

REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD

Monday, November 23, 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 was one elector present.

PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES - MOTION by Grenfell supported by Tarnaski to approve the minutes as presented from November 9, 2015 AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

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 – Supervisor Randall had a conversation with a resident regarding hunting on Township land. The board discussed the issue. This is not an approved activity especially with the non-motorized trails coming through in the future and the lack of safety for area residents as well as liability issues.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Supervisor: None.

Clerk: None.

Treasurer: None.

Ikola: None.

Tarnaski: None.

REPORTS – BOARDS & COMMITTEES

NON-MOTORIZED TRAIL – Trustee Ikola noted that there was a look at possible extension sites. There will be a sale of mile markers for area business to purchase and they are selling fast.

PAUD – Supervisor Randall noted this was a regular business meeting. Some owners are currently in conversation with state representatives about the high cost of utility bills.

GRSWMA – The new tipping rates are still holding well. There was a 2% increase approved for the administrator reported Supervisor Randall.

BASA – There has been a change on the board as a result of the City elections. There is still question about signage for the snowmobile trail.

GRWA – Treasurer Grenfell reported this was a regular pay the bills meeting.

CDBG – The project is coming is an end.

SEWER – This will be suspended over the winter months. The new fence around the lagoon will take place in the spring. There has been an issue with an area resident's sewer line. It was discovered that the dwelling actually had two runs coming to the house. Some water damage occurred and the township will be taking care of the clean-up.

Also the township pickup truck incurred some damage when a truck from Snow Country slid in to them. The insurance company will be taking care of the damages (from Snow Country).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS

BESSEMER TOWNSHIP DELINQUENT TAX LIENS – The Treasurer reviewed the list presented. This is slightly lower than last year’s. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Janczak to approve of the list to be place on tax liens. . ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

RAMSAY SEWER PROJECT APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS – The board reviewed the payment request included in the agenda. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Ikola to approve of the payments of \$6994.15 to C2AE and \$103,825.77 to Snow Country Contracting. . ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

BLACK JACK FIRE WORKS APPLICATION – The hill does fireworks on New Year’s Eve every year. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Grenfell to approve the application. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR WUPPDR – This letter was emailed to the board for prior approval. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Grenfell to approve the voice poll for the letter of support. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

CALENDAR OF BOARD MEETINGS – The Clerk presented the 2015-16 calendar of meeting dates. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Ikola to approve the meeting dates presented. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT – The Treasurer reviewed the accounts. The board reviewed the letter with accounts to be written off for bankruptcy fillings. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Janczak to approve of the list of write offs totaling \$6237.00. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.
The taxes will be printed within the next week and will be mailed by December 1st.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLL & MILEAGE –The following checks were presented for payment: General Fund: Check#11526-11556- \$16,861.94; Water Fund Checks #20526-20533- \$2108.52; Anvil Sewer: Check #-\$. Ramsay Sewer: Check#2563-2564-\$111.62; West End Sewer: Check #-\$. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Ikola to approve payment of bills. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried. The Clerk referred to a handout included in the agenda packet that lists filing dates for the 2016 elections. Also the DPW & offices will be closed on Thursday & Friday the 26 & 27 for Thanksgiving. The Clerk will be working on Tuesday evening of that week.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS – Supervisor Randall informed the board that he will be out of town until next Tuesday. Louie is also off. Jean Verbos will be helping with duties, etc. during this time.

There is a need to replenish the grinder pumps that Anvil Sewer had in reserve. The last one has been used. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Randall to approve the purchase of two new grinder pumps. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

A reminder was made for the MTA Christmas party held on December 10th beginning at 5:30 with the cost of \$20 per person.

ADJOURNMENT - MOTION by Grenfell supported by Tarnaski to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

These minutes are respectfully submitted:

Debra A. Janczak, Bessemer Township Clerk

Approved