

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD**

Monday, September 2, 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 five electors and one guest present.

**PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES - MOTION** by Grenfell supported by Ikola to approve the minutes as presented from September 8, 2014. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

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**PUBLIC HEARING – 5:02 p.m.**

The board moved into the public hearing to hear comments on the proposed rate increase for Ramsay Sewer customers and those in the City of Wakefield served by this line. The Supervisor reviewed the need for the increase due to the current SSO that is in place. This is also needed to qualify for grants as well as to meet deadline dates. The total increase in monthly charges would be \$4.00 and \$13.50 per quarter. It was requested by the public to look at what the current payoff would be for the loans in Ramsay Sewer. The Clerk will look into this. (this was reviewed several years ago) Public hearing was closed at 5:15 p.m.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS** – None.

**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 regarding the Frozen Rundra on December 6, 2014.
- Farmland preservation plan notice from Vilas County Land & Water Conservation.

Clerk:

- Meeting schedule for 2014-15 for Gogebic Community Action Agency.

Treasurer: None.

Ikola: None.

Tarnaski: None.

**MOTION** by Randall supported by Tarnaski 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)** – Resignation of Mike Peterson was accepted and Darren Pionk was appointed to take his place. Warrant issues were also a subject of discussion. 4<sup>th</sup> of JULY – None.

**POWDERHORN AREA UTILITY DISTRICT (PAUD)** – Supervisor Randall reported that the next year’s budget, which starts in October, was approved.

**GOGEBIC RANGE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (GRSWA)** –Supervisor Randall updated the board on the request from the City of Bessemer’s manager to set up a meeting with Eagle

Waste. The authority did not feel it necessary and will open their meeting to the company's attendance if they wish.

PLANNING COMMISSION –None.

FIRE DEPARTMENT –None.

MISCELLANEOUS –

VETERANS – None.

ASSESSOR – None.

BEAUTIFICATION –Velda reported on the work done in the park this year. Upkeep is necessary so that overgrowth doesn't happen again. There are some opportunities for grant money to create an Aquatic Habitat that would increase water pooling in the park. Insurance review would need to be done as well. Tree stump removal was discussed in the park. Future projects were also noted. MOTION by Ikola supported by Tarnaski to have the Clerk contact an outside agency regarding the removal of the tree stump and dirt. A voice pole may be done if necessary for approval of funds to proceed. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

RAMSAY SEWER RATES – Payoff of the loans will be looked into. MOTION By Grenfell supported by Tarnaski to accept the resolution as proposed effective October 1, 2014 with the billing of January 1, 2015 with the exception of those residents in the City of Wakefield who will receive their on October 30, 2014. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND SPECIAL MEETING SET FOR 9-25-14 AT 7PM – This will be for approval of progressing with a grant request for water line repair on River Road due to this past winter's freeze. The township's portion will be 20% of the total amount proposed.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT – GIS DATA (RELATED TO SAW GRANT) – MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Grenfell to accept and authorize proper signatures. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

CHARITABLE GAMING RESOLUTION – The Aspirus Grand View hospital is looking at holding a raffle. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Janczak to approve of the request. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT – The Treasurer's reviewed current account balances. 1% penalty went on effective September 15, 2014. A comparison was made from last year to this year's collection numbers and they are the same.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLL & MILEAGE - The following checks were presented for payment: General Fund: Check#10746-10766- \$11,208.95; Water Fund Checks #20190-20199- \$6388.63; Anvil Sewer: Check #-\$. Ramsay Sewer: Check#2497-\$15.52; 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS – MTA is in Watersmeet on Tuesday.

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:

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Debra A. Janczak, Bessemer Township Clerk

Accepted

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD**

Monday, September 8, 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, Jerry Grenfell-Treasurer, Jeff Randall-Supervisor, Debbie Janczak-Clerk.

Absent: Hope Tarnaski-Trustee. There was one electors present.

**PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES - MOTION** by Grenfell supported by Ikola to approve the minutes as presented from August 25, 2014. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS** – None.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Motion** by Randall supported by Grenfell to approve the agenda as presented. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

**PETITIONS** – None.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Supervisor:

- Pumping report from August 2014 from GRWA.
- Notice of public hearing from Xcel Energy for September 9 & 11 in Lansing.
- Memo from the DNA regarding changes in the Commercial Forest regarding hunting and trapping.

Clerk: None.

Treasurer: None.

Ikola: None.

Tarnaski: None.

**MOTION** by Randall supported by Janczak to accept correspondence and place on file. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

**REPORTS – BOARDS & COMMITTEES**

ROAD COMMISSION – None.

E911 – None.

BESSEMER AREA SEWER AUTHORITY (BASA) – None.

GOGEBIC RANGE WATER AUTHORITY (GRWA) – None.

4<sup>th</sup> of JULY – None.

POWDERHORN AREA UTILITY DISTRICT (PAUD) – None.

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

PLANNING COMMISSION –None.

FIRE DEPARTMENT –None.

**MISCELLANEOUS** – The new truck for the DPW has been ordered. Some other parts (e.g. plow attachment, etc.) will need to be ordered once the truck is received.

This is a blight issue that is currently going through litigation. The board will be updated of the process.

There are two variance requests that will be put before the planning commission.

Information was shared regarding a local resident who lives across from the park and how he took it upon himself to cut trees that were blocking his view of the park. The Supervisor will send a letter regarding approval for any type of work to be done on township property.

The concrete work on the ramp has been started. Coloring of the concrete is still to be done.

Accepted

The DPW is currently working with C2ae on location of man holes.

A resident applied for the poverty exemption but did not qualify in addition to deadlines being passed.

VETERANS – None.

ASSESSOR – The Supervisor and Assessor are working on the street name/address changes in Ramsay.

BEAUTIFICATION –None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

EQUIPMENT PURCHASE – The list previously received by the board from the DPW department is nothing that has an immediate need. MOTION by Grenfell supported by Randall to untable this issue. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried. This will be discussed when needed at a future date.

**NEW BUSINESS**

SET A PUBLIC HEARNG FOR POSSIBLE RAMSAY SEWER RATE INCREASE – This needs to be done by the beginning of October. MOTION by Randall supported by Grenfell to set September 22 at 5:00 p.m. for the public hearing with regular meeting to follow. The proposed increase will be \$4.00 per month per Ramsay resident (which includes Verona location). ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT – The Treasurer’s reviewed current account balances. The taxes are coming in with 1015 being paid. Jerry thanked the board for their understanding of his absences.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLL & MILEAGE - The following checks were presented for payment: General Fund: Check#10723-10745- \$9439.00 (check #10743 was void); Water Fund Checks #20178-20188- \$8000.67; Anvil Sewer: Check #1158-\$99.50; Ramsay Sewer: Check#2494-2496-\$638.59; West End Sewer: Check #1115-1116-\$3824.43. MOTION by Grenfell supported by Ikola to approve payment of bills. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS – None.

ADJOURNMENT - MOTION by Grenfell supported by Ikola to adjourn the meeting at 5:49 p.m. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

These minutes are respectfully submitted:

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Debra A. Janczak, Bessemer Township Clerk