

REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD

Monday, September 9, 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

Hope Tarnaski-Trustee*, Jerry Grenfell-Treasurer, Jeff Randall-Supervisor, Debbie Janczak-Clerk. Absent: Beverly Ikola, Trustee. In addition there were two electors present.

PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES

A correction was made on page two under New Business/Circus to read “It was brought here.” MOTION by Grenfell supported by Randall to approve the minutes as corrected from August 25, 2013. AYES: 3/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS – None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Randall supported by Grenfell to approve the agenda as amended. AYES: 3/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

PETITIONS

None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Supervisor:

- Letter from the DNR regarding commercial forest and qualified forest statute amendments.
- Pumping report from August 2013 from the Gogebic Range Water Authority.
- Notice from WUPDR regarding their 45th annual meeting to be held on September 30th at Tacconelis in Ironwood.

Clerk: None.

Treasurer: None.

Ikola: None.

Tarnaski: None.

MOTION by Randall supported by Grenfell to accept and place on file all communication. AYES: 3/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

REPORTS – BOARDS & COMMITTEES

E911 – None.

BESSEMER AREA SEWER AUTHORITY (BASA) – None.

GOGEBIC RANGE WATER AUTHORITY (GRWA) – Extra work that needs to be done on Horseshoe Bend was approved.

POWDERHORN AREA UTILITY DISTRICT (PAUD) – None.

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

VETERANS – None.

ASSESSOR – None.

MISCELLANEOUS –Supervisor Randall noted that Keystone Road will be scheduled for work during the 4th week of September.

Also, the fire department will be taking on the Circus next year as a fund-raiser as well as a way to give back to the community for all of their support.

PLANNING COMMISSION –None.

OLD BUSINESS

TOWNSHIP BEAUTIFICATION UPDATE – The board reviewed the e-mail from Clerk Janczak after her conversation with Mark Hannula regarding volunteers.

The board discussed several properties and areas in the township that should be tended to. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Janczak to pursue perfecting the deed for the tennis courts and to try to obtain the plot of land located near the bridge by making an offer to purchase to the current owner. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

The Supervisor and Ms. Scalfini did a walk around and will be setting up a meeting for September 17 at 6:00 p.m. at the township for interested persons for the beautification committee. Velda will be the main contact person.

NEW BUSINESS

DANGEROUS STRUCTURE E7876 HILLTOP – The Supervisor informed the board that all of the proper procedures have been done to seek removal of this property. Any costs for removal will become the responsibility of the owner and will be placed as a lien for the property. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Grenfell to proceed with the removal of the structure after proper check for asbestos and to have the fire department burn it. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

FLAGPOLES – The board reviewed the quotes for both the flag pole costs as well as the cost to put concrete in and around the perspective site. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Janczak to approved of the cost for concrete (\$6510.00) and the flag pole purchase with the modifications noted by the board. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

TRAIL RESOLUTION – The board discussed the request from the Dickinson County Board of Commissioners regarding a Belle Isle to Ironwood trail. Some would require a new trail to be developed as well as connect to what is currently here. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Grenfell to authorize Bessemer Township’s support of the creation of this trail. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Treasurer Grenfell reviewed the accounts. A reminder was made that he will be on vacation from September 13 through the 30th and back on October 1st. Sandy will be here during regular working hours during that time. Also noted was that Jerry donated a printer/scanner to the township for use. The board thanked him for his donation.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLL & MILEAGE

The Clerk noted that the revised workman’s comp billing had been received with a difference of over \$20,000. The following checks were presented for payment: General Fund: Check#10069-10090- \$9585.04; Anvil Sewer: Check #1132-1133-\$463.33; Ramsay Sewer: Check#2440-\$431.28; West End Sewer: Check #1095-\$3569.00; Water Fund Checks #19891-19903-\$11,287.17. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Randall to approve payment of bills. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS

A copy of the Fire Department financial summary was included in the agenda packet. They are saving up for the purchase of a thermal imaging machine.

There will be work done on the Chaney Lake culverts and the road commission will be doing half at a time and will be closing the road to one lane with traffic lights.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Grenfell supported by Tarnaski to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 p.m. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

These minutes are respectfully submitted:

Debra A. Janczak, Bessemer Township Clerk