

BESSEMER TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING 7-14-08

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor at 5:00 PM and began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

MOTION by Randall, supported by Grenfell to appoint Tarnaski to transcribe minutes in the absence of the clerk.. 4 Ayes. Nays: None. Absent: Janczak. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES:

MOTION by Grenfell, supported by McLean to approve the minutes as presented with one correction on page 1 of 3 noting the misspelling of "Erwin". 4 Ayes. Nays: None. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA:

None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION by Randall, supported by McLean to approve the agenda as presented. 4 Ayes. Nays: None. Motion carried.

PETITIONS:

None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Randall presented the following as communications received:

1. Bessemer Township Planning Commission minutes
2. GRWA Pumpage Report
3. BASA Agenda 7/3 meeting
4. GRSWMA Agenda 6/26 meeting
5. GCRC min 7/16 meeting
6. GCBC notice public hearing 7/9 re: hospital financing
7. MI Public Serv Comm re: notice regarding communications service regarding compliance
8. Wakefield/Marenisco School District re: 7/16 reg meeting; tax levy
9. GO ONT School Dist. re: 2008 tax rate for school collection

MOTION by Randall, support by Grenfell to approve the communications as presented and place on file. 4 Ayes. Nays: None. Motion carried.

REPORTS-BOARDS & COMMITTEES:

1. GRWA Meeting: Report was given by Grenfell. Highlights of discussion were method used to levy admin fee, audit, worker's compensation premiums. Grenfell reported upon administrator's suggestion, billing method for admin fee was changed to \$500 per quarter resulting in savings of approximately \$600 per *entity*. Update was given on Anvil water project.
2. BASA Meeting: Report was given by McLean. Highlights of discussion were capping costs of employee work boots as well as the individual contracts per employee. CC of each will be forwarded to clerk for record.
3. GRSWMA Meeting: No regular meeting.

4. PAUD Meeting: Randall reported meeting will be held Thursday.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Enbridge Energy; Meeting is scheduled between townships and members representing Enbridge for 7/23/08 at 9 am at the Bessemer Township Hall. Tax tribunal is set for 7/31/08. As the board has appointed representatives, this is an informal discussion; not a public meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Dimensional variance was considered for construction of a new garage at Property ID#27-01-50-200-900; Roger Ikola Sr. Variance was reviewed by planning commission on 7/8/08 and approval recommended. MOTION by Grenfell, supported by McLean to approve the variance as submitted. ROLL CALL VOTE AYES: Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, McLean. Nays: None. Absent: Janczak. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Grenfell updated the board on all balances currently held and submitted supporting documentation. In addition, he reported tax bills continue to steadily stream in as well as utility bills.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS, PAYROLL & MILEAGE:**

MOTION by Grenfell, supported by McLean to approve the bills as follows:

General Fund: Check # 6565-6635 total: 43324.81

Ramsay Sewer Fund: Check #2224-2225 total: 2502.64

Anvil Sewer Fund: Check#1037-1039 total: 1997.86

Water Fund: Check #18272-18298 total: 17269.75

ROLL CALL VOTE AYES: Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, McLean. Nays: None. Absent: Janczak. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS:**

Memo was received and discussed from Stempihar Bros oil regarding a change in ownership and billing practices. Profit and Loss report was received. MTA meeting will be held in Ramsay Park 7/22/08 at 6pm. Bessemer Township is host. Speaker will be Carol Goffnett from Grand View Health System. Board of Review is set for 7/22/08 at 4 pm Bessemer Township Hall. Stone Hill Road was discussed. GCRC has not yet submitted quote for repair. Road continues to severely deteriorate. Randall will inquire as to status of GCRC's repair/resurfacing estimate.

**UNION NEGOTIATIONS:**

MOTION BY Randall, supported by Grenfell to go into closed session at 5:42 pm.

MOTION BY Tarnaski, supported by McLean to go into open session at 5:59 pm.

Representatives will meet for discussion on 7/23/08 at 5:30 pm Bessemer Township Hall. A report will be given to board members at next regular meeting.

MOTION by Randall, supported by Tarnaski to adjourn the meeting at 5:59 PM. 4 Ayes. Nays: None. Motion carried.