

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD**

Monday, November 11, 2013 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-Absent, Jeff Randall-Supervisor, Debbie Janczak-Clerk. There were two electors present.

**PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES** - MOTION by Ikola supported by Randall to approve the minutes as presented from October 28, 2013. 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: None.

Clerk:

- Public Hearing notice from the Environmental Protection Agency for December 11 in Lansing regarding revisions to the state clean water act.
- Request from the Gogebic-Ontonagon Intermediate School District for continuation of tax collection for the summer of 2014. MOTION by Randall supported by Ikola to approve the tax collection agreement with a 1% administration fee collected by the township. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.
- Monthly pump report for October from GRWA.

Treasurer: None.

Ikola: None.

Tarnaski: None.

MOTION by Randall supported by Janczak to accept communications and place 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) – None.

VETERANS – None.

ASSESSOR – None.

MISCELLANEOUS –None.

BLIGHT – None.

BEAUTIFICATION – None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS\***

RAMSAY SEWER – Randy Scott from C2AE was present for an update to the process of SAW grant application. This will follow the same basic format as the current S2 grant. There will be a contingency and if the project is not moved on within three years the township will be responsible to pay any monies back. Current funding options include the Rural Development Authority or the State Revolving Fund. The first does have some stipulations for qualification while the later does not. Mr. Scott reviewed the interest rates and terms for each entity. It is

required that the township contact a Financial Advisor (like Warren Cramer in Traverse City) to help get the township's bond rate. A time line for updates was reviewed that included projects to be completed within the first one through five years. December 2<sup>nd</sup> is the due date for the first round of applications for the grant to be reviewed. The money currently available could very well be allocated after the first round so the township was encouraged to get all of the paperwork in order.

- MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Randall to give the authorization to sign the engineering agreement with C2AE. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.
- MOTION by Randall supported by Janczak to approve the SAW Grant Resolution. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.
- MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Randall to approve the process for application for the State Revolving Fund and acceptance of the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter schedule for projects as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

Another item to be taken care of is to get the sewer lines into the public right *of* away. There are still several within the township that need to be reviewed. The compliance letter for regarding the SSO needs to be reviewed for future projects and their costs.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

BESSEMER TOWNSHIP UTILITY LIENS –MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Janczak to approved of the process for tax liens of the list to be provided by the treasurer and vote to be taken via voice poll. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

PAUD UTLITY LIENS – MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Randall to approve of the process for tax liens for the enclosed list of utility customers. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

BESSEMER TOWNSHIP APPOINTMENT TO GRWA – MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Janczak to reappoint Walter Rickard to the GRWA per his letter of interest. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried. The supervisor will write a letter of notification.

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR TRAIL AUTHORITY – MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Randall to approve of a re-draft of the sample resolution provided by the City of Wakefield for support. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN – The Clerk provided the resolution she received from the county. A copy of the entire mitigation plan document was also sent to her and will be disbursed to the board. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Ikola to approve the adoption of the Gogebic County's Hazard Mitigation Plan. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION DECLARING DEPOSITORIES – A change from Republic Bank to *First Merit Bank* was noted. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Randall to approve the list of depositories as revised. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

PUBLICATION RESOLUTION – MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Janczak to approve of the 2014 publication resolution. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

NOTICE OF TOWNSHIP MEETINGS – MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Ikola to approve of the 2014 list of meeting dates. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

NEWSLETTER – The clerk presented a draft of the winter 2013-14 newsletter. It was suggested to add information on the Trail Authority.

The board discussed the changing of the name of the Bessemer Township/Ramsay Heritage committee to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee. This has been discussed at their meetings. What repercussions are there with bank statements and insurance coverage? This will be reviewed and a formal request should come to the board from the committee.

**TREASURER’S REPORT** – None.

**APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLL & MILEAGE** – The Clerk noted that the bathroom project and the Keystone Road project are both being paid. Also the asbestos testing on the Ward House. The following checks were presented for payment: General Fund: Check#10175-10203- \$51,794.76; Anvil Sewer: Check #-\$\$; Ramsay Sewer: Check#2449-2450-\$46.65; West End Sewer: Check #1098-\$3569.00; Water Fund Checks #19942-19954- \$11,253.00. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Randall to approve payment of bills. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS** – the financial report for the fire department is also included in the agenda packet.

**ADJOURNMENT** - MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Randall to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

These minutes are respectfully submitted:

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Debra A. Janczak, Bessemer Township Clerk