

REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD: Monday, January 25, 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~~

In addition there were three electors present.

PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES:

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

PETITIONS: None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Supervisor:

- Notice of Charter Communications Chapter 11 filing hearing date of January 20, 2010.
- Minutes from December 28, 2009 from the Board of County Road Commissioners.
- Notice from BASA of increase in fees be implemented beginning February 2010; beginning with a 3%, then 2.5% and 2.5% for each year following.
- Agendas for January 13, 2010 and January 27, 2010 and minutes from December 29, 2009 and January 13, 2010 for the Gogebic County Board of Commissioners.
~~—City of Bessemer Water Quality Report.~~

Clerk: None.

Treasurer: None.

McLean: None.

Tarnaski: None.

MOTION

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) – None.

VETERANS – None.

~~BESSEMER AREA SEWER AUTHORITY (BASA) – Trustee McLean reported that the city has yet to find a replacement for Doug Olson. They have forty five days to do so. Financially the authority looks good for the next two years.~~

~~GOGEBIC RANGE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (GRSWMA) – Trustee McLean reported that the contract is coming up with Waste Management soon, who hauls the waste collected to Greenland. They are going to try to get together with Ironwood City to negotiate rates.~~

ASSESSOR – None.

E911 – None.

OLD BUSINESS

HEATING STUDY

WEST END SEWER RATE RESOLUTION (Tabled)

EQUIPMENT SHARING (Garbage Truck)

(Clerk Janczak joined the meeting at 5:20 p.m.)

NEW BUSINESS

ICE Grant – The Supervisor requested approval to apply for the grant, which has been done before unsuccessfully. **MOTION by Tarnaski supported by McLean to give approval for the Supervisor to pursue money for manhole replacements via the ICE Grant. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak, McLean. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

BLACKJACK SEWER PROJECT – Supervisor Randall informed the board that there are some home owners who are looking into the possibility of setting up a sewer line in the Black Jack area. Currently there is a feasibility study being done by C2Ae (which the home owners are paying for). Updates will be given to the board.

RESOLUTION AGAINST PROHIBITIVE MINING RESTRICTIONS – As a result of the last MTA Chapter meeting, townships were asked to support current mining projects in the area, thus opposing any legislation to the contrary. The Supervisor read a proposed resolution stating our support of the Copperwood Project. **MOTION by McLean supported by Tarnaski to give support to the resolution regarding the Orvana Copperwood project with copies to be sent to area legislators. AYES: Janczak, McLean, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT – Chief Kuchinski addressed the board requesting permission for work to be done to the newly purchased blue bus as an equipment vehicle for the department. Also, Wakefield city has made available turn out gear in an extra large size. At a cost of \$500 each. **MOTION by Tarnaski supported by McLean to approve of costs up to \$2,000 to complete work on the blue bus as well as the purchase of the 2 sets of turn out gear. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Randall, Janczak, McLean, Tarnaski, Grenfell. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

DOG PARK – Mike Saari addressed the board on a proposed dog park to be located someplace with the township for access to the general public. This may be an issue for the planning commission. The board will be kept up to date on any further progress or information gained for this project.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Treasurer Grenfell reviewed the current account status. Utility bills are coming in. There is approximately \$35,000 still outstanding.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLL & MILEAGE: The following checks were presented for payment: General Fund: Check#7554-7687- \$19,162.24; Anvil Sewer: Check #1070-\$84.38; Ramsay Sewer: Check#2286-2287-\$578.68; West End Sewer: Check #-\$; Water Fund Checks #18815-18824- \$1603.40. **MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Grenfell to approve payment of bills. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: McLean, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none.**

Motion carried. The Clerk also made a review of the last quarter’s Profit and Loss Statement. Everything is within the budget even with projected decreases in revenue sharing.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS: Adam Gugliemotto addressed the board regarding the purchase of the blighted property on Horseshoe Bend. He would like to purchase the land. However, the owner has not yet defaulted on his taxes, so there is nothing that can be done at this time. It was noted that fees owed as a result of this process (e.g. legal fees, clean up, etc.) would be the responsibility of the buyer. It may be best to wait for the property to go up for a tax sale versus buying now from the current owner.

The MTA meeting will be on February 23 with the township as host. Various speakers have been discussed, but none have been confirmed yet.

The Supervisor noted the new business on US 2 and Puritan Road.

ADJOURNMENT: **MOTION by Grenfell supported by Tarnaski to adjourn the meeting at 6:23 p.m. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

These minutes are respectfully submitted:

Debra A. Janczak, Bessemer Township Clerk