

REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD: Monday, August 8, 2011 at 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, Hope Tarnaski-Trustee, Jeff Randall-Supervisor, Debbie Janczak-Clerk. Jerry Grenfell-Treasurer. In addition there were four electors present.

PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES: A correction was made under “Roll Call” to delete *absent* as Treasurer Grenfell was present for the meeting. **Motion by Tarnaski supported by Grenfell to approve the minutes as amended from July 11, 2011. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: Supervisor Randall added items 10.E. Millage Request and 10.F. AG Buildings.

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

PETITIONS: None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Supervisor:

- Daily pumping report for July 2011 from the Gogebic Range Water Authority.
- State of MI Notice of Public Hearing for July 28, 2011.
- Agenda for July 13 and minutes from June 8, 2011 from the Bessemer Area Sewer Authority.
- Agenda for July 13 & 27 and minutes from June 22 & July 13 from the Gogebic County Board of Commissioners.
- Minutes from June 27 & July 13, 2011 from the Gogebic County Board of County Road Commissioners.
- Agenda for July 21, 2011 and minutes from June 16, 2011 from the Gogebic Range Solid Waste Management Authority.

Clerk:

- Letter from Representative Dan Benishek noting who his assistants are for contacts.
- Minutes from July 12, 2011 from the Bessemer Township Planning Commission.

Treasurer: None.

McLean: None.

Tarnaski: None.

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

REPORTS – BOARDS & COMMITTEES

GOGEBIC RANGE WATER AUTHORITY (GRWA) – Treasurer Grenfell reported on the July 14 meeting where the water line for the City of Bessemer was discussed. There was a motion at the meeting to have GRWA reconsider using the side streets for water work, but it had already been decided to go down US 2. The City of Bessemer requested Jean Verbos write a letter to USDA to see if funding could be used for projects other than those specified. The response back was that it could not be used for anything other than the water project. In other business, Mr. Rome the manager for the Civic Center requested permission to apply for a well to be drilled for use in ice making. Approval was given. Bids were also opened for Project Complete for Ironwood Township. Ruotsala was the low bidder. On August 17, part of the GRWA board will travel to Escanaba for the project complete meeting. The Treasurer’s Office will be closed that day.

POWDERHORN AREA UTILITY DISTRICT (PAUD) – Supervisor Randall reported it was a regular business meeting to pay the bills.

GOGEBIC RANGE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (GRSWMA) – There was a presentation regarding proposed health insurance policies. They are discussing a reimbursable fund for employee deductibles at this time.

BESSEMER AREA SEWER AUTHORITY (BASA) –None.

VETERANS – None.

ASSESSOR – None.

E911 – None.

MISCELLANEOUS – Supervisor Randall informed the board that Alice Street is scheduled to be paved within the next week. Also the meeting set up for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July saw twenty one people in attendance. There is a tentative board made up of Dana Cebolski, Bev Ikola, Peggy Berg, and Lisa Selin. A tentative title for the group that was mentioned is “Bessemer Township Forward Committee.” The board discussed insurance coverage and fireworks. The next scheduled meeting is for August 24 at 7:00 p.m. at the township hall.

OLD BUSINESS

S-2 SEWER GRANT UPDATE - A meeting is set up for August 11 at 2:00 p.m. to discuss the needs of the project especially what should be covered in the engineering study.

BLIGHT/ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT - No News.

NEW BUSINESS

UNION CONTRACT – Supervisor Randall informed the board that Bob Murphy told him it is up to the township to now set up a meeting. **MOTION by Grenfell supported by Tarnaski to appoint Supervisor Randall and Clerk Janczak as representative for the Township for negotiations. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

MTA WORKER’S COMP INSURNACE POLICY – The Township received a letter from MTA noting that they were not prepared to begin policies this July and are polling the townships for their support. The board discussed the issue. They will wait for more information to be presented from MTA regarding policy coverage.

POST OFFICE CLOSING RESOLUTION – It has been learned that many post offices throughout the UP have been slated for closure. This is a community service to our residents. **MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Janczak to have the Supervisor write a letter of support to our representatives. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

NON MOTORIZED TRAIL EASEMENT APPROVAL – The Planning Commission approved the request for the use of the land located approximately at the south westerly corner near Anvil Road. **MOTION by Grenfell supported by Tarnaski to approve of the easement located at Section 11, T47N, R46W, S ½ of the SE ¼ except the W 450 feet of SW ¼ of SE ¼ lyg S of R/W Ln of Branch RR.78.15A as recommended by the Planning Commission. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

MILLAGE REQUEST – The Clerk brought the millage request approval form from the County Assessor. The rate is 9.5394. The board requested the Treasurer check with the county Treasurer regarding extra money that could be allocated to the township.

AG BUILDINGS – Supervisor Randall brought before the board the current obscure description on agricultural buildings and whether or not it is necessary for permits to be filed when building. Currently the Martinsons on Johnson Road are putting up such a building. The question comes up as to whether these buildings are being built to code if there are no permits filed. (In this case the Martinsons is) Some regulations state there is no permit needed; others state it is under the Supervisor or board’s discretion. **MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Janczak to authorize Supervisor Randall to contact MTA or legal council to see whether a permit is needed for an ag building. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

TREASURER’S REPORT: The treasurer reviewed the accounts. Utility bills are approximately \$30,000 outstanding. Taxes are coming in; last day to collect without penalty is September 14. February 28 is the last day to collect.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLL & MILEAGE: The following checks were presented for payment: General Fund: Check#8700-8755- \$22,968.23; Anvil Sewer: Check #1099-\$68.86; Ramsay Sewer: Check#2353-2355-\$628.81; West End Sewer: Check #-\$; Water Fund Checks #19312-19329- \$6,601.00. **MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Grenfell to approve payment of bills. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

The Clerk also presented the first quarter Profit and Loss statement for review. All accounts are tracking well and there are no adjustments to be made.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS:

Treasurer Grenfell will be out of the office on August 17 for a meeting with GRWA.

Louis Sworab requested board approval to attend a waste water seminar in Marquette on September 22. **MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Grenfell to approve of expenses associated with the attendance of the seminar. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

The board thanked the DPW for the good work on Alice Street.

ADJOURNMENT: **MOTION by Grenfell supported by Tarnaski to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

These minutes are respectfully submitted:

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Debra A. Janczak, Bessemer Township Clerk