

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BESSEMER TOWNSHIP BOARD: Monday, April 14, 2008, 5:00 p.m. Meeting was called to order by the Supervisor and began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL: John McLean-Trustee, Jerry Grenfell-Treasurer, Jeff Randall-Supervisor, Debbie Janczak-Clerk. Late: Hope Tarnaski-Trustee. In addition there were four electors present.

PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES: **MOTION by McLean supported by Grenfell to accept the minutes as presented from March 31, 2008. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: An addition was made to 10. F for "Tournament Ad for Fire Department" and 10. G. for "No Smoking Policy."

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: **MOTION by Randall supported by McLean to accept the agenda as amended. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

PETITIONS: None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Supervisor:

- Daily Pumpage report for March, 2008.
- Gogebic County Board of Road Commissioners minutes from March 17, 2008.
- Agenda for April 9, 2008 and minutes from March 26, 2008 from Gogebic County Board of Commissioners.

Clerk:

- Letter from the Daily Globe soliciting ads for the 100th anniversary edition for the Keweenaw Land Association, Limited.
- Letter from the Michigan Township Participating plan looking for nominees to the Board of Directors.
- Notice from the Attorney General, Mike Cox regarding the Michigan's Regulation of Certain Sales Act (board given a copy).
- Flyer from the Gogebic Range Solid Waste Management Authority noting services and fees. (board given a copy).

Treasurer:

- Forestry and Parks Annual Report along with a Payment in Lieu of Taxes check for \$3500.00.

McLean: None.

Tarnaski: None.

MOTION by Randall supported by Janczak to place all correspondence on file. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

REPORTS – BOARDS & COMMITTEES

GOGEBIC RANGE WATER AUTHORITY (GRWA) – Treasurer Grenfell reported on the April 10, 2008 meeting. Anvil Project was approved and authorization was given to request supplemental funding. The authority signed the project loan resolution and the amended operating budget for the project. The contract for the project was awarded to Big Snow Country for \$1,372,654.41. A summary of the meeting with the City of Bessemer was given by Walt Rickard. Either April 22 or 23 will be the closing of the Anvil funding for the project.

POWDERHORN AREA UTILITY DISTRICT (PAUD) – None.

BESSEMER AREA SEWER AUTHORITY (BASA) –Trustee McLean commented that the authority spent time discussing a \$9,000 repair that was needed to a piece of equipment.

GOGEBIC RANGE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (GRSWMA) –
E911 – None.

ASSESSOR – None.

OLD BUSINESS

ENBRIDGE ENERGY/CONSENT JUDGMENT – No new information was brought up. The board discussed the pending meeting to be held at the township, on April 22, 2008 with the other townships and Enbridge.

FYI - The Clerk informed the board that she has gotten only one response from auditors regarding quotes for the annual audit.

NEW BUSINESS

ANVIL WATER PROJECT CONTRACT & AMENDMENT RESOLUTION -
MOTION by Grenfell supported by Tarnaski to approve the signing of necessary papers to fulfill with the process of reconciling of the contract. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Randall, Janczak, McLean, Tarnaski, Grenfell. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

VETERANS COUNCIL CONTRIBUTION – The board reviewed the letter requesting \$1975.30 for the upcoming year’s contribution. This is a great service to our area.
MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Grenfell to approve the payment of \$1975.30 to the Veteran’s Council. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: McLean, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

DPW WORK BOOTS – Every two years the township buys work boots for the DPW employees. This is the year for the purchase. **MOTION by Grenfell supported by Randall to approve of the purchase of new work boots for Louis Sworab, Randy Miljevich, and Clinton Gustafson. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Janczak, McLean, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

APPOINTMENTS TO THE ELECTRICAL BOARD OF APPEALS – The appointees to the board are Dennis Udd, John McLean and William Maki. **MOTION by Grenfell supported by Tarnaski to approve of the appointments for four years. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Randall, Janczak, Tarnaski, Grenfell. ABSTAIN: McLean. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

WORKMAN’S COMP CLAIM – The Clerk updated the board on a workman’s comp claim submitted by David Syreini from a fire call incident in January. The Clerk has worked with Traveler’s insurance to get the claim processed. A notation received from

Traveler's indicated a time lapse in the period between incident and actual claim made. A brief discussion took place.

ANNUAL FIRE DEPARTMENT TOURNAMENT – This year the tournament will be held in Houghton. A request has been made for the township to pay half of the cost of an ad, which would amount to \$37.50. **MOTION by McLean supported by Tarnaski to approve of the cost of the ad. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Grenfell, Randall, Janczak, McLean, Tarnaski. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

NO SMOKING POLICY – The Clerk brought before the board the policy that has been adopted by the Gogebic County Board of Commissioners which needs to be effective by May 1, 2008. The policy needs to be posted three weeks prior to becoming effective. The board reviewed the policy provided. It was suggested to contact Blue Cross Blue Shield to see if they have any program for assisting in the quitting process of smoking. There are two DPW workers who current smoke at the township. **MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Grenfell to approve of the policy. AYES: 4/NAYES: 1. Motion carried.**

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Grenfell reviewed the cash summary reports, which included the end of the fiscal year balances.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLL & MILEAGE: The Clerk noted the following checks for payment: General Fund: Check#6411-6440 - \$32,675.02; Anvil Sewer: Check #1031-\$1494.34; Ramsay Sewer: Check#2215-2216- \$1699.34; West End Sewer: Check #1024-\$1494.34; Water Fund Checks #18193-18214- \$16,848.30. **MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Grenfell to approve payment of bills. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Randall, Janczak, McLean, Tarnaski, Grenfell. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS:

The Supervisor noted the Financial Summary included in the agenda packet for the Fire Department.

ADJOURNMENT: **MOTION by Grenfell supported by Randall to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 p.m. Ayes: 5/Nayes: none. Motion carried.**

These minutes are respectfully submitted:

Debra A. Janczak, Bessemer Township Clerk