

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BESSEMER TOWNSHIP BOARD: Monday, April 28, 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 three electors present and two guests.

PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES: **MOTION by Randall supported by McLean to accept the minutes as presented from April 14, 2008. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: An addition was made to 9. B for “Audit Proposals.”

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: **MOTION by Randall supported by Grenfell to accept the agenda as amended. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

PETITIONS: None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Supervisor:

- Ottawa National Forest Connector Route Proposal.
- Gogebic County Board of Road Commissioners minutes from March 31, 2008.
- Agenda for April 23, 2008 and minutes from April 9, 2008 from Gogebic County Board of Commissioners.
- Agenda for April 17, 2008 and minutes from March 27, 2008 from the Gogebic Range Solid Waste Management Authority.

Clerk:

- Minutes from April 8, 2008 from the Bessemer Township Planning Commission.
- Minutes from January 2, 2008 and February 5, 2008 from the Bessemer Areas Sewer Authority.
- Letter from Rockman Insurance Group, Inc. on workers compensation insurance rates.
- MTA spring meeting reminder flyer.
- MTA “Managing Human Resources in the Township” workshop for June 3, 2008 in Ann Arbor.
- Thank you flyer from the Gogebic Range Trail Authority (e-mail sent to board members on April 21, 2008).
- Notice from Petoskey Plastic (where the township buys its garbage bags) regarding increases in costs of \$.24 per pound.

Treasurer: None.

McLean: None.

Tarnaski: None.

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

REPORTS – BOARDS & COMMITTEES

GOGEBIC RANGE WATER AUTHORITY (GRWA) – None.

POWDERHORN AREA UTILITY DISTRICT (PAUD) – Supervisor Randall reported that it was normal business for the April 24, 2008 meeting. They are still waiting for quotes back from vendors regarding the new rate study.

BESSEMER AREA SEWER AUTHORITY (BASA) –None.

GOGEBIC RANGE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (GRSWMA) – Trustees McLean reported that they approved a \$1500 purchase for a new bucket. One of the board members volunteered to pick up the bucket which will save the cost of shipping.

E911 – None.

ASSESSOR – None.

OLD BUSINESS

ENBRIDGE ENERGY/CONSENT JUDGMENT – An update was given from the April 23, 2008 meeting which was held at the township with Enbridge and the other townships involved. Enbridge has requested additional information from the townships on their financial positions and qualitative statements. All of the townships are forwarding their information to Michael Pope who will consolidate the information. The board discussed the subject.

AUDIT PROPOSALS – As of today only two responses have been received. It was not clear whether a due date was requested in the letter sent. The board discussed the next steps. **MOTION by McLean supported by Grenfell to table until the next meeting. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

ELECTRICAL BOARD OF APPEALS POLICY – The board reviewed the copy of the resolution given by the Supervisor. **MOTION by McLean supported by Tarnaski to approve the resolution #69-08 and submit it to the State of Michigan. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Grenfell, Randall, Janczak, McLean, Tarnaski. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

DPW GARAGE FLOOR PROPOSALS – The board reviewed the three proposals received for the new concrete in the DPW garage. They were received from Snow Country Contracting, Aili & Somero Custom Concrete, LLC and Ruotsala Concrete & Construction. **MOTION by Grenfell supported to accept the proposal from Ruotsala Concrete & Construction for \$7200.00. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Randall, Janczak, McLean, Tarnaski, Grenfell. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

SPRING CLEANUP – The board reviewed what was to be included in the scrap metal pickup for this year. It will be held on June 13, 2008. Kelli Ramme said he would be willing to pay the township on a per ton basis of \$75.00 for the scrap picked up. A brief discussion was had regarding tire pick-up which would not be cost effective. Notices will be put in the Daily Globe, Wakefield/Bessemer Pick'n Ax and North Country Sun. **MOTION by Grenfell supported by Tarnaski to approved of the June 13, 2008 date and any cost for publication. Also that any money received from the pick-up is to be**

put into the budget for blight costs. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: McLean, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYS: none. Motion carried.

The board discussed when the brush clean up date would be. **MOTION by Randall supported by Grenfell to approve of the May 23, 2008 date for brush pick up and any advertising costs related. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak, McLean. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

TREASURER’S REPORT: Treasurer Grenfell noted that the tax settlement check was received.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLL & MILEAGE: The Clerk noted the following checks for payment: General Fund: Check#6441-6459 - \$12,628.31; Anvil Sewer: Check #1032-1034-\$378.76; Ramsay Sewer: Check#2217-2219- \$818.15; West End Sewer: Check #1025-\$1826.94; Water Fund Checks #18215-18224- \$3677.46. **MOTION by Grenfell supported by Tarnaski 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 that there will be a meeting regarding the Gogebic County Comprehensive Plan on May 7, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. at the Gogebic Community College.

The Clerk reminded everyone of the May 6, 2008 school election.

ADJOURNMENT: **MOTION by Randall supported by Tarnaski to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 p.m. Ayes: 5/Nayes: none. Motion carried.**

These minutes are respectfully submitted:

Debra A. Janczak, Bessemer Township Clerk