

REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD: Monday, February 8, 2010 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, Hope Tarnaski-Trustee, Jeff Randall-Supervisor, Debbie Janczak-Clerk. Absent: Jerry Grenfell-Treasurer. In addition there were three electors present.

PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES: There were no minutes completed to approve from January 25, 2010. **Motion by Randall supported by Janczak to use an e-mail poll for approval of the minutes. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: none.

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

PETITIONS: None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Supervisor:

- Daily pumping report from GRWA.
- Notice of public hearing from Northern States Power for February 23, 2010.
- Letter from Representative Michael Prussi congratulating the township on the energy grant received.
- Minutes from the Gogebic County Road Commission from January 11, 2010 and minutes from the special meeting of January 8, 2010.

Clerk: None.

Treasurer: None.

McLean: None.

Tarnaski: None.

MOTION Randall supported by Tarnaski to accept the above communications and place them on file. AYES: 4/NAYES: none.

REPORTS – BOARDS & COMMITTEES

POWDERHORN AREA UTILITY DISTRICT (PAUD) – None.

GOGEBIC RANGE WATER AUTHORITY (GRWA) – None.

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

BESSEMER AREA SEWER AUTHORITY (BASA) –Trustee McLean noted that the meeting was postponed until the third Thursday of the month.

VETERANS – None.

ASSESSOR – None.

E911 – None.

OLD BUSINESS

WEST END SEWER RATE RESOLUTION (Tabled)

HEATING STUDY – Supervisor Randall referred to the letter in the agenda packet awarding the township a \$50,000 heating grant from the Department of Energy, Labor and Economic Growth. The board discussed the grant. Trustee Tarnaski questioned when the deadline was for responding to the award. It was noted that the township portion/contribution for this project will be approximately \$28,500 if they accept the grant. There currently is money in the budget to cover this project. **Motion by McLean to table until there is a full board.** (Motion failed due to lack of support). **Motion by Tarnaski supported by Randall to proceed and authorize signatures for the \$50,000 grant and move forward with the project. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Janczak, McLean, Tarnaski, Randall. NAYS: none. Motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

HANDICAP RAMP – Supervisor reviewed the proposal from Snow Country Contracting for the reconstruction of the handicap ramp located on the south end of the township hall. The current ramp is experiencing leakage, which is draining into the basement. The board discussed the ramp. **MOTION by Tarnaski supported by McLean to table until the full board is present. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

TREASURER’S REPORT: The board reviewed the account reports that were left for review. Trustee McLean thanked Treasurer Grenfell for doing an excellent job.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLL & MILEAGE: The following checks were presented for payment: The Clerk noted that Louis Sworab received a \$100.00 longevity check. General Fund: Check#7688-7716- \$15,645.25; Anvil Sewer: Check #1071-72-\$131.96; Ramsay Sewer: Check#2288-\$586.89; West End Sewer: Check #-\$; Water Fund Checks #18825-18838- \$9666.46. **MOTION by Tarnaski supported by McLean to approve payment of bills. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: McLean, Tarnaski, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS:

Supervisor Randall noted that he has left messages for the person in charge of the Census for presentation at the February 23 MTA Chapter meeting. Another possible speaker is Dennis Rolando.

A committee has been formed with members of Tom Chatel and Pete Matonich from Bessemer and Jeff Randall and John McLean from Bessemer Township to discuss equipment sharing.

Richard McDermott questioned the board on the increase in utility bills. It was explained that the readiness to serve went up 50% and the consumption went up .50 per gallon. He was asked to stop and see the treasurer for more information from the public hearing that was held prior to the increase.

ADJOURNMENT: **MOTION by Randall supported by Tarnaski to adjourn the meeting at 6:21 p.m. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

These minutes are respectfully submitted:

Debra A. Janczak, Bessemer Township Clerk