

REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD: Monday, May 9, 2011 at 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, Hope Tarnaski-Trustee, Jeff Randall-Supervisor, Debbie Janczak-Clerk. Absent: Jerry Grenfell-Treasurer. In addition there were four electors present.

PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES: **Motion by Grenfell supported by Ikola to approve the minutes as presented from April 11, 2011. 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 presented. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

PETITIONS: None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Supervisor:

- Notice from AFSCME MI Council 25 regarding the state legislature HB4059 that would prohibit conducting meetings during work hours; the letter requests a letter of support for opposition.
- Letter from FEMA regarding an upcoming meeting on May 12, 2011 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Gogebic Community College on Risk Mapping. The Supervisor will be attending this meeting.
- Daily Pump report for April 2011 from GRWA.
- Public Hearing notice from Northern States Power Company for May 17, 2011.
- Letter from USDA – Ottawa National Forest Supervisor’s Office regarding North Zone Decisions.
- Fax from the Gogebic County Board of County Road Commissioners stating the road weight restrictions will be lifted on county black top roads only effective May 9, 2011.
- Minutes from March 28 regular and special meetings from the Gogebic Board of County Road Commissioners.
- Agenda for April 27, 2011 and minutes from April 13, 2011 from the Gogebic County Board of Commissioners.
- Notice of Public Hearing from the City of Bessemer Planning Commission for May 11, 2011.
- Agenda for April 21, 2011 and minutes from March 17, 2011 from the Gogebic Range Solid Waste Management Authority.

Clerk:

- MTA Offering for Hot Topics in Planning in Zoning during the month of June.
- MTA Offering for Introduction to Millage Questions for June 15 & 16, 2011.
- Notice from MTA regarding the workman’s comp policy to be effective and up and running by July 1, 2011.
- Bessemer Township Board of Review Organizational meeting minutes of March 8, 2011.
- Notice from the City of Bessemer for their 2010 Water Quality Report.

Treasurer: None.

McLean: None.

Tarnaski: None.

**MOTION Randall supported by Grenfell 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) – None.

GOGEBIC RANGE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (GRSWMA) – Supervisor Randall noted that they are beginning negotiations with the administrator’s contract. The feasibility study is still being worked on.

BESSEMER AREA SEWER AUTHORITY (BASA) –Jean Verbos reported that they reviewed employee contracts and agreed upon a .50/hour raise for Jack Bravato and a \$1.00/hour raise for Brad Hendrickson. The administrative assistant was also moved to an annual salary of \$5000 instead of hourly pay for work. They have also realized big savings from moving one employee from family to single coverage. Because of this they agreed to pay the health insurance premium for one more year.

VETERANS – None.

ASSESSOR – None.

E911 – Mike Peterson informed the Supervisor that there are no new issues at this point.

MISCELLANEOUS – The past issue regarding the parking situation at the Grand View has received answers. Darren Pionk of the Gogebic County Road Commission has confirmed that there should not be any parking along the parking lane. This is noted in MCL 257.672. A letter has been sent to the hospital with the suggestion of publishing the notice and Michigan Common Law.

OLD BUSINESS

TIMBER CUTTING – There have been three people who have inquired about the project. Proposals are due on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

ROAD PROJECTS – The board reviewed the three proposed roads for work. These are South Barber Road, River Street and Alice Street. Trustee Ikola expressed concern over 2<sup>nd</sup> Street’s condition. Supervisor Randall will talk more the Darren Pionk and get some new cost figures.

NEW BUSINESS

MASTER PLAN APPROVAL – The Planning Commission has put out for the allotted time for public review. The commission has given its approval for the plan. **MOTION by Grenfell supported by Janczak to adopt the Master Plan for Bessemer Township as proposed. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

SAND PIT – The Board of Review held a public hearing and approved the special use for a sand and top soil pit located on N. Moore Road and Black River Road. This would be a special two year permit. **MOTION by Grenfell supported by Tarnaski to approve the permit as presented by the Planning Commission. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

BLACKJACK SEWER PROJECT – The board discussed the a special assessment for the project. This would need to be brought to the public for approval prior to any progress on work to be done. **MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Janczak to support the process and begin special assessment procedure. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

**NOXIOUS WEED AD – MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Janczak to approve of the publication and expense of the ad. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

**SPRING CLEAN UP – This will take place on May 26. The ad has already been placed with the Daily Globe, North County Sun and Wakefield News/Bessemer Pick & Ax. Scrap metal will be by appointment only. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Grenfell to approve of the publications and costs of the ad. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

**FIREFIGHTER APPROVAL – An application for Dave Syreini was brought before the board. A discussion was had regarding past issues and certification. No action was taken on the application.**

TREASURER’S REPORT: The treasurer reviewed the accounts. A correction in the balance of the road fund CD was made. The fund’s balance is \$28,998.28. Utility bills are coming in. There is still around \$30,000 to collect. The tax settlement was received in April and the amount liened has been transferred. Revenue sharing has come in and was \$200-\$300 more than anticipated. Tax bills will be going out the early part of July.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLL & MILEAGE: The following checks were presented for payment: General Fund: Check#8546-8591- \$17,018.38; Anvil Sewer: Check #1095-\$100.12; Ramsay Sewer: Check#2343-2345-\$1348.47; West End Sewer: Check #-\$; Water Fund Checks #19245-19266- \$11,642.08. **MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Grenfell to approve payment of bills. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS:  
The white truck/van should be taken off the insurance.

Treasurer Grenfell noted that he received a list of five houses and two lots coming up on foreclosure.

There has been no request for union negotiations to date.

Trustee Tarnaski noted that MTA Chapter dues bills will be coming out soon.

Jean Verbos requested a .50/hour raise for Beau Rajala, who has been with the township for several years and will begin summer work June 1<sup>st</sup>. **MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Grenfell to increase Beau Rajala’s hourly salary to \$9.00 per hour. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

Jean Verbos informed the board of money that may become available for the SSO compliance. The state has begun to ask questions and it would benefit the township to continue progress on this project, which is in the form of an S-2 Grant.

ADJOURNMENT: **MOTION by Grenfell supported by Randall to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 p.m. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

These minutes are respectfully submitted:  
Approved \_\_\_\_\_

Debra A. Janczak, Bessemer Township Clerk