

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD**

Monday, September 23, 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, Jeff Randall-Supervisor, Debbie Janczak-Clerk. Absent: Jerry Grenfell-Treasurer. There were fourteen electors present.

**PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES**

MOTION by Randall supported by Ikola to approve the minutes as presented from September 9, 2013. AYES: 3/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

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**PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING RE-ADDRESSING ON VERONA AND HIGHLAND**

Supervisor Randall introduced Jim Loeper E-911 Coordinator and his assistant Heidi. This has become an issue as a result of packages being sent to wrong addresses. After more history on the current situation the public was able to ask various questions.

It was noted that any changes made may take up to a full year to take effect throughout the various organizations that use street addresses. \*

The township does currently have a housing numbering ordinance; however some roads are not definite in their location.

Mr. Loeper noted that people would not need to change their current check addressing or tax statements. Most will continue to use their post office boxes, but for delivery and emergency purposes the addresses would be cleaned up and become more consistent.

Actual road signs would also need to be changed.

The public hearing portion ended at 6:00 p.m.

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION by Randall supported by Janczak to approve the agenda as presented. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

**PETITIONS – None.**

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Supervisor:

- BASA agenda for September 11, 2013 and minutes from August 14, 2013.
- Notice from the DEQ regarding a permit for the Wolverine Nordic Ski Area.

Clerk: None.

Treasurer: None.

Ikola: None.

Tarnaski: None.

MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Randall to accept and place on file all communication. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

**REPORTS – BOARDS & COMMITTEES**

E911 – None.

BESSEMER AREA SEWER AUTHORITY (BASA) – Signing and approval of the SAW grant was done.

GOGEBIC RANGE WATER AUTHORITY (GRWA) – None.

POWDERHORN AREA UTILITY DISTRICT (PAUD) – This was a regular business meeting. The issue of the square footage at the Caribou Inn has been taken care of and re-figuring of the bill will take place.

GOGEBIC RANGE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (GRSWA) – The union contract has been ratified as well as the administrator’s. They have eliminated a part time position. A discussion is currently taking place regarding the payback of the outstanding Waste Management bill. A possible special contract between the township and the authority was discussed, but concern was raised as to the responsibility of the other municipal members’ ability to also contribute monetarily. The board suggested billing each participating member their percentage of membership for the payback.

VETERANS – None.

ASSESSOR – None.

MISCELLANEOUS –None.

BLIGHT – The Supervisor noted that the asbestos inspection has been scheduled for the house on Hill top.

**OLD BUSINESS**

TOWNSHIP BEAUTIFICATION – There was a scheduled meeting on September 17 in which approximately seven people showed up. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Tarnaski to approve of the cutting of brush and trees in the park in coordination with the DPW administrator and the DPW employees. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

ADDRESS CHANGED FOR VERONA AND HIGHLAND – The changes were discussed from the public hearing. It was suggested to amend the ordinance to take out the reference to north and east for street naming. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Randall to adopt the changes presented by the E-911 coordinator and make those changes effective. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried. The Clerk will check on how the County Clerk will be notified and Roman will make property record card changes.

SAW GRANT – The board discussed what funds would be used for, which would include a vector. The engineers would need to work up a place that will cost the township \$1000.00 with a possible grant of 90% to 10% matching funds. MOTION by Janczak supported by Randall to proceed with the application process for the SAW (Stormwater, Asset Management) Grant. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION FOR WESTERN GATEWAY TRAIL AUTHORITY – The board reviewed the articles presented by Michael Pope. MOTION by Randall supported by Tarnaski to delay approval for further clarification on issues regarding millage and future taxation. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

PAUD BOARD REPRESENTATIVE TERM EXPIRATION – MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Janczak to re-appoint Jeff Randall to the PAUD board. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

**TREASURER’S REPORT** - None.

**APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLL & MILEAGE**

The Clerk noted that the reporting for the EVIP payment has been completed and submitted. The following checks were presented for payment: General Fund: Check#10091-10099 & 10110-10119 (skipped numbers due to pay stubs, not checks printing) \$12,119.87; Anvil Sewer: Check #-; Ramsay Sewer: Check#2442-2443-\$114.50=9; West End Sewer: Check #-; Water Fund Checks #19904-19912- \$2031.40. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Randall to approve payment of bills. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS**

An update was given on the flag poles in the front of the township. More information is needed before the project proceeds.

A request for the purchase of children’s hand-outs from the fire department was reviewed. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Janczak to approve the cost for the packets (approximately \$270.00). ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

The MTA meeting will be in Watersmeet on the 24<sup>th</sup> of September.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Janczak to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

These minutes are respectfully submitted:

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Debra A. Janczak, Bessemer Township Clerk