

REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD: Monday, January 26, 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: **MOTION by Grenfell supported by McLean to accept the minutes as presented from January 12, 2009. 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 presented. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

PETITIONS: None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Supervisor:

- A response letter from the Department of Energy, Labor & Economic Growth regarding the township's request for a state building inspector for future Grand View Hospital projects (Stating that they will do the inspections-Joe Mleko will be the inspector.).
- Gogebic Range Solid Waste Management Authority new rate sheet effective March 1, 2009. (a \$2.00/ton increase for the township)
- United States Department of Agriculture letter informing us that they have issued a prospectus for interested concessionaires for a five year term beginning in 2009-2013.
- Agenda for January 14, 2009 and minutes from December 29, 2008 for the Gogebic County Board of Commissioners.
- Minutes from January 5, 2009 for the Gogebic County Road Commission.

Clerk:

- Minutes from the January 13, 2009 Bessemer Township Planning Commission.

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) – Supervisor Randall reported that it was just a regular business meeting. There were a few problems reported on some pumps and they were taken care of.

GOGEBIC RANGE WATER AUTHORITY (GRWA) – None.

BESSEMER AREA SEWER AUTHORITY (BASA) – Trustee McLean reported Doug Olson resigned from the authority and that Lori Coubal is continuing her employment. They decided to table the re-election of officers until February when Al Gaiss returns from being out of town.

GOGEBIC RANGE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (GRSWMA) – Trustee McLean noted the rate increases that will become effective March 1, 2009. The audit report from June 2007 was turned in for township record. **MOTION by Randall supported by Grenfell to accept the 2007 audit report and place it on file. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

E911 – None.

ASSESSOR – None.

OLD BUSINESS - None.

NEW BUSINESS

FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT VAN – Fire Chief Kuchinski was present to give the board a report on the status of the current van that the fire department has. It is over ten years old and is in need of replacement. One truck was becoming available from Iron River, which used to be an old bread truck. It is a 1977 model and is being sold for \$2000.00. Another vehicle will become available early fall from the Gogebic County transit (one of their blue buses). This is a 2000 model and they would be asking \$3200.00. Since the chief has put in a letter of interest, the township would be guaranteed the bid for the truck. The board discussed the two vehicles. **MOTION by McLean supported by Grenfell to authorize the Chief to put in a bid of \$3200.00 for the Gogebic Transit bus. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Randall, Janczak, McLean, Tarnaski, Grenfell. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

ANNUAL AUDIT – Supervisor Randall asked the board whether there should be an ad placed for bids for the township’s annual audit. The issue was discussed. **MOTION by Randall supported by Tarnaski to authorize an ad to be place for bid proposals to be for a 3-year term for auditor to be in effect for this fiscal year end. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Janczak, McLean, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

CORRECTION OF BUILDING PERMIT FEE – PLAN REVIEW – The Supervisor brought the current fee resolution back to the board for correction. The building inspector erroneously added the word “cents” after the figure of .0015 on the second page, second paragraph of the fee sheet. Grand View Hospital questioned the figures recently and the error was brought to the attention of the building inspector. The board discussed the issue. This should be \$1.50 (one dollar and fifty cents) per \$1,000.00 in construction cost (not cents). **MOTION by Grenfell supported by McLean to take out the words “cents” and use the following verbiage: “Minimum charge of \$150.00 plus \$1.50 per \$1,000.00 in construction costs (.0015 x construction cost). ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Randall, Janczak, McLean, Tarnaski, Grenfell. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

**MOTION by Tarnaski supported by McLean to have any funds received from invoices billed by the building inspector, with relation to building projects in the township, be deposited with the treasurer of the township. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Grenfell, Randall, Janczak, McLean, Tarnaski. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

TREASURER’S REPORT: Treasurer Grenfell noted that Steve Ward will be coming in tomorrow to straighten out some of his accounts.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLL & MILEAGE: The Clerk noted that the first check on the roster was for funds to be transfer into the streets CD from the General Fund for this fiscal year. The following checks were presented for payment: General Fund: Check#6971-6990- \$62,649.26; Anvil Sewer: Check #-; Ramsay Sewer: Check#2248-2250-\$167.36; West End Sewer: Check #- \$ Water Fund Checks #18465-18474- \$3986.14. **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 noted that the township will be the next host for the February MTA meeting at 6:30 p.m. with a dessert and beverage provided.

A previous applicant to the fire department has now received his driver's license back. The board recommended that he re-apply to the department.

**ADJOURNMENT: MOTION by McLean supported by Randall to adjourn the meeting at 6:07 p.m. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

These minutes are respectfully submitted:

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Debra A. Janczak, Bessemer Township Clerk