

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BESSEMER TOWNSHIP BOARD: Monday, February 11, 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, Hope Tarnaski-Trustee, Jerry Grenfell-Treasurer, Jeff Randall-Supervisor, and Debbie Janczak-Clerk. In addition there was one elector present.

PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES: A correction was made to the minutes on page 2, under Old Business, Electrical Inspector, third sentence should read, "Mileage will be from his home to the site." **MOTION by Grenfell, supported by Randall to accept the minutes as amended from January 28, 2008. AYES: 5/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: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

PETITIONS: Supervisor Randall received one petition which was read to the board. The letter was from Debbie Gottfried on Oak Lane regarding her water rate charges. **MOTION by McLean supported by Tarnaski to have the Supervisor write a letter of response along with a copy of the ordinance. AYES: 5/NAYES: none.**

COMMUNICATIONS:

Supervisor:

- Agenda for February 13, 2008 and minutes from January 23, 2008 from the Gogebic County Board of Commissioners.
- Gogebic Range Water Authority Pumpage report from January 2008.
- Minutes from January 21, 2008 from Gogebic County Road Commissioners.

Clerk: None.

Treasurer: None.

McLean: None.

Tarnaski: None.

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

REPORTS – BOARDS & COMMITTEES

POWDERHORN AREA UTILITY DISTRICT (PAUD) – None.

GOGEBIC RANGE WATER AUTHORITY (GRWA) –None.

BESSEMER AREA SEWER AUTHORITY (BASA) – Trustee McLean reported on the 2.32% rate increase that will become effective July 1, 2008. A new engineering survey will need to be run next year. There are some members of the board that want to use the reserved funds from the PAUD project for equipment.

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

E911 – None.

ASSESSOR – None.

OLD BUSINESS

ENBRIDGE ENERGY/CONSENT JUDGMENT – The Supervisor reported on the joint meeting between several townships and Enbridge on February 7, 2008. Enbridge basically listened to the concerns, comments from the townships.

**MOTION by Tarnaski supported by McLean to authorize any penalty from summer 2007 taxes be waived on the unpaid portion for Enbridge. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Grenfell, Randall, Janczak, McLean, Tarnaski. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

Supervisor Randall noted that Michael Pope will be attending the tax tribunal pre-hearing in Lansing on February 14, 2008.

ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR FOR BESSEMER TOWNSHIP – The ad for bid ran for two days with no response. The board discussed Lawrence Anderson’s prior letter of application for the position. **MOTION by Randall supported by Tarnaski to approve the following: 1) the hiring of Lawrence Anderson; 2) notify the state of the hiring; 3) approve the ordinance #136 for Electrical Code Enforcement; 4) adopt the permit fee schedule included in the agenda packet pending further review; and 5) have the Supervisor send a letter of acceptance/agreement in which both parties can sign, which would be subject to annual review. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Grenfell, Randall, Janczak, McLean, Tarnaski. NAYES: none. Motion carried**

BUILDING INSPECTION FEES: The board discussed the proposed fee structure received from Roman Tauer. Also reviewed was a new building inspector contract to run from March 1, 2008 through March 1, 2009; a \$250.00 increase in fees for services was noted on the new contract. **MOTION by McLean supported by Tarnaski to approve of the 2008-09 contract, but also stressing that permit fees need to be collected prior to issuance of permits (non-payment would be grounds for non-compliance). ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Janczak, McLean, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS: None

TREASURER’S REPORT: Treasurer Grenfell reviewed the account summaries. The last day to pay taxes without penalty is February 14, 2008. Budget transfers are beginning to be done as a result of the winter taxes coming in. **MOTION by Tarnaski supported by McLean to approve the transfer of \$50,000 from the General Fund to the Streets CD for compliance with the 2008 budget. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak, McLean. NAYES: none. Motion carried.** Interest rates are going down, so various reviews will be made on current CD accounts. The Bank of Ewen is still at 4.5%.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLL & MILEAGE: The Clerk noted the following checks for payment: General Fund: Check#6281-6311 - \$16,072.61; Anvil Sewer: Check #1028-\$254.00; Ramsay Sewer: Check#-\$; West End Sewer: Check #-1021-1022 - \$195.94; Water Fund Checks #18144-18157- \$10,497.93. **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 reminded the board of the next MTA meeting on February 26, 2008.

ADJOURNMENT: **MOTION by Janczak supported by Tarnaski to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m. Ayes: 5/Nays: none. Motion carried.**

These minutes are respectfully submitted:

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Debra A. Janczak, Bessemer Township Clerk