

REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD: Monday, September 12, 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. Jerry Grenfell-Treasurer. In addition there were three electors present.

PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES: **Motion by Grenfell supported by Tarnaski to approve the minutes as presented from August 22, 2011. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None.

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

PETITIONS: Supervisor Randall presented a request from Jim Favero regarding two property Lots 22A & 23A. He would like the opportunity to purchase them. The board discussed the procedure for selling township property. A request for bids must be published; the costs of the advertising and the sale would be the responsibility of the purchaser. **MOTION by Grenfell supported by Tarnaski to proceed with publication of a request for bid for Lots 22A & 23A (as legally described). ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

COMMUNICATIONS:

Supervisor:

- Thank you letter from Carolyn Rigoni regarding the clean-up work the DPW did on Nelson Road.
- Daily pumping report for August 2011 from the Gogebic Range Water Authority.
- Response letters from Matt Huuki, Dan Benishek and Tom Casperson regarding the closing of the post office. **The will be a public meeting held at the township on Tuesday, September 27 at 6:30 p.m. in the large board room.** Notices will be posted and put into PO Boxes.
- Minutes from August 8, 2011 from the Gogebic County Board of County Road Commissioners.
- Agenda for August 24 and minutes from August 10 from the Gogebic County Board of Commissioners.
- Notice of training sessions for Planning for the New Economy held in Hancock in October.
- Letter from UPSET requesting donations.
- Notice from Charter Communications regarding new channel line-ups/changes.

Clerk: None.

Treasurer: None.

Ikola: None.

Tarnaski: None.

**MOTION Grenfell supported by Janczak 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 that there are still ongoing talks with the City of Bessemer regarding the water line. Dick Bolen will take the Treasurer’s place on the executive committee. Notices were signed for the project complete.

POWDERHORN AREA UTILITY DISTRICT (PAUD) – None.

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

BESSEMER AREA SEWER AUTHORITY (BASA) –None.

VETERANS – None.

ASSESSOR – None.

E911 – None.

MISCELLANEOUS – None.

OLD BUSINESS

S-2 SEWER GRANT UPDATE - A resolution needs to be implemented that authorizes the S2 Grant Agreement, but makes proceeding with the project “contingent upon receiving S2 Grant funds.” **MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Grenfell to approve of the resolution with the above stipulation added. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

UNION CONTRACT – The Supervisor and Clerk updated the board on the negotiations results. Conversation focused around the UP Blue Rider and coverage of such. The Clerk will find out more on this coverage. The contract does have a tentative agreement, pending board approval with a .50/year hourly increase and a two year contract. **MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Ikola to approve of the AFSME Union Contract to run from 2011-2013 as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

MILLAGE REQUEST – Treasurer Grenfell spoke with Tom Novascone and found out that due to the configuration of the millage there is not an “extra” monies to be shared or divided. There is a 15 mill limit, with 6 going to education and 9 between townships.

BLIGHT/ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT – The Supervisor is still researching this. A discussion was had regarding the building in Anvil that is posing a problem for its neighbors. The letter and response sent by the Supervisor has reached its 60 day period with no response. **MOTION by Grenfell supported by Tarnaski to have township attorney Michael Pope send another letter to the owners. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

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NEW BUSINESS

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APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLL & MILEAGE: The following checks were presented for payment: General Fund: Check#8779-8817- \$18,126.09 Anvil Sewer: Check #-; Ramsay Sewer: Check#2358-2359-\$549.87; West End Sewer: Check #1051-1052-\$1663.36; Water Fund Checks #19345-19364- \$46,048.96. **MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Grenfell to approve payment of bills. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

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ADJOURNMENT: **MOTION by Grenfell supported by Janczak to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 p.m. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

These minutes are respectfully submitted:

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