

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD:** Monday, September 27, 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:** Hope Tarnaski-Trustee, Jerry Grenfell-Treasurer, Jeff Randall-Supervisor, Debbie Janczak-Clerk. In addition there were nine electors present.

**PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES: Motion by Grenfell supported by Tarnaski to approve the minutes as presented from September 13, 2010. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:** Supervisor Randall added items 10.E. Firemen's Tournament and 10.F. Fire Department Application.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA: MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Grenfell to approve the agenda as amended. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

**PETITIONS:** One to be read under 10.A of New Business.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Supervisor:

- Letter from the Department of Treasury regarding the upgrade of certification in assessor level for Brad Hendrickson. Compliance needs to happen by November 1, 2012 to a Michigan Certified Assessing Officer (MCAO) level.
- Agenda for September 22, 2010 and minutes from September 8, 2010 from the Gogebic County Board of Commissioners.
- Letter from Nancy Miskovich stating that she is not interested in purchasing any signage for Chaney Lake Road.
- Minutes from August 23, 2010 from the Gogebic County Board of County Road Commissioners.
- Minutes from September 14, 2010 from the Bessemer Township Planning Commission.
- Agenda for September 15, 2010 and minutes from August 18, 2010 from the Bessemer Area Sewer Authority.

Clerk:

- Minutes from May 13, 2010 and financial statements from the Gogebic Council of Veterans Affairs.
- Grant writing offering in Marquette to be held October 13, 2010.

Treasurer: None.

Tarnaski: None.

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

**REPORTS – BOARDS & COMMITTEES**

GOGEBIC RANGE WATER AUTHORITY (GRWA) – None.

BESSEMER AREA SEWER AUTHORITY – None.

GOGEBIC RANGE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (GRSWMA) – ASA) –Supervisor Randall reported that the recycling center will be re-opening with specific hours/days (hand out was given).

POWDERHORN AREA UTILITY DISTRICT (PAUD) – Supervisor Randall reported a regular business meeting with discussion on budget review. Notices were placed on residents'

doors regarding the type of waste that should be placed in the sewer system. He requested a change in meeting time due to a conflict with the GRSWMA meeting.

VETERANS – None.

ASSESSOR – None.

E911 – None.

OLD BUSINESS

TRUSTEE APPOINTMENT – The board asked each of the three applicants: Beverly Ikola, Richard Gheller and Michael Saari a set of questions. After the questioning session, the board went into closed session **MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Grenfell to move into closed session at 5:48 p.m. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Grenfell to move out of closed session at 6:15 p.m. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

**MOTION by Grenfell supported by Tarnaski to appoint Beverly Ikola to the position of Bessemer Township Trustee. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.** The Clerk swore in new trustee Ikola and she took her seat at the table for the remainder of the meeting.

The board thanked all applicants and noted what a hard decision it was for them to choose a candidate.

HEATING SYSTEM PROJECT – The contracts have been signed and work will begin within the next two weeks.

NEW BUSINESS

SEWER ISSUE ON MILL STREET – Supervisor read a letter received from Greg Suzik and David Geyer regarding sewer back up on Mill Street. Jean Verbos gave insight to the situation and back ground information. She did contact Snow Country Contractor and got an estimate for one thousand feet of piping and four manholes for \$90,000-\$100,000. Money to pay for the project could be taken out of the set aside account for the SSO. **MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Grenfell to check on funds and have Jean Verbos get a set cost for the project as well as insurance costs and voice poll the board when available. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

UNION LETTER/DPW BOOTS – The board discussed the letter received from the AFSME union rep Robert Murphy regarding the employers responsibility to supply protective equipment. Clarification needs to be made and put into the union contract as such. **MOTION by Grenfell supported by Tarnaski to allow \$120.00 for every two years to be paid towards new boots for each DPW employee. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Randall, Janczak, Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

TIRES FOR DPW CHEVY – **MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Grenfell to replace all four tires (including mounting) on the Chevy for \$660.00 through Bessemer Auto. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Grenfell, Randall, Janczak, Ikola, Tarnaski. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

SPECIAL USE APPLICATION - The board reviewed a special use application from Jock Hautala that has passed through the planning commission. **MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Janczak to approve the special use adding under comments/restrictions “any damage**

**to utilities will be at the owner’s expense.” ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Janczak, Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

**FIREMEN’S TOURNAMENT** – Supervisor Randall informed the board that in 2012 it will be the City of Ironwood’s turn at hosting the UP Tournament. In the past, Bessemer Township has co-hosted. **MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Janczak to approve participation in the Firemen’s tournament with fund raising as determined appropriate by department. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Grenfell, Randall, Janczak, Ikola, Tarnaski. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT APPLICATION** – Supervisor Randall had an application not yet reviewed by the Department for Andrew Westeen. **MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Grenfell to table until after the Fire Department has made its recommendation. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

TREASURER’S REPORT: The Treasurer reviewed all of the account balances and reconciliations. The current amount to be leined is \$15,330.45, which is about normal for this time of year. The Grand View Hospital consent judgment has been signed on September 20 and there will be 180 days to collect from the other entities. The Treasurer received notice from County Treasurer Pertile that the computerized roll was approved.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLL & MILEAGE: The following checks were presented for payment: General Fund: Check#8148-8167- \$6704.54; Anvil Sewer: Check #1083-1085-\$195.54; Ramsay Sewer: Check#2317-2318-2298-\$374.54; West End Sewer: Check #-; Water Fund Checks #19028-19058- \$45,441.79. **MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Grenfell to approve payment of bills. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

The Clerk also made note of the second quarter profit and loss statement provided in the agenda packet. All accounts are operating with their budget. There are no concerns at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS:

Trustee Tarnaski questioned who is responsible for the road leading up to Copper Peak. This will be brought up at the MTA Chapter meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: **MOTION by Grenfell supported by Tarnaski to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

These minutes are respectfully submitted:

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Debra A. Janczak, Bessemer Township Clerk