

Regular Meeting Bessemer Township Board 6/22/09, 5:00 PM

Supervisor called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

2.) ROLL CALL PRESENT: Grenfell, Randall, McLean, Tarnaski. Absent: Janczak.

3.) PRESENTATION OF MINUTES: MOTION by Grenfell, supported by Randall to approve the minutes of 6/8/09 as presented and place on file. 4 Ayes. Nays: None. Motion carried.

MOTION by McLean, supported by Randall to appoint trustee Tarnaski to record minutes of the meeting in the clerk's absence. 4 Ayes. Nays: None. Motion carried.

4.) PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None. (no electors were present)

5:10-One elector joined audience.

5.) MOTION by Randall, supported by Grenfell to approve agenda as presented. 4 Ayes. Nays: None. Motion carried.

6.) PETITIONS: One-incorporated under new business.

7.) COMMUNICATIONS:

- a.) GO CO BRD COMM RE: 6/24/09 public hearing re: loan from GO CO revolving loan fund requested by Old Word Meats in the amount of \$13500.00
- b.) DNR RE: notice of open house re; information and public comment on field activity & completion of review. Hosted in Baraga 3-7 PM 6/24/09.
- c.) GO CO RD COMM RE: min 5/11/09 reg. mtg., 5/19/09 special meeting (held to hire Mr. *Pionk* to replace Mr. Edyvean)
- d.) DEQ RE: Letter to Bessemer Township Board of Trustees re: water supply evaluation. *Dir.* Doug Pascoe was on site to review the system-township received a satisfactory rating.
- e.) GO CO BRD COMM RE: 6/10/09 mtg. agenda & 6/27/09 mtg. min.
- f.) Bessemer Township Planning Commission RE: 6/9/09 mtg. min.

MOTION by Grenfell, supported by Randall, to approve communications as presented and place on file 4 Ayes. Nays: None. Motion carried.

8.) REPORTS-BOARDS & COMMITTEES:

GRWA rep. Grenfell shared highlights of projects status with the board regarding the Ironwood Township Project, the construction meeting of the Anvil project, water tank project at Grand View location, and the claims that have been resolved less the quantities of monies needed for the project (s). The current project was granted an extension due to project delays from the early winter in 2008 and the late start this year. This concluded Mr. Grenfell's report.

PAUD rep. Jeff Randall: no meeting to report.

GRSWMA rep. McLean: no meeting to report due to sudden death of fellow board member Robert Raisainen.

9.) OLD BUSINESS:

- a.) Township Road Review: Discussion was had regarding completion of water projects and anticipated expense to repave Anvil and Summit Rd. (s) MOTION by Grenfell, supported by McLean to table the decision on roadwork until road conditions in Anvil after completion of water project are settled. 4 Ayes. Nays: None. Motion carried.

10.) NEW BUSINESS:

a.) Millage Proposal: Discussion was had regarding renewal of millage in upcoming election. Language is to include “shall”. MOTION by Grenfell, supported by Randall to approve ballot language for 11/3/09 ballot to read as follows: “shall the previous voted increase in the 15 mill tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution on General Ad Valorem Taxes within Bessemer Township be Renewed at 8 Mills (\$8.00 per \$1000 of Taxable value) for the period of 2010 through 2013 inclusive for the General Township Operating purposes, and shall the township levy such renewal in millage for said purpose, thereby, raising the first year an estimated \$275,525.30?” Yes/No

This is a millage proposal to renew the existing former 8 additional operating mills that has been in effect for numerous years.

ROLL CALL VOTE AYES: McLean, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall. Nays: None. Motion carried.

b.) Ruthann Fresonke: Discussion was had regarding correspondence received from Ms. Fresonke wherein she states prior to 2000 she requested the township’s help in taking care of her wet property lots. It is believed that a pond existed on her property prior to her purchase of the lots in question. The supervisor sought board direction on how to proceed. MOTION by Tarnaski, supported by McLean to authorize supervisor to follow up with notification of township liability insurance carrier, Gogebic County Drain Commissioner Jim Loeper, DPW coordinator Verbos, Lead Man Sworab, and the GO CO RD COMM, and to report status of results to township board of trustees by next meeting and to place correspondence on file. ROLL CALL VOTE AYES: Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, McLean. Nays: None. Motion carried.

c.) Variance Request: Discussion was had regarding variance request from Joseph J. Hursh to construct a deck five feet wider than building code. Bessemer Township Planning Commission had reviewed the request prior to this meeting and recommended approval. MOTION by Grenfell, supported by McLean to grant the dimensional variance as requested. ROLL CALL VOTE AYES: Tarnaski, Grenfell, McLean, Randall. Nays: None. Motion carried.

11.) TREASURER’S REPORT: Treasurer Grenfell gave report to the board of various balances in all accounts. He also gave a review of balances due from water dept. customers. IN addition, Mr. Grenfell reported revenue sharing should be received by the end of July in the amount of \$14550.00. It is anticipated the township’s revenue sharing will decrease by \$5000.00 by October 1st. Property tax bills were printed and are expected to be sent out 7/1/09. The board thanked him for his report.

12.) APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLL & MILEAGE: MOTION by Grenfell, supported by McLean, to pay the following checks as presented: G/F check #7245-7265; \$9610.37; Ramsay Sewer Fund check# 2263; \$8.36; Water Fund check#18606-18615; \$3017.39. ROLL CALL VOTE AYES: Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, McLean. Nays: None. Motion carried.

13.) PUBLIC COMMENT&OTHER BUSINESS: Supervisor reminded board members present MTA meeting is set for 6:30 at Ironwood Township building 6/23/09. Supervisor will also send an e-mail to board members regarding repairs vs. replacing of the dump truck and the Dodge.

MOTION by Grenfell, supported by Randall to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 PM. 4 Ayes. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Submitted by:

Hope Tarnaski