

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BESSEMER TOWNSHIP BOARD: Monday, June 23, 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 fourteen electors present.

PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES: A correction was made on page 2, under New Business, Construction Board of Appeals Policies, second sentence should read "...from the recent *Electrical* Board..." **MOTION by McLean supported by Grenfell to accept the minutes as corrected from June 2, 2008. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: An addition was made to 10. D for "Planning Commission Appointment" and to move item 9.B. Union Contract Negotiation after agenda item #13.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: **MOTION by Grenfell supported by McLean to accept the agenda as amended. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

PETITIONS: None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Supervisor:

- Daily Pumpage report for May 2008.
- Minutes from the May 7, 2008 Bessemer Area Sewer Authority.
- Agendas for June 11 and 25, 2008 and minutes from May 25 and June 11, 2008 and from Gogebic County Board of Commissioners.
- Minutes from May 12 and June 9, 2008 from Gogebic County Road Commission.
- Agenda for June 19, 2008 and minutes from May 15, 2008 for the Gogebic Range Solid Waste Management Authority.

Clerk:

- Minutes from June 10, 2008 Bessemer Township Planning Commission.
- Letter from Petoskey Plastics regarding rising costs.
- MTA workshop for July 23, 2008 on Special Assessment Procedures/Ordinance Enforcement Strategies.
- Information on GASB 45.
- Notice from Smartwood regarding an assessment for J.M. Longyear forestland property.
- Notice for the September 30-October 1 America's Town Meeting in Washington.

Treasurer: None.

McLean: None.

Tarnaski: None*.

MOTION by Randall supported by Grenfell to place all correspondence on file. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

REPORTS – BOARDS & COMMITTEES

GOGEBIC RANGE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (GRSWMA) – Trustee McLean informed the board that there was a review of the charter. Both Erwin and Watersmeet are still listed. He suggested that they be removed as well as making a

change from five to four members. Another meeting was rescheduled in order to discuss the budget.

BESSEMER AREA SEWER AUTHORITY (BASA) –None.

GOGEBIC RANGE WATER AUTHORITY (GRWA) – Treasurer Grenfell reported that the June 12 meeting also held a public hearing for comments on the Anvil Water project. Tom Schneller gave a presentation as well as a list of project dates, and contacts. There will be some one percent loans available for those needing to update their lines.

POWDERHORN AREA UTILITY DISTRICT (PAUD) – None.

E911 – None.

ASSESSOR – None.

OLD BUSINESS

ENBRIDGE ENERGY/CONSENT JUDGMENT – Supervisor Randall received a letter from Michael Pope with several proposed dates for meeting with Enbridge. This has not been finalized.

CONSTRUCTION BOARD OF APPEALS APPOINTMENTS – Supervisor Randall has not received any inquiries to serve on the board. The board reviewed the list provided in the agenda packet. **MOTION by Grenfell supported by Tarnaski to appoint Tom Schneller (Snow Country Contracting), Randy Scott (Wilcox Engineering) and Irvin Mattson (Private Contractor) to the board of appeals. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Randall, Janczak, McLean, Tarnaski, Grenfell. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

USE BY SPECIAL APPROVAL VARIANCE REQUEST – Several members of the public were on hand for the discussion of Joy Smith's request for a crematory located on her land next to the kennels. Joy gave a brief summary regarding her selection of company for the equipment. Some of the concerns raised were about state monitoring and contamination of surrounding grounds. The state does the monitoring and the township would not be held responsible. There is no contamination since the remains are basically dust when finished with the process. Other members of the community came in support of the request. **MOTION by Grenfell supported by Tarnaski to approve the variance request as provided and previously approved by the planning commission. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: McLean, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

WATER QUALITY REPORT – The board accepted the 2007 Water Quality reports for Ramsay, Anvil and Puritan locations. **MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Grenfell to accept the reports and place on file. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

NOXIOUS WEEDS AD – Supervisor requested approval for ad placement. **MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Grenfell to approve the cost of running the ad. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Janczak, McLean, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENT – Walter Rickard’s term is expiring. He has shown interest in serving another term. The original set up of the terms has them scattered so that no two people would have to be replaced at the same time. **MOTION by Grenfell supported by McLean to approve Walter Rickard’s appointment to another one year term to the Planning Commission. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak, McLean. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

TREASURER’S REPORT: Treasurer Grenfell reviewed the cash summary reports. Tax bills are being prepared and as well as the utility bills for mailing.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLL & MILEAGE: The Clerk noted the following checks for payment: General Fund: Check#6523-6564 - \$26,422.29; Anvil Sewer: Check #-; Ramsay Sewer: Check#2223- \$8.32; West End Sewer: Check #1030-1031 - \$72.42; Water Fund Checks #18249-18271- \$31,027.88. **MOTION by Grenfell supported by Tarnaski to approve payment of bills. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Randall, Janczak, McLean, Tarnaski, Grenfell. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS:

- The Clerk noted that she will be on vacation for the July 14 meeting.
- The MTA meeting for this month is in Marenisco and next month will be here at the township hall.
- The gravel lifts on Harding Road have been done and paving has begun.
- The request for a list on cost on Stone Hill was done.
- Trustee McLean reminded the board of the sewer rate increases that need to be effective July 1st and will show up on the next cycle’s billing.
- An overview was given on the current status of the Enbridge process.
- Joe Stefani asked if he was able to put in a booster to increase his water pressure. He lives at the end of South River Road. There was no objection to this.
- Louis Sworab informed the board that more incidents took place in the park. The picnic tables had been placed on the pavilion roof.
- Jim Scholar asked what entity regulates parking on sidewalks and streets. The board suggested contacting the road commission or Sheriff’s department.

At 6:08 p.m. MOTION by Randall supported by Tarnaski to move into closed session to discuss Union Negotiations. AYES: 5/NAYES: none.

At 7:29 MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Grenfell to return to regular session. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Grenfell to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 p.m. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

These minutes are respectfully submitted:

Debra A. Janczak, Bessemer Township Clerk