

REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD: Monday, January 12, 2009, 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, Debbie Janczak-Clerk. In addition there were two electors present.

PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES: A correction was made on page one under Reports, Gogebic Range Water Authority, last sentence should read “Ironwood *City*” also under Bessemer Area Sewer Authority Report, last sentence change tended to “*tendered.*” **MOTION by Grenfell supported by Tarnaski to accept the minutes as amended from December 22, 2008. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: Supervisor Randall added 10.D. “Wakefield-Marenisco School District Tax Collection.”

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:

- Daily pump report from December 2008 from Gogebic Range Water Authority.
- Agenda for December 29, 2008 public hearing, minutes from December 10, 2008 and the agenda for January 6, 2009 and resolutions attached.
- MTA workshop on The Basics of Budgeting.
- Minutes from December 10, 2008 from the Bessemer Area Sewer Authority.

Clerk:

- Gogebic Range Water Authority audit report from June 2008.

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) – Treasurer Grenfell reported on the January 8, 2009 meeting. A project that was previously submitted from a City of Bessemer meeting was taken off the request list for any stimulus money. Dave Traczyk presented a clean audit. \$4500.00 was approved to pay towards Ironwood Township engineering expenses for a new plan. The plan though wouldn't go through unless stimulus money was to be received.

BESSEMER AREA SEWER AUTHORITY (BASA) – Trustee McLean reported that Tom Chatel filled in for Al Gaiss who is out of town for a few months. Trustee McLean asked if the administrative assistant, Lori Coubal, would consider withdrawing her resignation and she said she would. The Chairman, Doug Olson however wouldn't accept it. It was discussed that they would have to wait for regular board member Al Gaiss to return before any other decisions were made.

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

E911 – None.

ASSESSOR – None.

OLD BUSINESS - None.

NEW BUSINESS

HOSPITAL BUILDING PERMIT LETTER – The Supervisor referred to the letter he sent to the State of Michigan requesting their assistance in performing any future building inspections regarding hospital projects. **MOTION by McLean supported by Grenfell to give the Supervisor authority to submit the letter as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak, McLean. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT TAX COLLECTION AGREEMENT – The board reviewed the letter from the ISD requesting that the township collect taxes for the Gogebic Ontonagon ISD for a 1% fee. **MOTION by Tarnaski supported by McLean to approve and authorize signatures for the collection of taxes for the Gogebic-Ontonagon Intermediate School District for the summer of 2009. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Janczak, McLean, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

APPOINTMENT OF THE BOARD OF REVIEW – The Supervisor noted that the term is up for the current Board of Review. All members have indicated their wish to continue their service. **MOTION Grenfell supported by Tarnaski to accept the renewal of terms to the Board of Review for John Heikkinen, Dan Laabs, and Russell Nyman pending letters of interest from each. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Randall, Janczak, McLean, Tarnaski, Grenfell. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

WAKEFIELD/MARENISCO SCHOOL DISTRICT TAX COLLECTION – The Treasurer presented a letter of request for tax collection from the W/M school district. This is at \$2.00 per parcel. **MOTION by Tarnaski supported by McLean to approve and authorize signatures for the collection of taxes for the Wakefield/Marenisco School District for the summer of 2009. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Grenfell, Randall, Janczak, McLean, Tarnaski. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

TREASURER’S REPORT: Treasurer Grenfell presented account balances for review. The CD’s that were at Citizen Bank were only getting 1.3% of interest, so he closed them and opened up three new ones at Gogebic Range Bank at 3.0%. These are seven day certificates of deposit. He requested authorization to move \$50,000 from the general fund to the street fund CD. **MOTION by Tarnaski supported by McLean to approve of \$50,000 to be moved from the General Fund checking account into the new Street CD at Gogebic Range Bank. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Janczak, McLean, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

The SSO fund had over \$15,000 in it now. A check was received from Dean & Pope, the township’s attorneys for \$2739.39 to recoup the costs from the Enbridge legal fees as was agreed upon in the settlement with Enbridge. The utility bills are coming in. Taxes are still slightly behind, but people have until March 2, 2009 to make payment.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLL & MILEAGE: The following checks were presented for payment: General Fund: Check#6937-6970- \$27,526.49; Anvil Sewer: Check #-; Ramsay Sewer: Check#2245-2247-\$4549.38; West End Sewer: Check #- \$ Water Fund Checks #18447-18454-\$23,460.86. **MOTION by Tarnaski supported by McLean 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 referred to a letter received from Charlie Supercynski, president of the Western Upper Peninsula Heritage Trail Network about vision for the future.

The MTA meeting will be on January 23, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. with a simple snack provided, not dinner as in the past.

The board discussed the current conditions of the roads and how treacherous they have been with the ice build-up and lack of sand or salting.

ADJOURNMENT: **MOTION by Randall supported by Tarnaski to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 p.m. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

These minutes are respectfully submitted:

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Debra A. Janczak, Bessemer Township Clerk