

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BESSEMER TOWNSHIP BOARD: Monday, July 9, 2007, 5:00 p.m. Meeting was called to order by the Supervisor and began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL: Jerry Grenfell-Treasurer, Jeff Randall-Supervisor, Debbie Janczak-Clerk, John McLean-Trustee, and Hope Tarnaski-Trustee. In addition there were three electors present.

PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES: The following corrections were made to the June 25, 2007 minutes: page 1, Reports, PAUD, "publication of the sewer rate...;" page 2, Elma Huhtala, "Treasurer gave background...;" and page 3, top paragraph first line, "were mistaken...due to the high volume. "The Treasurer dropped one of the zeroes from the first quarter as well as the second to adjust the billing." "It is believed that over 900,000 gallons of water were run through the meter and not billed for correctly..." **MOTION by Randall, supported by McLean, to accept the minutes as amended from June 25, 2007. 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:

- Gogebic Range Solid Waste Management Authority agenda for June 28, 2007 and minutes from May 17, 2007.
- June 13, 2007 agenda and May 23, 2007 minutes from the Gogebic County Board of Commissioners.
- June 27, 2007 agenda and June 13, 2007 minutes from the Gogebic County Board of Commissioners.
- Minutes of June 11, 2007 from the Gogebic County Road Commissioners.
- Decision Notice from USDA Forest Service.
- Daily pumpage report for June, 2007.

Clerk:

- Notice from Michigan Department of Environmental Quality regarding a violation on the building of a pond on North Massie Avenue.

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

GOGEBIC RANGE WATER AUTHORITY (GRWA) – None.

POWDERHORN AREA UTILITY DISTRICT (PAUD) – None.

BESSEMER AREA SEWER AUTHORITY (BASA) – Trustee McLean noted that the construction is complete and they have approved the last payment to the contractor. A decision was made to spend up to \$20,000 on a pole building for equipment which is now placed outside.

GOGEBIC RANGE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (GRSWMA) – Trustee McLean reported that the new compactor was not working well, but measures had been taken to

fix the problem. Trustee Tarnaski questioned why Ironwood Township had a garbage pick-up on July 4th.

E911 – None.

OLD BUSINESS

GC-EDC REQUEST FOR FUNDS LETTER: The Supervisor reported the following payments have been made by other townships towards the funding request. Marenisco paid the full amount requested; Wakefield Township paid \$200.00; Ironwood Township paid 40% of the requested amount, which was \$500.00; City of Bessemer paid nothing; no information was given regarding Watersmeet and Erwin Townships. The board discussed the request. **MOTION by McLean supported by Tarnaski to approve \$500.00 to be paid to the Economic Development Committee. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Grenfell, Randall, Janczak, McLean, Tarnaski. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

ROAD REPAIR CONTRACTS: The Supervisor did get a quote for Stone Hill Road. The board discussed the roads that are up for repair. It was noted that perhaps the township could have winter gravel lifts done and save money for next year to be able to do more repairs with more money. Supervisor Randall will ask that Bruce Edyvean attend the next board meeting to discuss various options. **MOTION by Randall supported by Grenfell to table the decision on road repair. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

PLANNING COMMISSION REIMBURSEMENT: The board discussed the proper amount to be give to the new planning commission members. The members of the previous zoning board received \$20.00 per meeting according to the Clerk. **MOTION by Randall supported by Grenfell to pay the Planning Commission members \$40.00 per meeting. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Randall, Janczak, Tarnaski, Grenfell. NAYES: MCLEAN. Motion carried.**

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Grenfell reviewed the CD accounts summaries and the account reconciliation's given to the board. The taxes went out on July 3 and payments are coming into the township. Utility bills will be going out tomorrow.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLL & MILEAGE: The Clerk noted the following checks for payment: General Fund: Check#5848-5886- \$13,047.99; Anvil Sewer: Check # - \$; Ramsay Sewer: Check#, \$; West End Sewer: Check #- \$; Water Fund Checks #17939-17952- \$19,977.42. **MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Grenfell to approve payment of bills. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: McLean, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.** The Clerk noted that the quarterly Profit & Loss statements would be available to the board for the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS: The Supervisor gave an update on the progress Landmark Appraisal is making with the reassessment. We will eventually have to purchase the APEX drawing program for the assessor's computer which costs around \$550.00.

Several properties have been mowed as a result of blight notices and more are being scheduled.

Supervisor Randall and Roman Tauer, Building Inspector have sent the property owners noted in the Mountain View petition (from June 25 meeting) a letter regarding the property.

The Fire Department was awarded top bid on the 1987 International Fire Truck, which is in Newton. The bid was for \$25,010.60. The insurance will need to be updated and coverage gained on the truck. Treasurer Grenfell will check on the fifteen day CD to see when funds will be available.

A reminder of the MTA chapter meeting was give for July 24. A menu is yet to be determined. Trustee Tarnaski will talk with Brian Trekas and have him be at the meeting by 6:00 p.m. The place is yet to be determined (either in the pavilion or in the town hall).

The Clerk asked whether the local newspapers should be contacted regarding the Heritage Trail Network sign that has now been placed by the park. She will contact the Daily Globe and the Wakefield News & Bessemer Pick & Axe.

The board members and those electors present stood for a moment of silence in honor of the death of Catherine Fesnick. A past clerk, zoning board member and huge supporter as well as a wealth of knowledge of the township.

ADJOURNMENT: MOTION by Randall supported by Tarnaski to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m. Ayes: 5/Nayes: none. Motion carried.

These minutes are respectfully submitted:

Debra A. Janczak, Bessemer Township Clerk