

REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD

Monday, July 27, 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, Hope Tarnaski-Trustee, Jerry Grenfell-Treasurer, Jeff Randall-Supervisor, Debbie Janczak-Clerk. There were two electors present.

PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES - MOTION by Grenfell supported by Ikola to approve the minutes as presented from July 13, 2015 AYES: 5/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: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

PETITIONS – Supervisor Randall received a request for assistance in hook up water fees from Jerry Thomas on 2nd street. The board discussed the request. The township is unable to give any kind of assistance in the area as the rates are set and apply to everyone who has the ability to have water and sewer service. The Supervisor will contact Mr. Thomas.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Supervisor:

- None.

Clerk:

- An email from Eric Turnquist was noted; Mr. Turnquist also stopped in the clerk’s office to discuss the construction happening at the hospital. All permits and construction now go through the state.

Treasurer: None.

Ikola: None.

Tarnaski: None.

REPORTS – BOARDS & COMMITTEES

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT-On August 4th there will be a construction meeting with Cathi Cole. The project will include much of River Street, 4th, and Londo Road south.

ROAD CONSTRUCTION - Paving on Grant, Geneva and Harding road have begun with pulverization. They will also be chip sealed.

RAMSAY SEWER CONSTRUCTION PROJECT –Major construction should be down within the next two weeks, and then restoration will begin.

POWDERHORN AREA UTILITY DISTRICT – The Supervisor reported that this was a regular business meeting.

GOGEBIC RANGE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY –Tipping fees have been reduced from \$120 to \$108 per ton. This is being done on a two month trial. Members have been reimbursed for their contribution for the debt payoff. A discussion was had regarding the City of Bessemer’s request to pull out of the authority. According to an outside CPA review of the accounts the City is still obligated to contribute.

SNOW MOBILE TRAIL – It has been noted that the area around Plymouth Lake that is private property will not be accessible by snowmobile. This will redirect snow mobilers to come through

Ramsay Crossing and go across US2. The board discussed safety issues. The Supervisor will be talking with the Road Commission.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

GARBAGE TRUCK/COLLECTIONS – The board discussed the address list and billing process. The current solid waste driver will ride with either the Supervisor or the DPW Coordinator to have a better sense of the route and numbers involved. There will need to be several ads put into the newspapers prior to the change in dates and pick up schedules. The Clerk and Supervisor will coordinate this. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Ikola to adopt and approve signatures to the garbage proposal contingent on the points in question being resolved. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Ikola to approve of the publication of ads and schedule the notices for the collection and distribution as well as the cost for house to house flyers. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

4H PLATBOOK AD – MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Randall to approve of the ad with changes noted (text under pictures to read “Home of the Keystone Bridge on the Black River” as well as changing the font to Arial. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

SECTION 3 POLICY – This is needed to proceed with any economic development for the township. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Grenfell to approve with the appropriate signatures. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION TERM – Jim Scholar has agreed to continue with another three year term. Hope Tarnaski has also agreed to another term. MOTION by Janczak supported by Grenfell to approve of the appointment of Jim Scholar and Hope Tarnaski to the Planning Commission for a 3 year term. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT – The Treasurer reviewed the accounts. At this point around 350 tax bills have been collected. Utility bill have gone out on July 1st. Past due notices will be going out. The auditor is almost finished.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLL & MILEAGE –The following checks were presented for payment: General Fund: Check#11318-11341- \$15,817.72; Water Fund Checks #20423-20433- \$2397.30; Anvil Sewer: Check #1183-\$4060.84; Ramsay Sewer: Check#2541-\$15.58; West End Sewer: Check #1133-\$253.92; Ramsay Construction Account: Check # -\$. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Grenfell to approve payment of bills. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS – None.

ADJOURNMENT - MOTION by Grenfell supported by Tarnaski to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

These minutes are respectfully submitted:

Debra A. Janczak, Bessemer Township Clerk