

REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD: Monday, March 9, 200, 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 five electors present.

PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES: The following corrections were made to the February 23, 2009 minutes: page 1, under “Assessor”\$5,000 should be \$500,000; page 2 under “Street Lighting” road name is *Sartoris*, last sentence on same page should begin *collect* taxes not college. **MOTION by McLean supported by Grenfell to accept the minutes as amended from February 23, 2009. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: Supervisor Randall added item 10. I. Application to Fire Department.

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

PETITIONS: None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Supervisor:

- GRWA Daily Pumping report for February 2009.
- March 11, 2009, agenda and minutes from February 25, 2009 for the Gogebic County Board of Commissioners.
- Minutes from February 9 & February 18 2009 for the Gogebic County Road Commissioners.
- Flyer from Hilborn’s Custom Timber Management.

Clerk: None.

Treasurer: None.

McLean: None.

Tarnaski: None.

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

REPORTS – BOARDS & COMMITTEES

POWDERHORN AREA UTILITY DISTRICT (PAUD) – None.

ASSESSOR – None.

GOGEBIC RANGE WATER AUTHORITY (GRWA) – None.

BESSEMER AREA SEWER AUTHORITY (BASA) – None.

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

E911 – Jim Loeper was present for the meeting and discussed the upcoming surcharge request that will be place on the May 5, 2009 election ballot. If the surcharge does not pass, the county will have to go back to basic 911 coverage. The amount of \$1.65 is going to be placed on the ballot for the surcharge fee; this whole amount may not be charged however, this would be the maximum.

OLD BUSINESS

STREET LIGHTING - The Supervisor drove out to Sartoris Road to take a look at the area and possibility for a street light. The Clerk has also been in contact with Xcel and is waiting for an evaluation of the road which will then give some idea of price and what is possible for a street light. **MOTION by Grenfell supported by Randall to table until next meeting. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

2009-10 TOWNSHIP BUDGET – Supervisor Randall reviewed the latest revision. Some change still to be made was under the income section for #610 rental income. This should be \$3600 for the proposed 2009-10 budget since the GRWA pays \$300 per month for rent. **MOTION by McLean supported by Grenfell to approve of the proposed 2009-10 General Fund Budget. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

BUILDING INSPECTOR CONTRACT – The board discussed the newly proposed contract received from Roman Tauer. Concerns were brought up due to the low amount of building permits coming in and the increase in salary requested. **MOTION by McLean supported by Grenfell to offer Roman Tauer the current salary of \$5250.00 from March 1st 2009 to March 1st 2010 with a cap of 35 permits and anything over this amount would be paid on a linear basis. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Randall, Janczak, McLean, Grenfell. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

BUDGET AMENDMENT - **MOTION by McLean supported by Randall to make the following budget amendments: move \$2500 from account 894-956 to 400-926. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Janczak, McLean, Grenfell, Randall.**

RESTRICTED MONIES – The following amounts were determined to be restricted from the 2008-09 general fund budget: account 265-970 - \$7690, 265-984 - \$6,000, 336-970 - \$4,000, 526-984 - \$10,000, 750-810- \$5,273. **MOTION by McLean supported by Randall to approve of the above accounts and amount to be set aside as restricted funds. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Grenfell, Randall, Janczak, McLean. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

INSURANCE PLAN REVIEW – The Clerk reviewed the new township insurance coverage. It was noted that there are two entries for the New Holland Tractor. Also, Anne Gertz is no longer the Deputy Clerk, this is now Bernice Janczak.

DPW REQUEST – JACK HAMMER FOR BACKHOE – The board discussed the purchase of the jack hammer for the back hoe which will give the DPW more freedom and quicker access for emergency digs for water breaks. They have been using the City of Bessemer’s jack hammer. **MOTION by McLean supported by Grenfell to approve of the purchase of the jack hammer with installation for the amount of \$14,740.00 from Nortrax. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Randall, Janczak, McLean, Grenfell. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

MOTION by Janczak supported by McLean to appoint Treasurer Grenfell chairperson of the meeting upon Supervisor Randall’s departure at this time in the meeting. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

DPW TRAINING CLASSES – The board reviewed the two training sessions for Louis Sworab and Clinton Gustafson. The first is on March 19, 2009 with no cost except for travel, overnight and food. The second is on May 11, 2009 with a \$120.00 cost, plus travel and overnight. **MOTION by McLean supported by Grenfell to approve of both the above training sessions for Louis Sworab and Clinton Gustafson with extra costs to be submitted. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Janczak, McLean, Grenfell. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

NEW FAX MACHINE – The Clerk presented a proposal for a new machine since this one is not feeding properly any more. It was purchased four years ago for a cost of \$268.78. Replacement cost at this time is \$279.78. **MOTION by McLean supported by Grenfell to approve of the purchase of a new fax machine for the amount of \$279.78. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Janczak, McLean, Grenfell. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

LOGGING ON TOWNSHIP LAND – The Supervisor placed the request from a township resident in the agenda packet. After board discussion it was noted that this would be too much of a liability. **MOTION by Grenfell supported by McLean to deny any logging to township land due to the liability issues involved. AYES: 3/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

APPLICATION TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT – Fire Chief Brian Kuchinski was present and gave the board an application for Jeremiah Johnson. **MOTION BY McLean supported by Grenfell to approve of Jeremiah Johnson as a new member to the Bessemer Township Fire Department. AYES: 3/NAYS: none. Motion carried.**

TREASURER’S REPORT: Treasurer Grenfell reviewed the account updates. Most of the utility bills have been collected with a minor number of accounts still coming in.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLL & MILEAGE: The following checks were presented for payment: General Fund: Check#7034-7060- \$22,077.01; Anvil Sewer: Check #1050-\$17.45; Ramsay Sewer: Check#-\$; West End Sewer: Check #- \$ Water Fund Checks #18501-18515-\$49,936.54. **MOTION by Grenfell supported by McLean to approve payment of bills. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Grenfell, Janczak, McLean. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS:

ADJOURNMENT: **MOTION by Grenfell supported by Janczak to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m. AYES: 3/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

These minutes are respectfully submitted:

Debra A. Janczak, Bessemer Township Clerk