

REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD: Monday, August 23, 2010 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 there were four electors present.

PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES: **Motion by McLean supported by Tarnaski to approve the minutes as presented from August 9, 2010. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: **MOTION by Grenfell supported by McLean to approve the agenda as presented. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

PETITIONS: None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Supervisor:

- Annual meeting minutes of July 2010 from the Gogebic County Council of Veterans Affairs.
- Letter dated August 19, 2010 from the Gogebic County Board of County Road Commissioners regarding snowmobile riding on county roads meeting to be held August 26, 2010.
- Agenda for August 18, 2010 and minutes from July 21, 2010 from the Bessemer Area Sewer Authority.
- Minutes from July 26, 2010 from the Gogebic County Road Commission.
- Agenda for August 11, 2010 and minutes from July 28, 2010 from the Gogebic County Board of Commissioners.

Clerk:

- Minutes from August 10, 2010 from the Bessemer Township Planning Commission.
- Letter of resignation from Trustee John McLean to be effective September 15, 2010. The board discussed the letter and gave their thanks to the contributions John has made to the community. **MOTION by Grenfell supported by Tarnaski to accept John McLean's resignation with regret. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**
Motion by Grenfell and supported by Tarnaski to approve the cost of advertising for a township resident to take John's place on the board. Letters of interest, qualifications and resumes to be due back to the township by September 10, 2010 for the September 13 board meeting. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: McLean, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried. The board has 45 days to fill this position.

Treasurer: None.

McLean: None.

Tarnaski: None.

MOTION Randall supported by Grenfell to accept the above communications and place them on file. AYES: 5/NAYES: none.

REPORTS – BOARDS & COMMITTEES

POWDERHORN AREA UTILITY DISTRICT (PAUD) – Supervisor Randall reported it was a regular business meeting. There are still issues with lift station #4 and residents will be receiving notices on items not to put down toilets.

GOGEBIC RANGE WATER AUTHORITY (GRWA) – Treasurer Grenfell reported that the Anvil/Indianhead project is closed. Paving is scheduled to take place in the upcoming weeks in Ironwood Township.

BESSEMER AREA SEWER AUTHORITY (BASA) – Jean Verbos reported she brought up O.M.A. (Open Meetings Act) and told the board that if they advertise “regular” meetings, they must hold them or follow the rules for re-scheduling and posting of such schedule changes. The board agreed.

GOGEBIC RANGE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (GRSWMA) – Trustee McLean reported that they are still working on negotiating the administrator’s position/salary. Revisions have been made to the contract and are still pending approval via their attorney.

VETERANS – None.

ASSESSOR – None.

E911 – None.

PLANNING COMMISSION – None.

MISCELLANEOUS – Supervisor Randall referenced Ordinance #103 that deals with animals on leashes. Enforcement of this ordinance is a service that we pay millage for and the county/police are responsible for doing so. If there is anything said to the contrary from any dispatcher, people are asked to get the person’s name and report it back to the Sheriff’s department.

OLD BUSINESS –

HEATING SYSTEM PROJECT – Randy Scott from C2ae was present to apologize to the board for the vast difference in the original projected cost. New costs and plans were presented to the board. The board discussed changes. Mr. Scott is looking for approval to give the notice of award to Mukavitz Heating so they can proceed with permits, etc. The grant portion is still \$50,000 with the township being responsible for \$31,000 for the entire project. **MOTION by Tarnaski supported by McLean to move ahead with the notice of award to Mukavitz Heating. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Janczak, McLean, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

BROADBAND INITIATIVE – Supervisor Randall referred to a letter he received as just a point of information. No new information was presented on the initiative.

NEW BUSINESS

SNOWMOBILE USE ON COUNTY ROADS – The board discussed several issues. Which roads does this include? Who will enforce speed limits, etc.? Overall the board was not in favor of this. Supervisor Randall will be attending the August 26, 2010 meeting for more information.

TREASURER’S REPORT: The Treasurer reviewed all of the account balances. Transfer of \$30,000 was done through the township’s CD to the checking. The Treasurer put together a report of the review what will be lost as a result of the settlement with Grand View Hospital and their tax tribunal case. The refund that will have to be given the GVH is \$91,567.57 and includes all entities (schools, ISD, etc.)

An outstanding utility balance report was provided. Revenue sharing will be coming in the next month for \$13,000.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLL & MILEAGE: The following checks were presented for payment: General Fund: Check#8080-8104- \$12,132.34 Anvil Sewer: Check #-\$\$; Ramsay Sewer: Check#-\$\$; West End Sewer: Check #-\$\$; Water Fund Checks #19014-19025 - \$2618.02. **MOTION by Grenfell supported by Tarnaski to approve payment of bills. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: McLean, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS:

Supervisor Randall gave a reminder for the MTA Chapter meeting tomorrow in Marenisco.

A copy of a thank you letter to the Cradit family for their donation to the fire department was included in the agenda packet.

Chimney cleaning will be soon coming up. **MOTION by Grenfell supported to allow the fire department to clean resident chimneys and to place an ad in the Globe regarding sign up for the service. ROLL CALLVOTE: AYES: Randall, Janczak, McLean, Tarnaski, Grenfell. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

The board discussed a past resolution in which residents who shared a common water line were under obligation to separate if the resident whose property the main line runs through makes the request to do so. Such a request has recently been made with much dispute from the other residents served through the line. The board discussed the issue and agreed the resolution is still applicable and is to be in effect for all residents. The entire township should eventually be separated so that each individual resident being served water has their own line coming in to their house.

The board again thanked John for his service to the township.

ADJOURNMENT: MOTION by Grenfell supported by Tarnaski to adjourn the meeting at 6:19 p.m. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

These minutes are respectfully submitted:

Debra A. Janczak, Bessemer Township Clerk