

REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD: Monday, April 11, 2011 5:00 p.m. Meeting was called to order by the Supervisor and began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL: Beverly Ikola-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: **Motion by Grenfell supported by Ikola to approve the minutes as presented from March 28, 2011. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: Supervisor Randall added 10.B. Road Projects, 10.C. Fire Department Officer List and 9.B. Acceptance of the 2012 Budget.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: **MOTION by Grenfell supported by Janczak to approve the agenda as amended. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

PETITIONS: None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Supervisor:

- Agenda for April 13, 2011 and minutes from March 22 2011 from the Gogebic County Board of Commissioners.
- Daily pump report for March from Gogebic Range Water Authority.
- Minutes from March 14, 2011 from the Gogebic County Board of County Road Commissioners.
- Letter from the Census Bureau regarding their conducting a Census Count Question Resolution program for any challenges to the census counts.

Clerk: None.

Treasurer: None.

Ikola: None.

Tarnaski: None.

**MOTION Randall supported by Janczak to accept the above communications and place them on file. AYES: 4/NAYES: none.**

REPORTS – BOARDS & COMMITTEES

COMMUNITY ACTION EDC – Supervisor Randall reported they had a meeting and reviewed projects Vilda is working on. There has been some interest in satellite stores coming into the area from Minocqua. Comments were made on the Master Plan.

GOGEBIC RANGE WATER AUTHORITY (GRWA) – None.

BESSEMER AREA SEWER AUTHORITY (BASA) – None.

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

POWDERHORN AREA UTILITY DISTRICT (PAUD) – None.

VETERANS – None.

ASSESSOR – None.

E911 – None.

MISCELLANEOUS – None.

OLD BUSINESS

TIMBER CUTTING – The ad has been placed and interested parties have been calling in for more information.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE 2012 BUDGET – It was noted that this was already taken care of by the acceptance of the General Appropriation Act. Discussion took place regarding insurance coverage of the DPW workers while working for GRWA and PAUD. This will be looked into by the Clerk. Trustee Ikola also raised question for the computer services compensation.

**MOTION by Grenfell supported by Janczak to accept the budget as presented from the March 28, 2011 annual meeting. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: Ikola. Motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

WORKMAN’S COMP UP-DATE – Clerk Janczak informed the board that she did receive a quote from MTA and the rate would be almost half of what is currently being paid. MTA will not be ready for customers until July. The Clerk will keep up to date on the process and make sure the insurance is turned over at that time.

ROAD PROJECTS – Supervisor Randall shared a list of proposed road projects for 2011. They included Keystone Road, Alice Street and River Street. A quote will be requested for Barber Road as well. **MOTION by Grenfell supported by Ikola to table further discussion until the May 9 board meeting. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS – Supervisor Randall referred to the list provided to the board of the new officers. They are: Brian Kuchinski-Chief, Mark Selin-Assistant Chief, David Hegbloom-Captain, Paul Cradit-Lieutenant, Pearce Graham-President, Jeff Randall-Treasurer, Steven Selin-Secretary. The only changes from the previous year are in the lieutenant and the secretary. **MOTION by Grenfell supported by Ikola to accept the list of officers as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.** The fire department also decided not to be a co-host in the tournament this year.

TREASURER’S REPORT: The Treasurer reviewed the accounts. The tax settlement with the county treasurer has been made and will be approximately \$78,000. However, some payment will go to PAUD for liens made on their behalf. Utility bills have gone out and payments are being received.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLL & MILEAGE: The Clerk noted the larger payments made to workman’s comp policy and the township’s insurance policy. Also noted was the check for \$24,841.44 will be voided as it is not needed to replenish the road fund. The following checks were presented for payment: General Fund: Check#8508-8545- \$73,999.85. Anvil Sewer: Check #1094-\$1435.00; Ramsay Sewer: Check#2341-2342-\$1346.37; West End Sewer: Check #1046-\$1335.00; Water Fund Checks #19226-19244- \$19,172.20. **MOTION by Grenfell supported by Ikola to approve payment of bills. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS:

The next meeting will be May 9 since there will not be a later April meeting due to the Easter holiday. The MTA meeting will be on April 26 in Marenisco.

The Supervisor gave a brief overview of his meeting with Nick S. a representative from the Michigan EDC. At this time the township doesn’t really qualify for any grants through the state. Spot blight grants may be a possibility, but ownership by the township needs to happen.

The Clerk made a reminder of the May 3 election.

Spring clean-up will take place sometime before Memorial Weekend.

**ADJOURNMENT: MOTION by Grenfell supported by Janczak to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

These minutes are respectfully submitted:

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Debra A. Janczak, Bessemer Township Clerk