

Bessemer Township – N10338 Mill Street, Ramsay, MI 49959

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BESSEMER TOWNSHIP BOARD: Monday, October 12, 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: Hope Tarnaski-Trustee, Jerry Grenfell-Treasurer, Jeff Randall-Supervisor, Debbie Janczak-Clerk. Absent: John McLean-Trustee. No electors were present.

PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES: **MOTION by Grenfell supported by Randall to accept the minutes as presented from September 28, 2009. AYES: 4/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: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

PETITIONS: None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Supervisor:

- Daily pumpage report for September from the Gogebic Range Water Authority.
- Agenda for October 2, 2009 for the Bessemer Area Sewer Authority.
- Minutes from September 14, 2009 from the Gogebic County Board of County Road Commissioners.

Clerk:

- MTA flyer for seminars being offered regarding fire fighter retention and cemeteries in November.
- MTA flyer for township governance offerings in Chelsea, November 6-7, 2009.
- Agenda for Thursday, October 15 at the Eagle Harbor Lighthouse Complex and minutes from June 10, 2009 from the Upper Peninsula Heritage Trail Network.
- 2009-10 Meeting dates from the Gogebic-Ontonagon Community Action Agency.
- Vilas County meeting notice for their Zoning & Planning & Land use committee on November 7, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. in Conover, WI.

Treasurer: None.

McLean: None.

Tarnaski: None.

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

REPORTS – BOARDS & COMMITTEES

POWDERHORN AREA UTILITY DISTRICT (PAUD) – None.

GOGEBIC RANGE WATER AUTHORITY (GRWA) – Treasurer Grenfell reported on the October 8 meeting. They adopted the 2010 fiscal year budget and a water rate increase of .50¢ from \$6.00 to \$6.50 per 1,000 gallons. An agreement between Ironwood City and Ironwood Township has been reached and they are waiting for final cost figures and financing. There was a pre-construction meeting. Dave Traczyk will be the auditor through 2012 at a cost of \$5,000 per year. The water pump station on US 2 near Powderhorn Road is one of the next projects coming up. There will be a special executive committee meeting on Thursday, October 15, 2009.

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

BESSEMER AREA SEWER AUTHORITY (BASA) –None.

E911 – None.

ASSESSOR – None.

OLD BUSINESS

HEATING STUDY – The mechanical engineer turned the project over to Randy Scott and Chuck Lawson for the search for grant money.

NEW BUSINESS

TOWNSHIP WATER RATES – In lieu of GRWA’s recent increase, the township will also need to review its water rates. **MOTION by Tarnaski to table until next meeting when there is a full board. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.** A public hearing will be needed prior to any rate increases sometime in November.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Treasurer Grenfell reviewed account balances. It was decided that account information should be provided at least once a month after reconciliations take place.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLL & MILEAGE: The following checks for payment: General Fund: Check#7481-7512 - \$17,648.05 Anvil Sewer: Check #1064-\$56.94; Ramsay Sewer: Check#2273-2274 - \$471.36; West End Sewer: Check # - \$; Water Fund Checks #18719-18735- \$2002.90. **MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Grenfell to approve payment of bills to include those omitted from the water fund listing (18723-29). ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Randall, Janczak, Tarnaski, Grenfell. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS:

The board discussed the contract renewal of Donna Scorse of the Economic Development Corporation for Gogebic County.

The Fire Department has made \$1119.00 from chimney cleaning. They should be hearing more about the purchase of the Blue bus shortly. The 4th of July committee has money in their account that they are seeing about donating to the department for the purchase, which should cost between \$3500-\$4000.00.

The Clerk noted that the newsletter for winter will be only one page-2 sided and that articles should be turned in. To be noted is that residents should contact the Treasurer for an updated balance once the tax due date is past. Also Ordinance #121 regarding pit bull dogs needs to be mentioned.

ADJOURNMENT: **MOTION by Tarnaski and supported by Randall to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

These minutes are respectfully submitted:

Debra A. Janczak, Bessemer Township Clerk