

REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD

Monday, June 9, 2014 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. In addition there were four electors present.

PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES - MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Randall to approve the minutes as presented from May 12, 2014. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING - *The board moved into public hearing at 5:03 p.m. Supervisor Randall discussed the section of the township that makes up the West End. Grand View hospital, Range Animal hospital as well as some of the houses off of US2. The reason for the increase in rates is due to the increase incurred by the township from the Bessemer Area Sewer Authority. Because the township is basically a pass through for the account, it too needs to recover these costs. The proposed new rate is \$6.00 per thousands of gallons of water used. Public hearing was closed at 5:14 p.m. and the board moved into its regular meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS – None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Motion by Randall supported by Tarnaski to approve the agenda as presented. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

PETITIONS – None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Supervisor:

- Agenda from May 14 and June 10 and minutes from April 9 and May 14, 2014 from the Bessemer Area Sewer Authority.
- Notice from Marenisco Township regarding their Intent to Prepare a Master Plan.
- Letter from John McLean requesting that his garbage pick-up be reinstated.
- Letter from Gogebic Community College regarding Gus Whalen who will be giving a presentation to local businesses on June 9, 2014.
- Notice from Northern States Power Company on June 11 at 9am in Lansing.
- Notice from the Gogebic County Road Commission stating that spring road restrictions will be lifted on ALL roads effective June 5, 2014. (Also a past notice regarding the lifting on blacktop roads effective May 27).
- Daily Pumping report from May from GRWA.

Clerk:

- MTA notice on an opening for a representative in our district.

Treasurer: None.

Ikola: None.

Tarnaski: None.

MOTION by Randall supported by Grenfell to accept correspondence and place on file. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

REPORTS – BOARDS & COMMITTEES

ROAD COMMISSION – None.

E911 – None.

BESSEMER AREA SEWER AUTHORITY (BASA) – None.

GOGEBIC RANGE WATER AUTHORITY (GRWA) –

POWDERHORN AREA UTILITY DISTRICT (PAUD) – Supervisor Randall reported that the April meeting was cancelled and the May meeting was a regular business meeting.

GOGEBIC RANGE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (GRSWA) –Supervisor Randall reported that they are using the new hauler to Escanaba. This is working well. The main issue at hand is the fact that the new trailer is slightly longer than the actual building. They have to leave the door open at this time. The possible of putting on an addition is being discussed.

4th of JULY – the committee has been busy working on set-up. The block drive was successful bringing in over \$1,000.00. The flyers are being printed with the schedule. June 12 will be a fund raiser at the Pit Stop for beef sandwiches.

FIRE DEPARTMENT – They are currently working on the circus scheduled for July 13th. Posters have been placed around town.

MISCELLANEOUS –The flag poles have been received but are the wrong type. New ones have been ordered. This will not be up in time for the 4th of July.

ROADS – Darren Pionk and the Supervisor have been doing their drive around to rate the roads in need of repair. Some areas that need patches will be done in the next few days.

The part time summer workers that were hired are doing well. They will be focusing their work in the park for preparation of the 4th.

BLIGHT – Notices will be going out tomorrow.

VETERANS – None.

ASSESSOR – None.

BEAUTIFICATION –There was a park work bee on May 31st.

PLANNING COMMISSION –An open house is scheduled for June 10 at 5pm in the township’s old library.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

WEST END SEWER RATES – The increase needs to be passed so that the township can be on track with the rates that they are being charged by BASA. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Grenfell to approve of the \$6.00 per thousands of gallons of water new rate to be effective back to April 1, 2013. Pending legal counsel and giving approval to the Treasurer to work with those customers who will need some type of payment arrangement. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

SEWER FUND REPAYMENT RESOLUTION – The Township needs to come up with a payback agreement from West End Sewer to the water fund. The Clerk and Treasurer provided a payment agreement. MOTION to table until next meeting. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

WATER QUALITY REPORTS – There are no issues to report for the water in the township for Puritan Location/West US2, City of Bessemer water source, Puritan Location/West US2, Charter Township of Ironwood, Ramsay and Anvil, Puritan Location/West US2, and the Gogebic Range Water Authority, City of Wakefield source. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Grenfell to accept the reports and place on file. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION TERM – Walt Rickard has expressed interest in the continuation of his term. **MOTION** by Tarnaski supported by Grenfell to re-appoint Walt Rickard to the Planning Commission as well as send our thanks for his service to the township. **ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES:** Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. **NAYES:** none. Motion carried.

BOARD OF REVIEW PAY – It was brought to the Clerk’s attention that when some of the current board members were brought into office they received a payroll check in the next fiscal year, even though they had performed services in the previous year. The board discussed how payment should be handled and that a policy will need to be written up. At this time Russ Nyman should be receiving another payroll check to cover his services through the December board of review meeting. The Clerk will write the check and John Heikkinen will contact Russ about his continuation through December.

TREASURER’S REPORT – The Treasurer reviewed the accounts. A print out of the various West End sewer accounts and their balances were provided. Utility bills will be going out July 1st. Open invoices total around \$20,000 which is normal for this period of time.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLL & MILEAGE - The following checks were presented for payment: General Fund: Check#10517-10554- \$21,605.36. Anvil Sewer: Check #1152-1153-\$988.63; Ramsay Sewer: Check#2475-2478-\$2327.74; West End Sewer: Check #1108-1109-4222.35; Water Fund Checks #20096-20113- \$13,018.01. **MOTION** by Tarnaski supported by Grenfell to approve payment of bills. **ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES:** Tarnaski, Ikola, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. **NAYES:** none. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS – One of the properties the township has been trying to acquire was purchased. This is the one on River St in which a minimum price was paid.

Richard McDermott requested that the township look into dust control on his road. The Supervisor will get a price on chip seal.

The Clerk discussed the consolidation survey and how the GOISD had not listed Bessemer Township, Wakefield Township and was in error in listing Marenisco as a city. This was not a good thing and many people made note when they sent back their survey.

ADJOURNMENT - **MOTION** by Grenfell supported by Tarnaski to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m. **AYES:** 5/**NAYES:** none. Motion carried.

These minutes are respectfully submitted:

Debra A. Janczak, Bessemer Township Clerk