

Bessemer Township – N10338 Mill Street, Ramsay, MI 49959

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BESSEMER TOWNSHIP BOARD: Monday, October 26, 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, two electors were present.

PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES: A correction was made on page 2 under public comment; second paragraph, second line should read “Blue bus *shortly*.” **MOTION by Grenfell supported by Randall to accept the minutes as amended from October 12, 2009. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: An addition was made to add 10.C. Fire Department Blue Bus.

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

PETITIONS: Supervisor Randall read a petition from the Bessemer Area Schools regarding a dangerous intersection at Harding Road and Elder Road. The board discussed the placement and purchase of two signs. **MOTION by Grenfell supported by Tarnaski to approve the request for two signs denoting “Caution Blind Intersection Ahead” to be requisitioned and put in place by the road commission. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Randall, Janczak, McLean, Tarnaski, Grenfell. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

COMMUNICATIONS:

Supervisor:

- Agenda for October 14 & 28, 2009 and minutes from September 23 & October 14, 2009.
- Minutes from a special meeting on September 24 & regular meeting of September 28, 2009 from the Gogebic County Board of County Road Commissioners.
- Letter of thanks from Jim Gribble, Chairman of the Gogebic County Fairboard for the use of the garbage truck during the fair.

Clerk:

- October 13, 2009 minutes from the Bessemer Township Planning Commission.

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) – Supervisor Randall reported that it was a regular meeting.

GOGEBIC RANGE WATER AUTHORITY (GRWA) – Treasurer Grenfell reported there was an executive meeting held.

GOGEBIC RANGE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (GRSWMA) – Trustee McLean reported that Pete Giovanni has hauled the old brush away from the transfer station and will be chipping and re-selling it.

BESSEMER AREA SEWER AUTHORITY (BASA) –An audit report for 2008-2009 was turned in to the Clerk, however it has not yet been approved. There are some adjustments being made from when the books went from cash to the accrual method.

E911 – None.

ASSESSOR – None.

OLD BUSINESS

HEATING STUDY – A new cost sheet was received. Grants are still being sought.

TOWNSHIP WATER RATES – The board discussed the need for a public hearing. The service rate is also being raised in order to obtain fees from those who are not full-time residents within the township. **MOTION to approve and publish the holding of a public hearing on November 9, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. with a regular meeting to follow. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Janczak, McLean, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

BUDGET AMENDMENT – **MOTION by Tarnaski supported by McLean to move \$1,000 from account number 849-956 Miscellaneous/Miscellaneous to 171-727 Supervisor/Supplies. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Grenfell, Randall, Janczak, McLean, Tarnaski. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

GRWA APPOINTMENT – The board reviewed Walter Rickard’s letter of interest at his continuation of the township’s at large member on the Gogebic Range Water Authority. **MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Grenfell to re-appoint Walter Rickard as an at-large member to the GRWA for a two year term. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: McLean, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

FIRE DEPARTMENT BLUE BUS – Chief Kuchinski was present at the meeting to inform the board that the county is almost ready to sell the bus to the fire department. Jean Verbos of the July 4th Committee of Bessemer Township presented a check to the fire chief in the amount of \$4404.56 to go towards the purchase of the blue bus. The board expressed their gratitude to Jean and the past committee for their generosity. The \$10.00 that is left in the account will be given to the township.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Treasurer Grenfell reviewed account balances. A review of the list for liens also took place. **MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Janczak to authorize the Treasurer to request liens to the Department of Equalization for outstanding utility bills for approximately \$16,970.51. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Grenfell, Randall, Janczak, McLean, Tarnaski. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

The board also reviewed a utility cost sheet from the treasurer.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLL & MILEAGE: The following checks for payment: General Fund: Check#7513-7531 - \$6116.25 Anvil Sewer: Check #-; Ramsay Sewer: Check#2275-2276 - \$74.89; West End Sewer: Check # - \$; Water Fund Checks #18736-18743-\$5244.15. **MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Randall to approve payment of bills. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: McLean, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

A quarterly profit and loss statement was provided. All accounts are falling within their budget items. Spending is being viewed closely.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS:

The local chapter MTA meeting will be held at Wakefield Township at 6:30 p.m.

Trustee Tarnaski requested an update on the road condition on Stone Hill Road. The Supervisor will contact the road commission again regarding the filling of pot holes.

ADJOURNMENT: MOTION by Tarnaski and supported by Grenfell to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 p.m. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

These minutes are respectfully submitted:

Debra A. Janczak, Bessemer Township Clerk