

REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD: Monday, January 24, 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: Jerry Grenfell-Treasurer, Jeff Randall-Supervisor, Debbie Janczak-Clerk, Hope Tarnaski-Trustee. Absent: Beverly Ikola-Trustee. In addition there were four electors present. Supervisor Randall introduced Dana Cebowski to the meeting as the newest member to the Board of Review.

PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES: **Motion by Grenfell supported by Tarnaski to approve the minutes as presented from January 10, 2011. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None.

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

PETITIONS: None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Supervisor:

- Quarterly report from the Gogebic County Veterans Council from October-December 2010.
- Letter from Dean & Pope regarding the township's ability to lien property for unpaid utility charges.
- Local MTA Meeting schedule.
- Letter from Jean Verbos giving praise and thanks to the DPW Workers for their efforts during the water capacity testing of the Chicago Mine wells. (copy of the letter will be placed in employee files)
- Letter from Pete Matonich regarding the professional work done by the firefighters during the Powderhorn fire. **MOTION by Randall supported by Grenfell to copy the letters of commendation to the DPW workers and the fire department along with thank you's from the board. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**
- Notice from the Gogebic County Board of County Road Commissioners regarding a meeting on January 24, 2011 to discuss future projects.
- Letter from the Gogebic-Ontonagon Community Action Agency regarding the hiring of Velda Sclafani as the Community Development Coordinator.
- Bessemer Area Sewer Authority copy of audit from June 2009-2010. This was a clean audit.
- Agenda for January 12, 2011 and minutes from December 27, 2010 from the Gogebic County Board of Commissioners.

Clerk:

- Minutes from January 11, 2011 from the Bessemer Township Planning Commission.
- Audit from Gogebic Range Water Authority from June 30, 2010.

Treasurer: None.

Ikola: None.

Tarnaski: None.

**MOTION Randall supported by Tarnaski to accept the above communications and place them on file. AYES: 4/NAYES: none.**

REPORTS – BOARDS & COMMITTEES

GOGEBIC RANGE WATER AUTHORITY (GRWA) – None.

BESSEMER AREA SEWER AUTHORITY (BASA) – Jean Verbos reported that the audit was presented with in-depth background given to update the new board. They discussed who should be holding the bond reserve money. Meeting time has been changed to 4:30 p.m.

GOGEBIC RANGE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (GRSWMA) – Supervisor Randall noted that there are some issues with the contractor (Waste Management) following through on issues with some doors. Michael Pope had been contacted and will be sending a letter. A feasibility study will be put together to look at the possibility of a member wide garbage pick to be done by the authority.

POWDERHORN AREA UTILITY DISTRICT (PAUD) – Supervisor Randall reported that it was a regular business meeting. There was some discussion regarding the billing, etc. and what will be paid as a result of the recent Powderhorn fire.

VETERANS – Don Ormes gave an update on the dates/times of drivers in the area. Also on repairs that have been done to the garage door where the van is housed.

ASSESSOR – None.

E911 – None.

OLD BUSINESS

MASTER PLAN DRAFT – There were some changes in grammar that the board reviewed. The Planning Commission has recommended that the board accept this version and present it to the public for comment. **MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Janczak to accept the Master Plan as amended and make it available for the 62 day review by the public and other entities. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Janczak, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

HEATING STUDY – Supervisor Randall noted no new changes or updates and that the punch list is still being worked on.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 86-11 – DECLARATION OF ANNUAL MEETING DATE – to be held on March 28, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. with a regular meeting to follow. **MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Grenfell to approve of the March 28, 2011 date along with approval of money for publication. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Randall, Janczak, Tarnaski, Grenfell. NAYES: None. Motion carried.**

RESOLUTION 87-11 – DECLARING DEPOSITORIES – The list of depositories was reviewed with no changes from the previous year. **MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Grenfell to approve of the 2011-12 Fiscal Year list of depositories. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Janczak, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

SALARY RESOLUTIONS – **MOTION by Grenfell supported by Tarnaski to table until the full board is present. AYES: 4/NAYS: none. Motion carried.**

LETTERS TO SHERIFF’S DEPT. & ROAD COMMISSION – The board reviewed the letters presented by Supervisor Randall. **MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Grenfell to approve the letters for mailing with corrections to the last sentence for the Sheriff’s Department to reword “jobs very well” and to change the word “Deputies” in the first paragraph of the Road Commission letter. AYES: 4/NAYES: Motion carried.**

TREASURER’S REPORT: The Treasurer reviewed all of the account balances and reconciliations. There is a large deposit ready to go in this Thursday to the water fund. Notices will be going out for past due accounts. At this point revenue sharing appears to be the same as last year. The first two payments will go off of the 2000 census whereas the second two payments will use the 2010 census, so Approved

this could change. The census is due for release in April. The money to be paid to Grand View Hospital will be sent to the County Treasurer and she will dispense the payment. Requests for payments have been sent to the agencies the township collects for. All have been received except for Gogebic County and the Bessemer Area Schools. The amounts due by January 31, 2011 are \$15,249.22 and \$2695.78.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLL & MILEAGE: The following checks were presented for payment: General Fund: Check#8362-8384- \$12,033.95. Anvil Sewer: Check #-; Ramsay Sewer: Check#2334-\$9.83; West End Sewer: Check #-; Water Fund Checks #19162-19172- \$1729.69.

**MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Grenfell to approve payment of bills. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

The Clerk reported that there will be only one election held this year and that will be in May for the schools.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS:

Trustee Tarnaski questioned the status on the progress for the fire lane at the Grand View. Supervisor Randall will be checking on this.

The new truck is scheduled for production, so everything is moving on schedule.

ADJOURNMENT: **MOTION by Grenfell supported by Tarnaski to adjourn the meeting at 6:06 p.m. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

These minutes are respectfully submitted:

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Debra A. Janczak, Bessemer Township Clerk