

REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD

Monday, October 13, 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. There were two electors present.

PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES - MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Grenfell to approve the minutes as presented from September 22, 2014 and special meeting of September 25, 2014. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS – Item 10.D. New Employee Hire was added.

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

PETITIONS – None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Supervisor:

- Letter from Gogebic Community Action Agency and the resignation of Velda Scalfini.
- Agenda for Bessemer Area Sewer Authority for October 8, 2014.
- Daily pump report from September from GRWA.
- Letter from Wakefield Township regarding public hearing on the 22nd of October regarding the hotel and casino possibilities at Indianhead Mountain.
- Letter from Dennis Ellis regarding UP Wolf Management.
- Invitation to Aspirus' ER Open house on October 2 from 5-7pm.

Clerk:

- Miss Dig meeting notice.

Treasurer: None.

Ikola: None.

Tarnaski: None.

MOTION by Randall supported by Janczak 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) – Jean Verbos reported this was a regular business meeting.

GOGEBIC RANGE WATER AUTHORITY (GRWA) – Jerry Grenfell reported this was a regular business meeting.

4th of JULY – None.

POWDERHORN AREA UTILITY DISTRICT (PAUD) – None.

GOGEBIC RANGE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (GRSWA) –None.

PLANNING COMMISSION –None.

FIRE DEPARTMENT –Supervisor Randall reported that they are looking into a new fire truck. Also the state is not providing funding for training.

MISCELLANEOUS –

VETERANS – None.

ASSESSOR – None.

BEAUTIFICATION –None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

EARLY BOND – The Clerk provided a breakdown of the cost for payoff of the two outstanding Ramsay Sewer Bonds. At this time the payout would be over \$179,000 between the two of them. This would not be a good financial move for the township at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

ROAD PATCHING EQUIPMENT – Supervisor Randall informed the board that the Road Commission was proposing that area townships pitch in for the purchase of this equipment. The board had a long discussion with many questions. These will also be brought before the MTA chapter meeting next week. The cost would be approximately \$11,000 per entity.

FALL CLEAN UP – MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Randall to approve publication for Friday, October 24, 2014 for the fall clean up. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

FIRST RESPONDER AD – MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Grenfell to approve of the cost of publication to thank our volunteer fire department. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

NEW EMPLOYEE HIRE – Jean Verbos requested that Beau Rajala be put on full time permanent employee status. He has been with the township for many years and would be a great asset. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Janczak to approve of the hiring to full time for Beau Rajala. He will need to obtain his CDL license within six months of employments. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT – The Treasurer’s reviewed current account balances. The General Fund was overdrawn. This was in part due to the larger amount of set aside money that was placed in accounts this year. The current status of the CD was reviewed. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Ikola to approve of the moving of \$190,000 from the CD Acct#15246 to the General Fund checking account #13375. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

Utility bills are still showing \$85,000 still outstanding.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLL & MILEAGE – The Clerk noted that the road projects came in \$3800.00 below quote. The following checks were presented for payment: General Fund: Check#10767-10796- \$92,466.30; Water Fund Checks #20200-20218- \$38,402.45; Anvil Sewer: Check #-; Ramsay Sewer: Check#2499-2500-\$142.00; West End Sewer: Check #1117-1118-\$3584.48. 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 will be out of the office from the 16th to the 20th. Her Deputy will be checking for absentee ballot requests.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS – MTA is in Wakefield on the 21st. The fire department account was reviewed.

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