

REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD: Monday, December 12, 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, Jerry Grenfell-Treasurer, Jeff Randall-Supervisor, Debbie Janczak-Clerk. In addition there were two electors present.

PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES: **Motion by Tarnaski supported by Grenfell to approve the minutes as presented from November 28, 2011. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: The following items were added under “New Business.”  
10. D. Excess Property Resolution.

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

PETITIONS: None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Supervisor:

- State of MI Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant Certificate of completion from the township heating project.
- Daily Pumpage report for November from GRWA.
- Minutes from November 7, 2011 from the Gogebic County Board of County Road Commissioners. Issues discussed were concerning the abandoning of a portion of Blueberry Lane. A public hearing will be held on January 9, 2012 regarding this. **MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Ikola to express the township UNFAVORABLE support of abandoning Blueberry Lane. The Supervisor will also send a letter stating such to the commissioners. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**
- Gogebic County Land Bank Authority agenda for November 30, 2011 and minutes from June 2, 2011.
- Letter from Xcel Energy regarding an open house for the proposed transmission line project for the Copper Mine project to be held December 14, 2011 at Gogebic Community College.
- Agenda for November 17, 2011 and minutes from October 20, 2011 from the Gogebic Range Solid Waste Management Authority.

Clerk:

- Board of Review training session for February.

Treasurer: None.

Ikola: 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

E911 – None.

BESSEMER AREA SEWER AUTHORITY (BASA) –None.

GOGEBIC RANGE WATER AUTHORITY (GRWA) – Treasurer Grenfell reported that the board re-elected the same officers as it currently has in place. The executive committee is meeting today with Michael Pope to finish up on the Bessemer City project. The Ironwood

Township and Indianhead projects are going well. The punch list from Snow Country is still being worked on.

POWDERHORN AREA UTILITY DISTRICT (PAUD) – Treasurer Grenfell attended and this was a regular business meeting to pay the bills and approve of the tax liens.

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

VETERANS – None.

ASSESSOR – None.

MISCELLANEOUS – Supervisor Randall noted that the Fire Department had a fund raiser as a result of the motor cross race held at Black Jack. They washed the semis/trucks from the race and earned \$2100.

A discussion will be had regarding future MTA Christmas parties and no-shows and payment to cover costs for such.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATE TO GRWA – There needs to be an at-large person for the board. **MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Grenfell to appoint Beverly Ikola as the at-large member to the GRWA board. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

GARBAGE TRUCK TIRE PURCHASE APPROVAL – The board had already pre-approved the purchase via e-mail. **MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Janczak to approve of the purchase of the truck tires for a total of \$567.08. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

GOGEBIC ONTONAGON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT TAX COLLECTION AGREEMENT APPROVAL – This is something requested each year for tax collection services. **MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Grenfell to approve of the tax collecting for the GO ISD for a 1% fee collected by the township. Also approval for the signature required for the agreement is included in the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

EXCESS PROPERTY RESOLUTION – Jim Favero had made the accepted bid for lots 22a & 23a for a total cost of \$1011.50. **MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Grenfell to approve of the resolution stating the sale of lots 22a & 23a for \$1011.50 which includes costs incurred by the sale. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

TREASURER’S REPORT: Treasurer Grenfell review the account balances. So far there have been approximately 250 tax payments made of our 2300. CFR payments have also come in. Utility bills continue to come in as well.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLL & MILEAGE: The following checks were presented for payment: General Fund: Check#8937-8959- \$13,546.39; Anvil Sewer: Check #-; Ramsay Sewer: Check#2368-\$134.52; West End Sewer: Check #-; Water Fund Checks #19425-19438- \$20,727.73. **MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Grenfell to approve payment of bills. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS:

There will be a DPW lunch on December 15 at noon.

The Clerk will be participating in an Economic Vitality Incentive Program webinar next week.  
The next meeting will be January 9, 2012.

**ADJOURNMENT: MOTION by Grenfell supported by Janczak to adjourn the meeting at 5:52 p.m. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

These minutes are respectfully submitted:

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Debra A. Janczak, Bessemer Township Clerk