

Bessemer Township – N10338 Mill Street, Ramsay, MI 49959

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REGULAR MEETING OF THE BESSEMER TOWNSHIP BOARD: Monday, September 28, 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, Jeff Randall-Supervisor, Debbie Janczak-Clerk, \*Hope Tarnaski-Trustee. Absent: Jerry Grenfell-Treasurer. In addition there was one elector present.

PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES: **MOTION by Randall supported by McLean to accept the minutes as presented from September 14, 2009. AYES: 3/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: **MOTION by Randall supported by McLean to accept the agenda as presented. AYES: 3/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

PETITIONS: None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Supervisor:

- Agenda for September 23, 2009 and minutes from September 9, 2009 for the Gogebic County Board of Commissioners.
- Letter from the US Department of Agriculture Forest Service regarding a proposal for the #3 Snowmobile Trail.
- Special meeting minutes from August 26, 2009 for the Gogebic County Road Commission; also regular minutes from August 24, 2009.
- Bessemer Township Planning Commission minutes from September 8, 2009.
- Gogebic County Operations Planning & Action Guidelines.

Clerk:

- Notice of Upper Peninsula Heritage Trail Network for Thursday, October 15 at the Eagle Harbor Lighthouse Complex.
- Upper Peninsula Substance Enforcement Team letter of request for donations.
- Traveler's Insurance one-day seminar for November 10, 2009 in Lansing.  
\*(Trustee Tarnaski joined meeting)

Treasurer: None.

McLean: None.

Tarnaski: None.

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

REPORTS – BOARDS & COMMITTEES

POWDERHORN AREA UTILITY DISTRICT (PAUD) – Supervisor Randall reported that it was a regular meeting and they discussed next year's budget.

GOGEBIC RANGE WATER AUTHORITY (GRWA) – Jean Verbos reported that they are still trying to work with the City of Ironwood regarding the replacement of the main. At this point they are losing up to 250,000 gallons a day.

GOGEBIC RANGE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (GRSWMA) – Trustee McLean reported on their discussion on the compost pile that has not been removed in over three years. This normally costs \$4,000 a year. Some suggestions were

made such as a controlled burn, however if this is done they might not receive a re-issued compost license. The board discussed the issue.

BESSEMER AREA SEWER AUTHORITY (BASA) –None.

E911 – None.

ASSESSOR – None.

OLD BUSINESS

HEATING STUDY – The board discussed the proposal from Snow Country Contracting for the replacement of the handicap entrance ramp. The contract was also faxed to C2ae. The board discussed the proposal.

NEW BUSINESS

TREASURER’S REPORT: None.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLL & MILEAGE: The following checks for payment: General Fund: Check#7463-7480 - \$7627.79; Anvil Sewer: Check #- \$; Ramsay Sewer: Check#2272 - \$9.79; West End Sewer: Check # - \$; Water Fund Checks #18709-18718- \$1114.16. **MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Randal to approve payment of bills. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: McLean, Tarnaski, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS:

The DPW is 90% complete with re-plumbing of the township hall.

**MOTION by Tarnaski supported by McLean to have the Clerk send the DPW Workers a thank you for the work done this past summer. AEYS: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

Trustee Tarnaski informed the board that Gayla Salmi has stepped down as treasurer for the MTA chapter and that two other members have stepped up to fill the position.

ADJOURNMENT: **MOTION by Randall supported by Tarnaski to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 p.m. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

These minutes are respectfully submitted:

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Debra A. Janczak, Bessemer Township Clerk