

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BESSEMER TOWNSHIP BOARD: Monday, June 2, 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, Debbie Janczak-Clerk. In addition there were four electors present.

PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES: **MOTION by Grenfell supported by Tarnaski to accept the minutes as presented from May 12, 2008. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: An addition was made to 10. E for “Temporary Summer Help” and 10. F. for “Fire Department Request.”

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:

- Thank you card from Jean Verbos for flowers.
- Gogebic County Board of Road Commissioners minutes from April 28, 2008.
- Notice of spring weight restrictions being lifted from Gogebic County Board of County Road Commissioners.
- Agenda for May 14, 2008 and minutes from April 23, 2008 and agenda for May 28, 2008 and minutes from May 14, 2008 from Gogebic County Board of Commissioners.
- Agenda for May 14, 2008 and minutes from April 17, 2008 for the Gogebic Range Solid Waste Management Authority.

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

GOGEBIC RANGE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (GRSWMA) – Trustee McLean reported on the last meeting in which the negotiating committee was appointed. A review of the memo from Chris Bressette regarding wages/modifications to her contract was discussed. A discussion on whether the position should be set with a cap or salary range was also discussed.

BESSEMER AREA SEWER AUTHORITY (BASA) –Trustee McLean reported that the workers are negotiating with the board. An update of past and newly approved salary increases was done. Vacation and health insurance was not changed.

GOGEBIC RANGE WATER AUTHORITY (GRWA) – None.

POWDERHORN AREA UTILITY DISTRICT (PAUD) – None.

E911 – None.

ASSESSOR – None.

OLD BUSINESS

ENBRIDGE ENERGY/CONSENT JUDGMENT – Attorney Michael Pope is working on setting up a meeting.

BLIGHT/CONDEMNATION OFFICER APPOINTMENT – Supervisor Randall did talk with Bob Berg and he agreed to accept the position. **MOTION by Randall supported by Tarnaski to approve the appointment of Bob Berg as the Condemnation Hearing Officer. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Grenfell, Randall, Janczak, McLean, Tarnaski. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

UNION NEGOTIATIONS MEETING – A tentative meeting is set for June 19th with Mr. Murphy, Trustee Tarnaski and Supervisor Randall. A compilation of the salary, fringes and benefits will be provided by the Clerk for the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CONTRACT – The contract for completing the master plan for the township was reviewed. **MOTION by Grenfell supported by Janczak to approve the contract with UP Engineers & Architects for \$18,000 total (\$12,000-ordinance revisions/\$6,000-land use plan). ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Grenfell, Randall, Janczak, McLean, Tarnaski. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

CONSTRUCTION BOARD OF APPEALS POLICIES – Supervisor Randall reviewed the history which stemmed from the recent *Electrical* Board of Appeals policies. No past policies were found so he created a new set. **MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Grenfell to approve of Resolution #70-08 Construction Board of Appeals Requirements and Policies. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Randall, Janczak McLean, Tarnaski, Grenfell. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

The board discussed the appointment of a Construction Board of Appeals which needs to be made up of three qualified members of the community. **MOTION by Tarnaski supported by McLean to publish an ad for interested persons to apply with a deadline of June 13, 2008. Also, coverage of any publication costs is to be included. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Janczak, McLean, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

ROAD REPAIR CONTRACTS – The board reviewed the contracts for the paving of East Harding Road right off of Johnson Road as well as Harding Road from Blueberry west approximately .303 miles. **MOTION by Grenfell supported by Tarnaski to approve of both contracts for the amount of \$35,240.00 and \$20,495.00. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Grenfell, Randall, Janczak, McLean, Tarnaski. Motion carried.**

DIMENSIONAL VARIANCE REQUEST – A request for variance from Brad Hendrickson was reviewed. **MOTION by McLean supported by Grenfell to approve of the new garage variance. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

TEMPORARY SUMMER EMPLOYMENT – A list of applicants was revised that was provided by Jean Verbos. Roger Ikola will no longer be available for employment. Beau Rajala will be kept on as summer temporary help. **MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Grenfell to approve two summer temporary employees to be filled at the discretion of the DPW Coordinator. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Randall, Janczak, McLean, Tarnaski, Grenfell. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

FIRE DEPARTMENT REQUEST – Chief Kuchinski approached the board to request the purchase of new fire hoses. These would not need to be hung in order to dry out and would be ordered in different colors. The cost is \$99.00 per 50 feet. **MOTION by Grenfell supported by Tarnaski to approve of the cost of the purchase of new hoses as well as the replacement of a ladder. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: McLean, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

TREASURER’S REPORT: Treasurer Grenfell reviewed the cash summary reports. Bank statements were not available yet. There is approximately \$5164.36 in utility billing receivables. The auditor will be at the township late June or early July.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLL & MILEAGE: The Clerk noted the following checks for payment: General Fund: Check#6492-6522 - \$26,714.68; Anvil Sewer: Check #1036-\$165.60; Ramsay Sewer: Check#2221-2222- \$1767.86; West End Sewer: Check #1027-1029 \$1016.35; Water Fund Checks #18240-18248- \$3,079.99. **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 reviewed the district meeting held in Houghton that he attended.

A discussion took place regarding the resurfacing of Stone Hill Road. **MOTION by McLean supported by Tarnaski to contact the road commission for an estimate for resurfacing of the top half of Stone Hill Road. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

The Clerk made a reminder for any information that needs to be put into the summer newsletter, which will be mailed out with the summer tax statements on July 1st.

Fire Chief Brian Kuchinski noted that there are now 18 members on the department. Four of them are testing in September.

June 12 at 5:00 p.m. is the schedule public hearing for the Anvil Water project. Construction is slated to start June 9, 2008.

ADJOURNMENT: **MOTION by McLean 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