

Bessemer Township – N10338 Mill Street, Ramsay, MI 49959

PUBLIC HEARING OF THE BESSEMER TOWNSHIP BOARD: Monday, November 9, 2009, 5:00 p.m. Meeting was called to order by the Supervisor and began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The purpose of the public hearing was to hear comment on the proposed new Water Resolution #75. Supervisor Randall reviewed the increases, which included the Residential ¾” readiness to serve up \$10.00; the ¾” residential for both commodities of 0-1,000 gallons and each 1,000 gallons after that up .50. Also, the commercial readiness to serve fees received an increase from the ¾” meter to the 6” meter. The debt retirement for the Anvil water project will begin to get paid in 2010. Treasurer Grenfell noted that the township in comparison to other city/township entities is still on the low side (Ironwood, Wakefield and Bessemer compared). Public comments were heard.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BESSEMER TOWNSHIP BOARD: Monday, November 9, 2009, 5:12 p.m.

ROLL CALL: John McLean-Trustee, Hope Tarnaski-Trustee, Jerry Grenfell-Treasurer, Jeff Randall-Supervisor, Debbie Janczak-Clerk. In addition, four electors were present.

PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES: **MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Grenfell to accept the minutes as presented from October 23, 2009. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None.

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

PETITIONS: None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Supervisor:

- Agenda for November 10, 2009 and minutes from October 28, 2009 from the Gogebic County Board of Commissioners.
- Daily pump report from Gogebic Range Water Authority for October 2009.
- Notice from Northern States Power Company regarding a hearing on November 24, 2009 in Lansing, MI for an increase of .02505 per kilowatt-hour.
- Minutes from October 12, 2009 from the Gogebic County Board of County Road Commissioners.

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

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 reported that there was a discussion on rate increases.

E911 – None.

ASSESSOR – None.

OLD BUSINESS

HEATING STUDY – Supervisor Randall is still waiting on any grant news.

TOWNSHIP WATER RATES – **MOTION by Grenfell supported by McLean to approve of Water Resolution #75 increases to be effective with the January 1, 2010 billing. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak, McLean. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

PAUD Lien Approval – The Treasurer provided a list from the Powderhorn Area Utility District of delinquent amounts to be placed on the December tax roll. The total at this time is \$20,527.62. **MOTION by Grenfell supported by Randall to approve of the property tax liens for those people listed from PAUD and to apply the delinquent amounts to their December 2009 winter taxes. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Janczak, McLean, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

HOLIDAY GARBAGE COLLECTION SCHEDULE AD APPROVAL – The board reviewed the collection schedule which will be provided in the Winter 2009 Newsletter. **MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Randall to approve of the placement of a newspaper ad for the Thanksgiving special garbage collection on Tuesday, November 24th and Christmas collection will be on Tuesday, December 22nd. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Grenfell, Randall, Janczak, McLean, Tarnaski. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

TREASURER’S REPORT: Treasurer Grenfell reviewed account balances. Outstanding utility bills are at \$12,922.88 plus liens. Payments still continue to come in.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLL & MILEAGE: The following checks for payment: General Fund: Check#7532-7562 - \$14,915.45 Anvil Sewer: Check #1065-\$60.82; Ramsay Sewer: Check#2227 - \$480.54; West End Sewer: Check # - \$; Water Fund Checks #18744-18758- \$9927.74. **MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Grenfell to approve payment of bills. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Randall, Janczak, McLean, Tarnaski, Grenfell,. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

The Winter Newsletter was reviewed and the clerk was thanked for her work.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS:

The Treasurer noted that a rep is coming in this week to help fold and stuff the tax bills and newsletter.

The MTA Annual Christmas party will be on December 9 at Tacconelli’s. Cost will be \$15.00 per person.

ADJOURNMENT: MOTION by Randall and supported by McLean to adjourn the meeting at 5:35 p.m. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

These minutes are respectfully submitted:

Debra A. Janczak, Bessemer Township Clerk