of ways are in place for the project. Final process forwards all to the USDA. Discussion was had. MOTION by Grenfell, support by Tarnaski to approve the maps as presented attesting location of ROW on map as correct, and authorize signatures as such. MOTION by Grenfell, support by Tarnaski. ROLL CALL VOTE AYES: Grenfell, Randall, Ikola, Tarnaski. Nays: None. Motion carried. Absent: Janczak.

c. COMMUNITY ACTION/EDC CONTRIBUTION:

Discussion was had. Board is very pleased with the work done by Velda Scalfani, representing CAA for the township's economic development. MOTION by Tarnaski, supported by Grenfell to approve contribution of \$1200.00 and authorize signatures on contract as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE AYES: Randall, Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell. Nays: None. Motion Carried. Absent: Janczak.

d. NEW BTVFD MEMBER APPROVAL:

Discussion was had. Applications reviewed. MOTION by Tarnaski, supported by Ikola, to welcome Mr. Josh Elias back as an active member on the BTVFD, as well as new member Nathan Ozzello. ROLL CALL VOTE AYES:

Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Ikola. Nays: None. Motion carried. Absent: Janczak.

TREASURERS REPORT: Treasurer Jerry Grenfell gave a brief report including current tax and utility collections and their status. In addition, he reported to the board that the auditor has completed the onsite portion of the audit.

PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLL AND MILEAGE: MOTION by Grenfell, supported by Ikola to approve the bills, payroll and mileage expenses as outlined:

General Fund Check #10583-10644 totaling \$26533.32; Water Fund Check #20125-20145 totaling \$11787.43; Anvil Sewer Fund Check#1155 totaling \$176.03; Ramsay Sewer Fund Check#2484-2486 totaling: 11847.10, Anvil Sewer Fund Check #1155 totaling 176.03, and West End Sewer Fund Check#1111 totaling \$3569.00.

ROLL CALL VOTE AYES: Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Ikola. Nays: None. Motion carried. Absent: Janczak.

Profit and Loss Statement for first fiscal quarter was included in board packet for review from Clerk Janczak.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS: BTVFD Chief Kuchinski reported to the board that truck "Do Wa Ditty" is again in need of repair. The truck is aging and starting to realize increase maintenance costs. While even the Chief has an attachment to the truck that has so long been a faithful servant to the Township in fighting fires, the board discussed with Chief Brian the need to look to the future to replace the equipment. The board voiced their support in ensuring that the township has the proper equipment for the department.

In conclusion, general discussion was had in fielding questions regarding the proposed Ramsay Sewer Project, current road projects underway and definition of the SAW grant. There being no further business before the board, MOTION by Grenfell, supported by Ikola, to adjourn the meeting at 6:18 pm. 4 Ayes. Nays: None. Motion carried. Absent: Janczak.

Minutes prepared by Trustee Hope Tarnaski & Respectfully submitted by:

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Debra A. Janczak, Bessemer Township Clerk

Approved