

REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD: Monday, November 22, 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: Beverly Ikola-Trustee, Hope Tarnaski-Trustee, Jerry Grenfell-Treasurer, Jeff Randall-Supervisor, Debbie Janczak-Clerk. In addition there were four electors present.

PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES: **Motion by Grenfell supported by Tarnaski to approve the minutes as presented from November 8, 2010. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: Supervisor Randall added item 9.C. Heating System.

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

PETITIONS: None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Supervisor:

- Agenda for November 18, 2010 and minutes from October 21, 2010 from the Gogebic Range Solid Waste Management Authority.
- Letter from the State of Michigan regarding notices of intent for the upcoming Community Development Block Grants.
- Letter from Charter Communications regarding program changes.
- Agenda for November 10, 2010 and minutes from October 27, 2010 from the Gogebic County Board of Commissioners.
- Letter from the Gogebic County Board of County Road Commissioners regarding the prioritization of plowing on roads throughout Gogebic County.
- Minutes from October 11 & 25, 2010 from the Board of County Road Commissioners.

Clerk: None.

Treasurer:

- A packet from Dean and Pope regarding a meeting to be held on January 5, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. for delinquent personal property taxes from the past five years.

McLean: None.

Tarnaski: None.

REPORTS – BOARDS & COMMITTEES

POWDERHORN AREA UTILITY DISTRICT (PAUD) – Supervisor Randall reported a regular business meeting. Liens will be requested from the township.

GOGEBIC RANGE WATER AUTHORITY (GRWA) – Treasurer Grenfell reported that it was a regular business meeting. The focus was on Ironwood Township. The booster station on US 2 is now operating. An issue with some of the fire hydrants was resolved once the booster station went on line. There is a question as to whether or not there will be enough water to supply the Orvana mining project out of the Chicago Mine in Wakefield. They will be doing a study and could possibly redirect the water out of the City of Bessemer.

GOGEBIC RANGE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (GRSWMA) – Supervisor Randall noted that the audit report came back clean. There is more of a cash reserve this year than last year. There were some issues brought to the board to be cautious of over the next year like tipping fee increase and the increase of land fill costs to the authority. Possibly the purchase of its own trailer and driver could alleviate some extra costs in the future.

BESSEMER AREA SEWER AUTHORITY (BASA) –None.

VETERANS – None.

ASSESSOR – None.

E911 – None.

MISCELLANEOUS – None.

OLD BUSINESS

MASTER PLAN DRAFT – Correction have been made and there are drafts ready for review. It is also available on line at upea.com, then go to Client Access and use “Bessemer Township” for the user and “Master” for the password. There will be twelve CDs to mail out to municipalities for review as well. **MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Ikola to have any comments back to the board by the December 13, 2010 meeting. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

DPW PICK UP REPLACEMENT – Two bids were opened for review. One was from Van Holzen in Ashland for a 2011 Chevy Silverado for \$26,372.49 and the second was from Ashland Ford & Chrysler for a 2011 Ford F250 for \$22, 959. The board discussed each bid. One issue was the possibility of not meeting the 90 day delivery request. **MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Grenfell to approve the bid from Ashland Ford & Chrysler for \$22,959 as long as it meets the requirements set forth by the DPW. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Randall, Janczak, Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

HEATING SYSTEM – The project is still continuing. Even after the specs were reworked the date of completion was not adjusted accordingly. They should be done by the end of the month however. A payment request has been received for \$29,317.50. This has been sent to the contractor for signature. **MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Janczak to approve payment when documentation is complete and signed. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Grenfell, Randall, Janczak, Ikola, Tarnaski. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

PAUD LIENS – The board reviewed a request for \$27,949 to be liened and placed on the winter property tax. **MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Grenfell to approve the list of PAUD Property tax liens to be added to the 2010 Winter Tax Roll. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Randall, Janczak, Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Grenfell to approve of the utility tax lien list for Bessemer Township in the amount of \$22,465.69 to be placed on the Winter 2010 Tax Roll. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Randall, Janczak, Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

MTA WORKERS COMP SELF INSURANCE – The township received info on the possibility of MTA provided workers comp insurance. The Clerk will be in contact and will request a quote. **MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Janczak to table discussion. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

TREASURER’S REPORT: The treasurer reviewed the accounts. Ramsay Sewer paid \$60,000 for Mill Street work. Taxes are ready to be mailed and the delinquent utilities have already been added to the bills. They will be printed tomorrow for mailing on December 1st.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLL & MILEAGE: It was noted that the Stone Hill Road project went \$2167.94 over bid. The following checks were presented for payment: General Fund: Check#8259-8281- \$53,244.50; Anvil Sewer: Check #\$\$; Ramsay Sewer: Check#2325-2328-\$532.56; West End Sewer: Check #-\$\$; Water Fund Checks #19105-19116- \$6402.80. **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 Supervisor made reference to the letter received from Charlie Supercynski regarding Copper Peak activities over the past season.

The MTA Christmas Social will be on December 2. RSVPs are requested.

ADJOURNMENT: MOTION by Grenfell supported by Tarnaski to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

These minutes are respectfully submitted:

Debra A. Janczak, Bessemer Township Clerk