

REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD: Monday, January 10, 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 two electors present.

PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES: **Motion by Grenfell supported by Randall to approve the minutes as presented from December 13, 2010. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None.

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

PETITIONS: None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Supervisor:

- Letter from the Field Law Group, PLLC regarding electric rate increase for Xcel Energy.
- Letter from Dean & Pope regarding the unpaid personal property judgment.
- Daily Pumping report from GRWA for December, 2010.
- Meeting schedule for the Powerderhorn Utility District for 2011.
- Meeting schedule for the Gogebic Range Water Authority for 2011.
- Public Hearing notice for the Gogebic County Board of Commissioners for December 29, 2010 regarding their General Fund Budget.
- Agenda for December 27 and December 29 (special meeting), 2010 and minutes from December 8, 2010 from the Gogebic County Board of Commissioners.
- Letter from Gogebic County Board of County Road Commissioners regarding a change in snow plowing priority roads.
- Minutes from a special meeting as well as the regular meetings of November 22 and December 13, 2010 from the Gogebic County Board of County Road Commissioners.
- Copy of the 2011 Program budget for the Gogebic County Board of County Road Commissioners.
- Agenda for December 16, 2010 and minutes from November 18, 2010 for the Gogebic Range Solid Waste Management Authority as well as their audit report for 2009-10.
- Letter from the Western UP Planning & Development Regional Commission regarding the purchase of a new 2011 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor and Necessary Equipment and a second letter regarding the purchase of a 2011 Ford 4 x 4 Explorer SUV Police Package. The purchase of both includes federal money as well as money to be paid by the applicant.
- Letter from Charter Communications regarding increase in rates.

Clerk:

- Information on the Township Governance Academy.
- A 2-day seminar on electrical safety work related practices in February 2011.
- Meeting minutes from January 12, 2011 from the Bessemer Area Sewer Authority.
- Meeting minutes from November 3 and December 14, 2010 from the Bessemer Township Planning Commission.

Treasurer: None.

Ikola: None.

Tarnaski: None.

REPORTS – BOARDS & COMMITTEES

POWDERHORN AREA UTILITY DISTRICT (PAUD) – Supervisor Randall reported that this was a regular business meeting.

GOGEBIC RANGE WATER AUTHORITY (GRWA) – They received a clean audit.

GOGEBIC RANGE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (GRSWMA) – Supervisor Randall reported that there will be some general work done around the building. They will be purchasing a system that can work with the scale and print out receipts.

BESSEMER AREA SEWER AUTHORITY (BASA) –None.

VETERANS – None.

ASSESSOR – Supervisor Randall noted that personal property statements have been mailed out and the roll is being prepared.

E911 – Supervisor Randall reported that the fire department was supplied with pagers to be used.

MISCELLANEOUS – None.

OLD BUSINESS

MASTER PLAN DRAFT – The planning commission will be reviewing the newest version of the education section. Walt Rickard gave more background information.

HEATING SYSTEM PROJECT – Supervisor Randall noted that the project is basically complete. There is a punch list that is being worked on by the contractor. All major bills have been submitted and we are waiting for payment.

NEW BUSINESS

BOARD OF REVIEW APPOINTMENT – Supervisor Randall contact Dana Cebolski and gave her a summary of the position requirements and expectations. She is still interested, but could not attend the meeting tonight. **MOTION by Grenfell supported by Ikola to approve of the appointment of Dana Cebolski to the Board of Review as well as the reappointment of John Heikkinen and Russell Nyman. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Janczak, Ikola, Grenfell, Randall. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

Board of review training is coming up in February in Houghton/Marquette and the cost is \$75 per person. **MOTION by Grenfell supported by Janczak to approve of the cost of attendance and expenses for all three members to attend the February Board of Review Training. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Randall, Janczak, Ikola, Grenfell. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

WORKMAN’S COMP UPDATE – Clerk Janczak reported that MTA is still working on figures. At this point however, it does look like it could be up to a couple of thousand dollars difference in policies. The board will be kept up to date.

BUDGET FY 2012 – The Supervisor just noted that preparation for the next budget year will be beginning.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Treasurer Grenfell reviewed the accounts. Tax money has been put back into the general fund CD. Expenses in the amounts of \$15,249.22 and \$2695.78 for real and personal property back tax payments to Grand View Hospital will be paid out. The board discussed Bessemer School Board’s position on the repayment of back taxes resulting from an article in the Daily Globe.

The Treasurer attended a personal property tax hearing on January 5, 2011 in which he was asked to give statements. \$534.84 will be written off as non collectible.

Revenue sharing is expected to be around \$15,000.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLL & MILEAGE: The following checks were presented for payment: General Fund: Check#8316-8361- \$61,749.65 (checks #8329 & 8348 were VOIDED) Anvil Sewer: Check #1089-\$85.59; Ramsay Sewer (list not included in the packet): Check#2330-2333-\$644.61; West End Sewer: Check #-\$; Water Fund Checks #19139-19161- \$29,885.70. **MOTION by Grenfell supported by Ikola to approve payment of bills. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

In addition the third quarter profit and loss statement was provided. At this time the finances are all in check and there are no accounts that have gone over budget.

The Clerk noted an upcoming webinar on changes in record retention that she will be taking part in.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS:

A new title for the dump truck and possibly the Ford Van from the fire department will need to be applied for.

ADJOURNMENT: MOTION by Grenfell supported by Randall to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 p.m. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

These minutes are respectfully submitted:

Debra A. Janczak, Bessemer Township Clerk