

REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD: Monday, August 10, 2009, 5:00 p.m. Meeting was called to order by the Supervisor and began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL: John McLean-Trustee, Jerry Grenfell-Treasurer, Jeff Randall-Supervisor, Debbie Janczak-Clerk. Absent: Hope Tarnaski-Trustee. In addition there were two electors present.

PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES: **MOTION by Grenfell supported by Randall to accept the minutes as presented from July 27, 2009. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None.

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

PETITIONS: None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Supervisor:

- Minutes from July 13, 2009 from the Board of County Road Commissioners.
- Agenda for July 22, 2009 and minutes from July 8, 2009 for the Gogebic Country Board of Commissioners.
- Letter from Michael Prussi acknowledging his receipt of the Supervisor's letter of support for the Copperwood Mine.
- Daily pumpage report for July from GRWA.

Clerk: none.

Treasurer: None.

McLean: None.

Tarnaski: None.

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

REPORTS – BOARDS & COMMITTEES

VETERANS – None.

GOGEBIC RANGE WATER AUTHORITY (GRWA) – None.

BESSEMER AREA SEWER AUTHORITY (BASA) – None.

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

POWDERHORN AREA UTILITY DISTRICT (PAUD) – None.

ASSESSOR – None.

E911 – None.

OLD BUSINESS

TOWNSHIP ROAD REVIEW – Supervisor Randall spoke with Darren Pionk who looked at Stone Hill Road on Friday, but had no recommendations at this time. The board discussed putting a possible weight restriction on the road.

(Trustee Tarnaski joined the meeting)

**MOTION by Grenfell supported by McLean to have the Supervisor talk with Darren Pionk regarding reclassification of the road. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

WATER PURCHASE AGREEMENT – BESSEMER CITY – The board discussed the wording in the contract. **MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Grenfell to have the Supervisor write a letter to the city of Bessemer regarding the wording for notification of increases. ROLL**

**CALL VOTE: AYES: Randall, Janczak, McLean, Tarnaski, Grenfell. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

TOWNSHIP AUDIT – Roger Kolehmainen presented the township’s audit of 2008-09. Supervisor Randall apologized for any undue anxiety caused to the Clerk by the wording of the last page of the audit. This was redone. The board reviewed the summary page along with the auditor. Unqualified is the highest any audit can receive. This year the cost of the audit was reduced from the past year. **MOTION by Grenfell supported by Tarnaski to accept the 2008-09 audit and place on file with authorization to pay the bill for services. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: McLean, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

TAX BILL PRINTING – The Treasurer has investigated the cost for the township to do its own printing of tax bills. This would alleviate any problems/issues with information not being transmitted over. The board discussed the information presented. **MOTION by Tarnaski supported by McLean to authorize the Treasurer to purchase a Minimizer 4 as presented in the quote. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak, McLean. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

SYREINI CLAIM – Clerk Janczak summarized the situation with David Syreini’s unpaid surgery bill and how she and Don Hannula have been trying to aid in the payment of the bill. Several phone conversations have ensued and the last conversation from David included mention of possible legal action towards the township. The board discussed the issue. The Clerk will follow up and inform David that this is an issue for the claimant (him) and the insurance companies.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Treasurer Grenfell reviewed account balances. A listing of outstanding utility bills was presented. Board of Review changes have been sent out.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLL & MILEAGE: The following checks were presented for payment: General Fund: Check#7344-7374- \$25,520.94; Anvil Sewer: Check #-; Ramsay Sewer: Check#-; West End Sewer: Check #-; Water Fund Checks #18650-18658- \$1859.03. **MOTION by Tarnaski supported by McLean to approve payment of bills. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Grenfell, Randall, Janczak, McLean, Tarnaski. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS:

- Supervisor Randall noted Michael Pope is still looking into the Fresonke claim.
- The engineers have done their heating study and he is waiting for a report.
- The grant for manhole replacement was rejected. There will be another round in April of 2010.
- The handout from OHS needs to be clarified more.
- A sign for the Keystone Bridge was discussed.
- The Clerk voiced concern over growth of weeds near Harding and Barber road on the Southeast corner.

ADJOURNMENT: **MOTION by McLean supported by Tarnaski to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 p.m. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

These minutes are respectfully submitted:

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Debra A. Janczak, Bessemer Township Clerk