

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BESSEMER TOWNSHIP BOARD: Tuesday, June 12, 2007, 5:00 p.m. Meeting was called to order by the Treasurer and began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL: Hope Tarnaski-Trustee, Jerry Grenfell-Treasurer, Anne Gertz-Deputy-Clerk, and John McLean-Trustee. Absent was Jeff Randall-Supervisor, and Debbie Janczak-Clerk. Also present were four electors: In addition James Loeper was present.

PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES:

Corrections to May 29, 2007 minutes:

- **OLD BUSINESS: ROLL CALL VOTE ON PLACEMENT OF AD FOR THE SPRING CLEAN UP.**
- **PUBLIC COMMENT: Pastor Winkler apprehended a couple of youths *who* were caught breaking windows in the garage.**
- **Supervisor Randall will talk with *Edyvean* tomorrow, who will be doing some estimates on other road work and have him look at the Stone Hill Road.**

MOTION by McLean, supported by Tarnaski to accept the minutes as amended from May 29, 2007. AYES: 3/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: An addition was made under “New Business” to add a policy regarding the Fire Department filling swimming pools.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: **MOTION by McLean supported by Tarnaski to accept the agenda as amended. AYES: 3/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

PETITIONS: There were no petitions presented.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Supervisor:

- Gogebic County Board of County Road Commissioners Minutes of May 29, 2007 and May 14, 2007.
- Daily Pumpage Report
- MTA Summer Evening Zoning Workshop registration form.

Clerk:

- Bessemer Area Sewer Authority May 2, 2007 minutes.
- Bessemer Area Sewer Authority April 4, 2007 minutes.
- MTA summer Educational Workshop flyer.
- Thank you letter from MTA regarding House Bills 4780-88 support.

Treasurer: None.

McLean: None.

Tarnaski: None.

MOTION by Grenfell supported by Tarnaski to place all correspondence on file. AYES: 3/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

REPORTS – BOARDS & COMMITTEES

BESSEMER AREA SEWER AUTHORITY (BASA) – Discussed a letter from BASA that denied the request for repairs regarding sewer grinder repairs near the Range Animal Hospital and Powdermill Creek. Letter suggested that the Township have a fund in place

for repairs. A quote of \$27,353, with labor at \$91 per hour, mileage at .75 per mile with an estimated 8 week delivery time was received to remove and replace the grinder.

GOGEBIC RANGE WATER AUTHORITY (GRWA) – the go ahead was received for the new water tank at Grand View at a special meeting of the Gogebic Range Water Authority, and will be presented to the board on Thursday.

GOGEBIC RANGE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (GRSWMA) - none.

OLD BUSINESS

BASA LETTER: No discussion.

SPRING CLEAN UP: ***Jean Verbos, DPW Coordinator***, has been receiving calls for pickup. Pickup is for scrap metal only, including tool with wood handles, any old cast iron, tubs etc., and outlying areas must call in for pickup, ***Kelly Ramme*** ***Auto Salvage*** can be called direct. No actual times have been set, but items need to be placed on the curb the Friday evening prior to pickup. Kelly Ramme has exclusive rights to pickup.

GC –EDC Request for Funds Letter. **Motion by Tarnaski supported by McLean to table discussion. AYES: 3/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

ROAD REPAIR CONTRACTS: – Proposals were received for road repairs. **Motion by Tarnaski supported by McLean to table discussion on road repair bids. AYES: 3/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

GOGEBIC COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES REQUEST - James Loeper discussed letter requesting funds for the communication tower lighting system. The lights on the tower have been out since the spring due to wiring problems. Bessemer Township's share would be \$519.17 for the repair.

Loeper discussed the 911 problems with Iron County and hopes to have it resolved soon. Iron County needs to have an Enhanced Phone system in place to have the phone calls automatically transferred with caller information.

Motion by McLean supported by Tarnaski authorizing funds for repair in the amount of \$519.17. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Grenfell, McLean, Tarnaski. NAYES: none.

BESSERMER TOWNSHIP WATER USAGE: Jean Verbos discussed a recent occurrence of a swimming pool being filled by the Bessemer Township Fire Department, stating that there is no reason to open a hydrant unless there is a fire. The Fire Department received a donation for the fill and it was suggested that the Fire Department be billed for the water used. Verbos made a request to have a policy put in place stating that prevent the Fire Department from filling swimming pools with the tanker and to require the Fire Department to turn in water usage reports each time a hydrant is used. It was suggested that notice be given to the Fire Department on opening hydrants and that training be given to department members. **Motion by McLean supported by Tarnaski to have policy written by Jean Verbos clarifying standard operating procedure, that**

pools are not to be filled by the township fire department, and all hydrant use is reported to the water department. AYES: 3/NAYES 0.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Grenfell presented the reconciliation summary for board review.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLL & MILEAGE: The Deputy Clerk noted the following checks for payment: General Fund: Check #5799-5821 - \$27,993.88; Water Fund Checks #17929-17917 - \$33,723.53. **MOTION by McLean supported by Tarnaski to approve payment of bills. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Grenfell, McLean, Tarnaski. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS:

Jean Verbos, Treasurer of the 4th of July Committee reported that the 4th of July committee has not disbanded and are taking a one year hiatus. Committee plans to have fireworks next year and other related events. The committee has not had enough support and is looking for volunteers to help. The committee has approximately \$3,900 in an account at Gogebic County Credit Union. The funds remaining are from food sales and not from fund raising. The committee is starting a marketing campaign to recruit volunteers for the committee after the 4th. A suggestion was made to have the marketing begin over the 4th.

ADJOURNMENT: **MOTION by McLean supported by Tarnaski to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 p.m. Ayes: 3/Nayes: none. Motion carried.**

These minutes are respectfully submitted:

Anne Gertz, Deputy Clerk