

REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD: Monday, May 24, 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 10, 2010. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: Supervisor Randall added item 10.E. *Grass Cutting*.

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:

- Daily pump report from April 2010.
- Agenda from May 12, 2010 and minutes from April 28, 2010 from the Gogebic County Board of Commissioners.
- Minutes from special meeting of April 26 and May 3, 2010 from the Gogebic County Road Commission and regular meeting minutes from April 26, 2010.

Clerk:

- Notice of a June 8, 2010 meeting of the Western UP Heritage Trail Network in Lake Linden.
- Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks meeting in Mount Pleasant June 22-25, 2010.
- Regular meeting minutes from May 11, 2010 from the Bessemer Township Planning Commission.
- Letter of resignation from Mr. John McLean from the Bessemer Area Sewer Authority board. The board discussed the basis of the resignation after the Clerk read it to the public. Issues have risen and have made it increasingly difficult to work as a functioning board. Trustee McLean asked for the removal of Bill McDonald from the board. After several meetings with John Frello no action has thus been taken. **MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Grenfell to have the Supervisor contact Michael Pope regarding legal recourse in this matter and then proceed to contact John Frello about the pending resignation and situation on the board. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Randall, Janczak, Tarnaski, Grenfell. NAYE: McLean. Motion carried.**

MOTION by Grenfell supported by Tarnaski to table Trustee McLean's resignation from the BASA board until the next meeting. AYES: 4/NAYES: 1 (McLean). Motion carried.

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

GOGEBIC RANGE WATER AUTHORITY (GRWA) – Treasurer Grenfell reported it was a regular business meeting. Issues still pending were with Jim Bucknell and the remittance back to the GRWA for overpayment. There is a meeting on May 25 of the executive board with the City of Ironwood to discuss the amount the city would charge GRWA to sell water to the

Township of Ironwood. There has been an agreement reached regarding the City of Ironwood and the new main water line to GRWA. The new pumps at Powdermill Creek should be working by July 1.

BESSEMER AREA SEWER AUTHORITY – The board was updated during the communications.

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

POWDERHORN AREA UTILITY DISTRICT (PAUD) – Supervisor Randall reported a regular business meeting. They are looking at the status of enforcing hook-ups. Bessemer Township only has eight properties that are not yet hooked up with two actually being hooked up but not recorded, two that have applied and the rest pending.

VETERANS – None.

ASSESSOR – None.

E911 – None.

MISCELLANEOUS – Supervisor Randall reported that the scrap metal pick-up from the past weekend netted around 2 tons. Ramme still has sections of the township to pick-up.

OLD BUSINESS

RULES OF ORDER – Supervisor Randall provided the board with four different versions of rules. At the MTA Spring District meeting it was discussed and Robert’s Rules is used most frequently. **MOTION by Grenfell supported by Tarnaski to table and decisions until next meeting June 28. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

RAMSAY & ANVIL SEWER DEBT RETIREMENT - The Clerk reiterated what was shared via e-mail from Jackie French of the USDA Rural Development office. We are able to pay off the bonds and the board discussed various options. **MOTION by Grenfell supported by Tarnaski to table until the December payment becomes due. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: McLean, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

AUDITOR CONTRACT – The board reviewed the contract from Roger Kolehmainen. **MOTION by Grenfell supported by Tarnaski to accept and approve for signature Roger Kolehmainen’s contract for the fiscal year 2010 audit not to exceed \$8,000. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: McLean, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

BRIDGE PROGRAM RESOLUTION – The board discussed the resolution for approval of the seeking of funds for the repair of Black River Bridge. Money would be available and the township would only have to pay \$10,000 (\$10,000 shared with the Road Commission-\$20,000 total) and the rest would be through a state grant. **MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Randall to support the Gogebic County Road commission’s efforts to receive funding through the Michigan Department of Transportation. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Janczak, McLean, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

RAMSAY PARK DOG WALKING RESOLUTION – The board reviewed the resolution that has been approved by the Planning Commission. Wording was added to point #1 to read “and **the owner** may receive a citation.” **MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Grenfell to approve of Resolution #82-10 with changes noted above. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Randall, Janczak, McLean, Tarnaski, Grenfell. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Janczak to authorize the purchase of signage for the park. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Randall, Janczak, McLean, Tarnaski, Grenfell. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS – There are two positions coming up. Both Bob Berg and Jean Verbos have expressed interest in continuing on the commission. **MOTION by Tarnaski supported by McLean to approve the reappointments of Bob Berg and Jean Verbos for a term to end in June 2013. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Randall, Janczak, McLean, Tarnaski, Grenfell. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

GRASS CUTTING – Supervisor noted that grass cutting will begin and letters will be sent to those in violation of overgrown grass. The current rate is \$150 and should be changed. **MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Grenfell to raise the fine rate to \$200.00 per cut. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Randall, Janczak, McLean, Tarnaski, Grenfell. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

TREASURER’S REPORT: The Treasurer reviewed all of the account balances. An updated utility billing spreadsheet was provided from Xcel Energy. The auditor should be finishing up this week.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLL & MILEAGE: The Clerk noted that the workman’s comp audit is being done. The following checks were presented for payment: General Fund: Check#7901-7924- \$12,520.85; Anvil Sewer: Check #-; Ramsay Sewer: Check#2299-2399-\$114.23; West End Sewer: Check #-; Water Fund Checks #18926-18933- \$1832.90. **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 reminded the board of the MTA meeting tomorrow night is fifteen minutes earlier than usual in Watersmeet.

Curt Haas asked how the Ramsay lagoon fees are allocated to the accounts.

ADJOURNMENT: **MOTION by Randall supported by Tarnaski to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

These minutes are respectfully submitted:

Debra A. Janczak, Bessemer Township Clerk