

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BESSEMER TOWNSHIP BOARD: Monday, December 10, 2007, 5:20 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, Hope Tarnaski-Trustee, Jeff Randall-Supervisor, Debbie Janczak-Clerk. Absent: Jerry Grenfell-Treasurer. In addition there were two electors present.

PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES: The following correction was made to the November 26, 2007 minutes: page 2 under "Treasurer's Report" first sentence should read *revenue* not review. **MOTION by Randall, supported by McLean to accept the minutes as amended. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None.

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

PETITIONS: None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Supervisor:

- Michigan Prisoner Re-entry Initiative informational piece.
- Letter from the Gogebic County Board of County Road Commissioner regarding the reduction of available funds for the 2008 fiscal year from the Michigan Transportation Fund.
- Letter from the Gogebic County Board of County Road Commissioners regarding task force 13B meeting on December 18, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. at the courthouse annex.
- Bessemer Area Sewer Authority minutes from November 1, 2007.
- Daily pumpage report from November 2007.
- MTA Board of Review training flyer for February 26, 2007 in Marquette.
- Gogebic County Board of Commissioner agenda for November 28, 2007 and minutes from November 7, 2007.
- Gogebic County Road Commissioners minutes from November 13, 2007.
- Gogebic Range Solid Waste Management Authority agenda for November 15, 2007 and minutes from October 18, 2007.

Clerk:

- Letter from the Michigan Township Participating Plan dated November 1, 2007.
- Planning Commission meeting minutes from October 9 and November 6, 2007.

Treasurer: None.

McLean: None.

Tarnaski: None.

MOTION by Randall supported by Tarnaski to place all correspondence on file. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

REPORTS – BOARDS & COMMITTEES

POWDERHORN AREA UTILITY DISTRICT (PAUD) – None.

BESSEMER AREA SEWER AUTHORITY (BASA) – This was an organizational meeting in which Doug Olsen was appointment chairman, Al Gaiss, secretary and John McLean as treasurer.

GOGEBIC RANGE WATER AUTHORITY (GRWA) – None.

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

E911 – None.

ASSESSOR – None.

OLD BUSINESS

ENBRIDGE ENERGY/CONSENT JUDGMENT – The Supervisor reviewed the letter sent to the Michigan State Tax Commissioner regarding the pending settlement. There is a meeting scheduled for December 12, 2007 in Lansing and the board will be updated following that.

SSO ORDER – The Supervisor has had no further contact from Steve Casey, but has spoken to his assistant. He felt that the township's proposal would be acceptable and that they would be willing to work with us on it. **MOTION by McLean supported by Tarnaski to adopt the new sewer rates for Ramsay Sewer reflecting a \$6.00 per month increase effective January 2008. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Randall, Janczak, McLean, Tarnaski. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

POVERTY EXEMPTIONS – The board reviewed the changes made to the poverty exemption resolution #63-07. The following were amounts agreed upon by the board: Page 2, #2 – 5%; page 4. A-50%; page 5 A.-25%; page 7 add “So help you *God.*” **MOTION by McLean supported by Tarnaski to accept the above changes to resolution #63-07. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Janczak, McLean, Tarnaski, Randall. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

RAMSAY/SANDERS ROAD SEWER EXTENSION PROJECT – The board discussed the possibility for only seventeen users that would have to include a \$30 per month increase in order to fund such a project. **MOTION by Tarnaski supported by McLean to table this item. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

FIRE DEPARTMENT APPLICATION APPROVAL – The Fire Department presented a new applicant, Cody Smith of Irwin Township. **MOTION by McLean supported by Tarnaski to approve the hiring of Cody Smith as a Bessemer Township Fire Fighter. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Randall, Janczak, McLean, Tarnaski. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

ELECTION EXPENSE APPROVAL – The Clerk reported that she will be using four total workers and has money in the budget to cover expenses. **MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Randall to approve of the January 15, 2008 election expenses. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: McLean, Tarnaski, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

HOLIDAY CLOSURES – The Clerk informed the board that the approved days of closure will be Monday, December 24, Tuesday, December 25, 2007 and Tuesday, January 1, 2008.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The reports were reviewed by the board and any questions can be directed to Treasurer Grenfell.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLL & MILEAGE: The Clerk noted the following checks for payment: General Fund: Check#6166-6191- \$17,422.59; Anvil Sewer: Check #1021-1022 - \$206.92; Ramsay Sewer: Check#2204-2205- \$688.27; West End Sewer: Check #- \$; Water Fund Checks #18094-18106- \$9617.94. **MOTION by Tarnaski supported by McLean to approve payment of bills. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: McLean, Tarnaski, Randall, Janczak/ NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS: A reminder was given about the DPW Christmas lunch on Friday, December 21.

The board reviewed various other meetings coming up in the near future including the Board of Review and Planning Commission. The next board meeting will take place in January after the holidays.

ADJOURNMENT: **MOTION by McLean supported by Tarnaski to adjourn the meeting at 6:06 p.m. Ayes: 4/Nayes: none. Motion carried.**

These minutes are respectfully submitted:

Debra A. Janczak, Bessemer Township Clerk