

REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD: Monday, November 14, 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 (joined meeting at 5:07), Jerry Grenfell-Treasurer, Jeff Randall-Supervisor, Debbie Janczak-Clerk. In addition there were three electors present.

PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES: **Motion by Grenfell supported by Ikola to approve the minutes as presented from October 24, 2011. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None.

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

PETITIONS: None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Supervisor:

- Letter from Charlie Supercynski regarding Copper Peak updates.
- Daily pump report for October from Gogebic Range Water Authority.
- Letter from Gogebic County Clerk Gerry Pelissero informing outside entities that from now on the agenda and minutes will be forwarded electronically. We will keep these on file for approximately one year.
- Agenda for October 26, 2011 & November 9, 2011 and minutes from October 12 & 26, 2011 from the Gogebic County Board of Commissioners.
- Agenda from November 9, 2011 and minutes from October 12, 2011 from the Bessemer Area Sewer Authority.
- A response letter from Carl Levin regarding the situation with the post office closing.
- Minutes from October 10 & 24, 2011 from the Gogebic County Board of County Road Commissioners; of special note was the schedule for plowing.
- Letter from the Department of Human Services requesting donations for their 2011 Santa's Headquarters.
- Agenda for October 20, 2011 and minutes from September 26, 2011 from the Gogebic Range Solid Waste Management Authority.

Clerk: None.

Treasurer: None.

Ikola: None.

Tarnaski: None.

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

REPORTS – BOARDS & COMMITTEES

E911 – None.

BESSEMER AREA SEWER AUTHORITY (BASA) –Jean Verbos reported that the bids were opened for the purchase of a new truck. Also that reprimands were given regarding the personal use of the BASA truck.

GOGEBIC RANGE WATER AUTHORITY (GRWA) – Treasurer Grenfell reported that a settlement has been reached with the City of Bessemer and the project can proceed after review by attorney Michael Pope. Refinancing will now take place for all entities including Bessemer Township. Mike Peterson has been appointed as the new General at-large member.

POWDERHORN AREA UTILITY DISTRICT (PAUD) – None.

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

VETERANS – None.

ASSESSOR – None.

MISCELLANEOUS – Mike Lane has been surveying the township’s forest areas and is working on a plan.

The Ramsay/Bessemer Township Heritage committee held a rummage sale on Saturday at the township hall. Sales grossed over \$700.00. They have opened up a checking account. The committee has approximately raised over \$2100.00 already to date. There was also over \$97 in the book collection box.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

UTILITY LIEN/TOWNSHIP APPROVAL – The board reviewed the list of properties to be liened from the utility account. At this time the amount is \$26,714.40, which is around \$4000 more than last year. **MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Janczak to approve of the proceeding of tax liens from the utility department. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

UTILITY LIEN/PAUD APPROVAL – The board reviewed the listing of seven properties to be liened. **MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Grenfell to approve of the proceeding of tax liens from PAUD in the amount of \$18,935.00 ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

GRWA AT LARGE APPOINTMENT – Walt Rickard sent a letter of interest in continuing his service on the GRWA board. **MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Janczak to happily accept the appointment of Walt Rickard to the GRWA board for a term of two year. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

TIRE PURCHASE – The board reviewed the quotes included in the agenda packet from the DPW from Section 12 Automotive. **MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Grenfell to approve of the better choice of the 2 BF Goodrich selections left at the discretion of the DPW to be purchased from Section 12 Automotive. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

RAMP DESIGN – The board reviewed the ramp design provided by Paul Buchko. This will be kept on file and hopefully there will be grant money available in the near future. Jean Verbois will keep posted on the availability of any grants.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Treasurer Grenfell review the account balances. It was suggested that some of the money be moved from the Anvil Sewer Checking account into a money market to gain more interest. Taxes are getting ready to be printed; just waiting for address updates. Utility bills are still coming in.

**APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLL & MILEAGE:** The following checks were presented for payment: General Fund: Check#8886-8909- \$15,171.73 Anvil Sewer: Check #-\$; Ramsay Sewer: Check#2364-2365-\$484.76; West End Sewer: Check #1057-1058-\$1694.56; Water Fund Checks #19401-19412- \$11,030.83 **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:**

Supervisor Randall noted that he will be out of town until the 28<sup>th</sup>. The clerk will put together the next meeting's agenda packet.

A reminder was made that hunting is prohibited on any township property. Signs have been posted around the lagoon. The township offices and DPW will be closed on Thursday & Friday for Thanksgiving. Garbage collection ads have been placed for a Tuesday pick-up to replace Thursday the 24<sup>th</sup>.

The MTA Christmas party will be on Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at the VFW in Wakefield. 5:00 p.m. for gathering and 6:00 p.m. for dinner.

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

These minutes are respectfully submitted:

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Debra A. Janczak, Bessemer Township Clerk