

REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD: Monday, December 13, 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: Beverly Ikola-Trustee, Jerry Grenfell-Treasurer, Jeff Randall-Supervisor, Debbie Janczak-Clerk. Absent: Hope Tarnaski-Trustee. In addition there was one elector present.

PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES: **Motion by Grenfell supported by Randall to approve the minutes as presented from November 22, 2010. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None.

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

PETITIONS: None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Supervisor:

- MTA Board of Review Training flyer for February, 2011.
- Letter from the Gogebic Board of County Road Commissioners requesting a list of roads for repair for the 2011 year. This year the cost split will be 60%-townships/40% GCRC.
- Letter from Gogebic Range Water Authority regarding the Water Storage Tank Loan #91-10 and the beginning of payments.
- GRWA Pumping report for November 2011.
- Agenda for November 24 & December 8, 2010 and minutes from November 11 & 24, 2010 from the Gogebic County Board of Commissioners.
- Minutes from November 8, 2010 from the Gogebic Board of County Road Commissioners.
- USDA letter regarding Ottawa National Forest update on the Beaton vegetation Management Project.
- Letter from Dean & Pope regarding personal property taxes unpaid for five years and the collection process.

Clerk:

- Letter of interest for the Board of Review position from Dana Cebowski. Supervisor Randall will be contacting her.
- Letter from the Department of Natural Resources & Environment regarding the closing of the water testing lab in Houghton.
- Announcement of the 2011 Boundary and Annexation Survey workshops in December 2010 and January 2011.

Treasurer: None.

Ikola: None.

Tarnaski: None.

REPORTS – BOARDS & COMMITTEES

POWDERHORN AREA UTILITY DISTRICT (PAUD) – None.

GOGEBIC RANGE WATER AUTHORITY (GRWA) – Treasurer Grenfell reported that it was a regular business meeting. Randy Scott gave some testing results from the Chicago Mine. The backfill from Bessemer was also successful. This will be able to provide water around the range. The testing was done at the request of the state. C2ae will also be putting in an application for a permit for Orvana to put in an intake to Lake Superior.

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

BESSEMER AREA SEWER AUTHORITY (BASA) –It was reported that the City of Bessemer moved to appoint Doug Olson as a new/returning representative to the board. Al Gaiss will now be the alternate and Bill MacDonald will continue serving. Christmas bonuses were approved. Jean Verbos asked the authority if it would be willing to take on water testing services. Since the lab in Houghton is closing, this would be a good opportunity. The board tentatively gave its approval.

VETERANS – Don Ormes gave an overview/update as well as the quarterly reports and minutes from the past four months.

ASSESSOR – None.

E911 – Mike Peterson updated the board on the past activities of the E911 committee as well as reviewed the budget. Information was given as to what municipalities will be up to receive updating equipment.

MISCELLANEOUS – None.

The board thanked both Mike Peterson and Don Ormes for their willingness to serve on these two very important committees/boards on behalf of the township.

OLD BUSINESS

MASTER PLAN DRAFT – The board had a brief discussion regarding the change in the education section of the plan.

HEATING SYSTEM PROJECT – Supervisor Randall presented two payout requests. One for \$27,607.50, which covers what has been completed thus far as well as one for \$6325.00 which is the contingency portion and final payment. They are about 90-95% finished. The township has to make payment to the contractor and then will receive reimbursement. **MOTION by Janczak supported by Grenfell to pay \$27,607.50 to Mukevitz Heating and make the other check for \$6235.00, but hold it until final review by the engineers has been done. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

EXCESS INVTENTORY BID OPENING – Supervisor Randall opened the bids received for excess equipment. They were as follows:

For the John Deere 54” Rider

- \$200.00 – Randy Miljevich
- \$200.00 – Philip Salaj
- \$450.00 – Roger Ikola
- \$601 – Danny Leuzzo

For the Dr. Field Walk Behind

- \$85.80 – Lena Gierl
- \$60.00 – Philip Salaj
- \$201.00 – Danny Leuzzo

For the International Dump Truck

- \$501.00 – Danny Leuzzo

There were no bids received on the Ford F350 truck. This will be put up for bid again in the spring. **MOTION by Grenfell supported by Janczak to sell the equipment above to Danny Luzzo for the bids received - \$601.00 – John Deere Rider; \$201.00-Dr. Field walk behind;**

and \$501.00 for the International Dump Truck for a total of \$1303.00. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Janczak, Ikola, Grenfell, Randall. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

MOTION by Randall supported by Ikola to request that the awarded inventory be picked up no later than January 10, 2011. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

The Clerk will contact Mr. Leuzzo by phone and follow up with a written confirmation with deadline for pick up of equipment.

CHEVY REPAIR – The transmission has failed on the Chevy and it is in need of a new one. This was pre-approved by e-mailed vote by the board. **MOTION by Grenfell supported by Janczak to approve of the \$2415.75 repair to replace the transmission on the 2001 Chevy with work to be done by Mark’s Car Care. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Grenfell, Randall, Janczak, Ikola. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

SUNDAY LIQUOR SALES – The Clerk provided the board with information on the upcoming allowance for Sunday Sales of beer and wine. This is effective beginning December 16, 2010 and venders and current licensees will need to apply for extra permits.

WATER STORAGE TANK – Payments will be billed to the township beginning March 1, 2011 for the tank at Aspirus Grand View Hospital.

TREASURER’S REPORT: The treasurer reviewed the accounts. A list of foreclosures from 2008 (21 properties) has been received. This is slightly above the norm. Taxes are coming in and utilities will be going out after January 1st.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLL & MILEAGE: The following checks were presented for payment: General Fund: Check#8282-8315- \$43,423.14; Anvil Sewer: Check #-\$; Ramsay Sewer: Check#- \$; West End Sewer: Check #- \$; Water Fund Checks #19117-19138- \$20,537.20. **MOTION by Grenfell supported by Ikola to approve payment of bills. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

The Clerk also noted that she received notice for the final payment on the New Holland. This will be in the March and will be for \$5,000.00.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS:

The Supervisor noted that the Board of Review will be on December 14, 2010.

ADJOURNMENT: MOTION by Grenfell supported by Janczak to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 p.m. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

These minutes are respectfully submitted:

Debra A. Janczak, Bessemer Township Clerk