

REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD: Monday, June 28, 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: John McLean-Trustee, Jeff Randall-Supervisor, Debbie Janczak-Clerk, Jerry Grenfell-Treasurer, Hope Tarnaski-Trustee. In addition there were five electors present.

PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES: **Motion by Grenfell supported by Tarnaski to approve the minutes as presented from May 24, 2010. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None.

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

PETITIONS: None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Supervisor:

- Thank you from Louie Sworab from his mom's funeral.
- Daily pump report from May 2010.
- Letter from Bill Perkis the new Gogebic County Conservation District Inspector.
- Agenda from May 26, 2010 and minutes from May 12, 2010 from the Gogebic County Board of Commissioners.
- Public Hearing notice for June 9, 2010, agenda from June 9 & 23, 2010 and minutes from May 25 & June 9, 2010 from the Gogebic County Board of Commissioners.
- Minutes from May 10 & 24, 2010 from the Gogebic County Road Commission.
- MTA UP Summit Notice for August 5 & 6, 2010.

**MOTION by McLean supported by Tarnaski to approve of fees and mileage for any official wanting to attend the UP Summit. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Grenfell, Randall, Janczak, McLean, Tarnaski. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

- Information from Don Keith and Robert Black who are running for offices.

Clerk:

- Regular meeting minutes from June 8, 2010 from the Bessemer Township Planning Commission.
- MTA Governance Academy offering in August, 2010.

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

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

GOGEBIC RANGE WATER AUTHORITY (GRWA) – Treasurer Grenfell reported it was a regular business meeting.

BESSEMER AREA SEWER AUTHORITY (BASA) – None.

GOGEBIC RANGE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (GRSWMA) – Trustee McLean reported that the board settled the labor contract. They purchased a truck and tank so that they can haul their own waste to Ironwood. The transfer station will be closed from noon on Thursday through the weekend in order to pour a new slab at the turn around. The cost is \$8,000.

VETERANS – None.

ASSESSOR – None.

E911 – None.

PLANNING COMMISSION – Supervisor Randall reported that they are working on the Master Plan. Kelly Drake attended the last meeting and discussed future land use.

OLD BUSINESS

BASA REPRESENTATIVE RESIGNATION/NEW APPOINTMENT – Last meeting John McLean turned in his resignation. Jean Verbos has expressed interest in the position and she has prior experience working with BASA. **MOTION by Grenfell supported by Tarnaski to accepted John McLean’s resignation and appoint Jean Verbos as the township’s representative to the BASA board (contingent on the representative *not* having to be a board member).** ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak, McLean. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

AUDIT – Roger Kolehmainen reviewed the highlights of the audit. It is an unqualified opinion. **MOTION by Grenfell supported by Tarnaski to accept and place on file the 2010 fiscal year audit report.** ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Randall, Janczak, McLean, Tarnaski, Grenfell. NAYES: none. Motion carried. **MOTION by Grenfell supported by Tarnaski to approve payment to Roger Kolehmainen in the amount of \$7735 for audit services.** ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Grenfell, Randall, Janczak, McLean, Tarnaski. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

GVHS TAX TRIBUNAL CASE – Supervisor Randall reviewed the letter and recommendation from Michael Pope about proceeding with taking the case to trial. This would not benefit the township and would end up costing more money. **MOTION by McLean supported by Grenfell to give Michael Pope the authority to act on the township’s best interest in concluding the case.** ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Janczak, McLean, Grenfell, Randall. ABSTAIN: Tarnaski. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

CAA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE REQUEST – The board discussed the request that has been previously voted on via e-mail for a Gogebic & Ontonagon Community Action Agency Development Office. The original presentation was done at the June MTA Chapter meeting by Carolynne Carlson. CONFIRMATION of **MOTION to approve of the participation in the creation of a Community Development Office by e-mail: AYES: Janczak, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall. NAYES: McLean. Motion carried. MOTION by Grenfell supported by Tarnaski to approve \$1,000 pledge to Gogebic Ontonagon Community Action Agency for a Community Development Office.** ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Randall, Janczak, Tarnaski, Grenfell. NAYES: McLean. Motion carried.

**WATER QUALITY REPORTS APPROVAL – MOTION by Tarnaski supported by McLean to accept the 2009 Drinking Water Quality Reports. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

**FIREFIGHTER APPLICATION APPROVAL – The board reviewed Steven Selin’s application and recommendation from the fire department. MOTION by Grenfell supported by Tarnaski to accepted Steven Selin to the Bessemer Township Volunteer Fire Department. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: McLean, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

**SUMMER NEWSLETTER APPROVAL – MOTION by Grenfell supported by Tarnaski to approve of the Summer 2010 newsletter to be included with the tax bills. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.** The Clerk was thanked for her work.

TREASURER’S REPORT: The Treasurer reviewed all of the account balances. Taxes will be printed tomorrow and utility bills will go out on July 6.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLL & MILEAGE: The Clerk noted that new garbage bags were purchased with a slight increase from the previous year. Also, the bond payments were taken out of the water fund. The following checks were presented for payment: General Fund: Check#7925-7974- \$76,374.69; Anvil Sewer: Check #1079-1080-\$65.08; Ramsay Sewer: Check#2301-2307-\$3389.85; West End Sewer: Check #-\$; Water Fund Checks #18934-18964- \$42,880.93. **MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Grenfell to approve payment of bills. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: McLean, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS:

Supervisor Randall noted the fire department’s thank you in the paper with a picture of the newly painted van. An update was also given on blight properties.

A request for bid will be placed this week for the heating system.

Curt Haas asked why the concession stand roof hadn’t been fixed yet. **MOTION by Grenfell supported by Tarnaski to place an ad in the paper for a bid after the insurance policy is checked for coverage. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Janczak, McLean, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

A request was made to have Buzzy remove the trailers, etc. parked on Main Street.

Suggestions for the July MTA chapter meeting hosted here were made.

ADJOURNMENT: **MOTION by Grenfell supported by Tarnaski to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

These minutes are respectfully submitted:

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Debra A. Janczak, Bessemer Township Clerk