

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BESSEMER TOWNSHIP BOARD: Monday, August 27, 2007, 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, and John McLean-Trustee. In addition there were two electors present.

PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES: **MOTION by Randall, supported by Grenfell to accept the minutes as presented from August 13, 2007. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None.

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

PETITIONS: None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Supervisor:

- MTA Seminar for a Fire Department workshop on October 23, 2007 in Marquette.
- Agenda for August 27, 2007 and minutes of July 26, 2007 for the Gogebic Range Solid Waste Management Authority.
- Minutes of August 26, 2007 from the Gogebic County Road Commissioners.
- Binder received from Wilcox Engineering regarding the “as builds” throughout the township for various road and water projects; showing where water lines are running from houses to the road, etc. A copy will be made for Louie in the DPW Office.

Clerk:

- Notice from the Michigan DNR on a public hearing.
- An ad request from Gogebic Community College for their 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary publication.

Treasurer: None.

McLean: None.

Tarnaski: None.

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

REPORTS – BOARDS & COMMITTEES

POWDERHORN AREA UTILITY DISTRICT (PAUD) – The Supervisor reported that they are looking at closing out the project. PAUD will be looking into a rate study and has approved solicitations from various entities. The board discussed the rate study being done.

BESSEMER AREA SEWER AUTHORITY (BASA) – None.

GOGEBIC RANGE WATER AUTHORITY (GRWA) – Treasurer Grenfell reported on the August 9, 2007 meeting. The chairman signed papers to proceed with the Grand View tank project as well as the Anvil/Indianhead and Ironwood Township projects.

GOGEBIC RANGE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (GRSWMA) – Trustee McLean reported that the authority normally has two full-time and two part-time workers. As of today they have only one of each. A job posting went out and interviews were conducted. They hired a man from White Pine as part-time and promoted the other part-time worker to full-time.

E911 – None.

ASSESSOR – Assessor Brad Hendrickson was at the meeting and gave the board an update on his progress within the township. He is looking at taking the test on September 7 in Escanaba. Things are going well and he continues to work with the Supervisor on Fridays as time allows.

#### OLD BUSINESS

ROAD REPAIR CONTRACTS – None of the officials could find any past agreements with the road commission to compare to rates being charged today. The board discussed their options for the coming year. **MOTION by McLean supported by Randall to approve of a one mile 6” gravel lift over the winter season. The roads to be lifted are:**

- **Harding-from Johnson Road east to Elder Road – ½ mile**
- **Prospect Road only certain sections in need**
- **Harding Road from Blueberry Road west to Geneva – ¼ mile**
- **Stone Hill (on top) as long as it has been ditched – ¼ mile**

**ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Janczak, McLean, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall. NAYS: none. Motion carried.**

ENBRIDGE ENERGY/CONSENT JUDGMENT – Treasurer Grenfell talked with the Superintendent of the Bessemer schools to alert him to the amount they will be asked to pay towards the settlement (around \$60,000). Trustee Tarnaski asked that he check with MTA legal as to whether or not he can withhold payments from summer distributions. Also, whether the township is responsible if the other entities do not pay their share.

#### NEW BUSINESS

VETERANS COUNCIL APPROPRIATIONS – The Supervisor referred to the letter that was included with the agenda packet. The requested amount is \$1920.67. **MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Grenfell to approve of the 2007 appropriations of \$1920.67. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Randall, Janczak, McLean, Tarnaski, Grenfell. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

PAUD APPOINTMENTS – The board discussed the previously appointees who were Jeff Randall and Jerry Grenfell as alternate. **MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Janczak to appoint Jeff Randall and Jerry Grenfell (as alternate) to the PAUD. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

SALE OF EXCESS INVENTORY – The Supervisor brought up this subject in lieu of the recently retired Tanker 20. A list will be created of excess inventory. **MOTION by Grenfell supported by Tarnaski to table until next meeting. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

TREASURER’S REPORT: Treasurer Grenfell noted the new APEX program has been purchased and loaded onto his computer and will be put onto the assessor’s computer in the near future. He has been investigating the possibility of having large plat maps done for the township for each platted section (size of 36” x 36”). The township has already put money toward the plotter that is used for the county. The Treasurer will continue working with Jim Loeper on this. **MOTION by Tarnaski supported by McLean to authorize Jerry Grenfell to explore the maps and the costs that would be associated with their creation. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

Jean Verbos, GRWA and Jerry will be making an appointment to talk with Brian Vukusich regarding his water bill.

Also, there is a \$47,200 balance owed for the re-appraisal, which should be done by the first week of November. After that a final review will be done. He has done a back-up of the work so far as of last Thursday. All work is currently on the Treasurer's computer.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLL & MILEAGE: The Clerk noted the following checks for payment: General Fund: Check#5967-5991- \$31,870.98; Anvil Sewer: Check #1009-\$300.00; Ramsay Sewer: Check#2189-2191- \$452.96; West End Sewer: Check #1002- \$300.00; Water Fund Checks #17988-18000- \$4709.33. **MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Grenfell to approve payment of bills. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: McLean, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS: There was a brief discussion regarding Maria Mascotti and the outstanding restitution to the township situation. A question was raised as to why she wasn't in contempt of court.

ADJOURNMENT: **MOTION by Grenfell supported by Tarnaski to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Ayes: 5/Nayes: none. Motion carried.**

These minutes are respectfully submitted:

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Debra A. Janczak, Bessemer Township Clerk