

REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD: Monday, July 13, 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, Hope Tarnaski-Trustee, Jerry Grenfell-Treasurer, Jeff Randall-Supervisor, Debbie Janczak-Clerk. In addition there were two electors present.

PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES: A correction on page 1, under 7.c. to read Mr. *Pionk*. ; also under 7.d. change Dr. to *Director*; lastly on page 2 under 13, last sentence should read *Supervisor will also send an e-mail to board members regarding repairs or replacing of the dump truck and Dodge.* **MOTION by McLean supported by Grenfell to accept the minutes as corrected from June 22, 2009. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: The following items were added: 9.B. Fresonke Petition.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: **MOTION by Randall supported by Tarnaski to accept the agenda as amended. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

PETITIONS: None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Supervisor:

- Agenda for July 8, 2009 and minutes from June 24, 2009 for the Gogebic County Board of Commissioners.
- Letter from State Representative Mike Lahti recognizing his receipt of the township's support for the Copperwood project.
- Notice of Road Closure for Powderhorn Road from US2 north approximately for .47 miles during July 20-July 22, 2009 from the Board of County Road Commissioners. This will also be announced on the local radio stations.
- Daily Pumpage report for June 2009 from GRWA.
- Letter of appreciation from Northern Natural Gas regarding the gas line rupture that happened on June 23, 2009. **Motion by Tarnaski supported by Grenfell to have the Clerk write a letter of appreciation to the Fire Department for their work during this situation. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.** The board also discussed how various aspects of this situation were handled including notification to township; chain of command; the need for a county emergency management liaison.
- Minutes from June 8, 2009 from the Board of County Road Commissioners.
- Minutes from April 30, 2009, May 31, 2009, June 30, 2009 and the quarterly report for April –June 2009 from the Gogebic County Council of Veterans Affairs.

Clerk:

- MTA Seminars in Saginaw for September 2009.

Treasurer: None.

McLean: None.

Tarnaski: None.

MOTION by Randall supported by Tarnaski to place all correspondence on file. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

REPORTS – BOARDS & COMMITTEES

VETERANS – Don Ormes gave a brief overview noting that they are still in need of drivers.

GOGEBIC RANGE WATER AUTHORITY (GRWA) – Treasurer Grenfell reviewed the current status of the Anvil Project. There will actually be money left in the contingency fund.

The Indianhead/Blackjack pump house should be done this week. Bid openings for the Ironwood township project will be 2:00 p.m. Thursday. Leak tests have been done on the new tank at the Grand View Hospital and it should be finalized very soon. There will be approximately \$38,000 left in this project.

BESSEMER AREA SEWER AUTHORITY (BASA) – Trustee McLean reported that this was a regular meeting.

GOGEBIC RANGE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (GRSWMA) – Trustee McLean reported that they had invited an engineering company from Wisconsin to discuss the opening of a land fill. A total of 200 tons a month is needed for a payback; right now they are only at 100 tons. Receiving a stimulus grant may be the only way to accomplish the building of a new landfill.

POWDERHORN AREA UTILITY DISTRICT (PAUD) – None.

ASSESSOR – None.

E911 – None.

OLD BUSINESS

TOWNSHIP ROAD REVIEW – The board discussed possible road projects and the status of Stone Hill Road. **MOTION by Grenfell supported by Randall to have Supervisor Randall talk with the newly appointed Gogebic County engineer about possible solutions/fixes for Stone Hill Road. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

FRESONKE PETITION – Supervisor Randall updated the board on the petition presented last meeting. He has talked with the insurance carrier and with township attorney Michael Pope. Background information has been requested on the property in question.

NEW BUSINESS - None.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Treasurer Grenfell reviewed current account status. Taxes are being collected. There has been a problem with the lack of follow through for the change of addresses done on the assessor’s computer not being copied down to the equalization department. Utility bills are also being collected. The Treasurer has been looking into the possibility of printing our own tax statements. **MOTION by McLean supported by Grenfell to send a letter of complaint to the current Gogebic County Equalizer, Tom Novascone; signed by the Supervisor with a copy being sent to MTA local chapter. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: McLean, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

A discussion took place regarding the possibility of purchasing a color printer from Mike Peterson. **MOTION by Grenfell supported by McLean to decline the purchase. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLL & MILEAGE: The following checks were presented for payment: General Fund: Check#7266-7316- \$24,390.02; Anvil Sewer: Check #1059-1060-\$686.60; Ramsay Sewer: Check#2264-2266-\$2099.47; West End Sewer: Check #1037- \$609.20; Water Fund Checks #18616-18636- \$22,524.45. **MOTION by Grenfell supported by Randall to approve payment of bills. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak, McLean. NAYES: none. Motion carried.** A copy of the first quarter Profit and Loss Statement was given to the board for review.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS: Supervisor Randall noted that progress is being made on the C2AE contract to look at the township’s heating system. They have visiting the building and taken pictures.

The MTA Chapter meeting will be changed from July 21 to July 22 at 6:30 p.m. Melanie Fullman will be the speaker and the township will be host. A donation/presentation for a memorial in the name of Robert Raisanen will be made to Marenisco Township.

MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Janczak to send a letter of appreciation to Joe Martell for his 61 years of service to the Veterans Association. AYES: Janczak, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall; NAYES: McLean. Motion carried.

Treasurer Grenfell informed the board that the auditor will be in on Wednesday.

Supervisor Randall will be out of the office on Friday, July 17th. The Board of Review meeting will be on July 21, 2009; Planning Commission will be on July 14, 2009.

ADJOURNMENT: MOTION by Grenfell supported by McLean to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

These minutes are respectfully submitted:

Debra A. Janczak, Bessemer Township Clerk