

REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD

Monday, March 10, 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

*Hope Tarnaski, Jerry Grenfell-Treasurer, Jeff Randall-Supervisor, Debbie Janczak-Clerk. Beverly Ikola-Absent. In addition there were two electors present.

PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES - MOTION by Grenfell supported by Randall to approve the minutes as presented from February 24, 2014. AYES: 3/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS – None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Motion by Randall supported by Janczak to approve the agenda as presented. AYES: 3/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

PETITIONS – None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Supervisor:

- Wastewater notification of payment schedule for pre-paid tipping fees.
- Pumping report from February 2014 from Gogebic Range Water Authority.
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Clerk: None.

Treasurer: None.

Ikola: None.

Tarnaski: None.

Motion by Grenfell supported by Randall to accept and place communications on file. AYES: 3/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

REPORTS – BOARDS & COMMITTEES

E911 – None.

BESSEMER AREA SEWER AUTHORITY (BASA) – None.

GOGEBIC RANGE WATER AUTHORITY (GRWA) – None.

POWDERHORN AREA UTILITY DISTRICT (PAUD) – None.

GOGEBIC RANGE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (GRSWA) – Supervisor Randall reported that they are waiting to hear on a bid for the City of Ironwood’s collection. They are meeting tonight.

VETERANS – None.

ASSESSOR – None.

*MISCELLANEOUS – We are up to ten customers that are on a let run order for water.

BLIGHT – None.

BEAUTIFICATION – None.

PLANNING COMMISSION – None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

FY 2015 BUDGET DRAFT – The Supervisor noted only minimal changes to the budget. The tentative taxable value did increase slightly. The board of review is this Wednesday and Thursday. Motion by Grenfell supported by Tarnaski to approve of the budget for presentation and public viewing prior to the March 24 annual meeting. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

PLANNING COMMISSION – RECREATIONAL COMMITTEE- Supervisor Randall reported that the commission voted to also serve as the recreational committee for the upcoming recreational planning in order to qualify the township for grants. Motion by Randall supported by Grenfell to approve of the appointment of the new Recreational Committee (which is the current Planning Commission). AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR WATER OPERATOR – There is a conference coming up in May for continuing education for Louis Sworab. Motion by Tarnaski supported by Randall to approve of the attendance and mileage costs for Louis Sworab to participate in the conference. ROLL CALL VOTE: Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT – The treasurer reviewed the accounts. Tax season is done and reconciliation from the County Treasurer will be coming. April 1st utility bills will be sent out. He will be reviewing those accounts with let run orders on to make adjustments.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLL & MILEAGE - The following checks were presented for payment: General Fund: Check#10379-10403- \$21,380.41; Anvil Sewer: Check #1146-\$130.03; Ramsay Sewer: Check#2461-2463-\$511.96; West End Sewer: Check #1103-\$3569.00; Water Fund Checks #20027-20037- \$9865.01. MOTION by Grenfell supported by Tarnaski to approve payment of bills. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

The Clerk noted that it is time to purchase the upgrade for Quick books. This hasn’t been done in four years. MOTION by Grenfell supported by Randall to approve the purchase of QuickBooks upgrade not to exceed \$1,000.00 and to include the upgrade of the payroll program as well. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

Also the Clerk and Treasurer have been reviewing a change in carrier for the phones. An offer from Charter to bundle both internet (at a faster speed) and the phone lines was receive and would save the township a substantial amount each month. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Randall to authorize the purchase and changeover of the phone system for bundling/savings. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS – The next meeting date will also be the township’s annual meeting prior to the regular business meeting.

Supervisor Randall noted the fire department budget/expense report included in the agenda packet.

Information on Jamie Piete, Ironwood Township’s Fire Chief’s funeral was shared with the board. This is a great loss for the community.

Don Ormes noted that there was not VA meeting last month due to the cold. John Frello has been publishing articles in the Wakefield News/Bessemer Pick ‘n Axe. There are approximately 42 disabled veterans in our area that would be able to take advantage of the tax credit being offered.

ADJOURNMENT - MOTION by Grenfell supported by Tarnaski to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 p.m. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

These minutes are respectfully submitted:

Debra A. Janczak, Bessemer Township Clerk