

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BESSEMER TOWNSHIP BOARD: Monday, June 25, 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: John McLean-Trustee, Hope Tarnaski-Trustee, Jerry Grenfell-Treasurer, Jeff Randall-Supervisor, and Debbie Janczak-Clerk. In addition there were five electors present.

PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES: When referred to “Jean” Verbos in the minutes it was suggested to use her full name and title (e.g. pg. 2 under Spring Clean-up & pg. 3 under Public Comment). Page 2, “Spring Clean-up” use *Kelly Ramme Auto Salvage* full company name. **MOTION by Grenfell supported by Randall to accept the minutes as amended from June 12, 2007. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: An addition to #10, New Business of “D.” for Elma Huhtala Water Bill; “E” 4th of July Committee Money; “F” Garbage Day Move from Wednesday, July 4 to Tuesday, July 3.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: **MOTION by Randall supported by Tarnaski to accept the agenda as amended. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

PETITIONS: The Supervisor received one petition read to the board. It was regarding a blight house on Mountain View Road and signed by several residents in the area. The concern is for the eye sore as well as safety concerns. The board discussed the issue. **MOTION by Grenfell supported by McLean to have the Supervisor/Zoning Administrator send a certified letter with copies of pictures provided by residents of the petition to the owners on record. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

COMMUNICATIONS:

Supervisor:

- Gogebic County Board of Commissioners agenda for June 13, 2007 and minutes from May 23, 2007.

Clerk:

- Navigating GASB45 Seminar in Grand Rapids, August 14, 2007 flyer.
- Records Management Workshop in Escanaba, August 9, 2007.
- MTA Seminar on Examining Financial Statements & Exploring Township Investments August 20, 2007 in Marquette.
- “America’s Town Meeting” September 5 & 6, 2007 in Washington DC.
- “The Knowledge Cure” August 21-24, 2007 in Boyne Falls, MI

Treasurer: None.

McLean: None.

Tarnaski: None.

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

REPORTS – BOARDS & COMMITTEES

POWDERHORN AREA UTILITY DISTRICT (PAUD) – The Supervisor reported on the June 20, 2007 meeting. The board was dealing with an issue from a resident regarding the publication of the sewer rate and how far back it could go for retroactive. The board moved to let Ms. Verbos go forward for rate studies. The punch list items are being finished on the project. Many residents have been hooked up and continue to do so at a rate of about five per week.

GOGEBIC RANGE WATER AUTHORITY (GRWA) – None.

BESSEMER AREA SEWER AUTHORITY (BASA) – None.

GOGEBIC RANGE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (GRSWMA) – None.

E911 – None.

OLD BUSINESS

SPRING CLEAN-UP: The Supervisor informed the board that the clean-up went well. There is no account yet as to how much was picked up by Kelly Ramme Auto Salvage.

GC-EDC REQUEST FOR FUNDS LETTER: The Supervisor was informed by the Clerk that the only payment given to this entity has been in the form of payment towards a comprehensive plan last year. The board discussed the issue. **MOTION by Grenfell supported by McLean to have the Supervisor poll the other municipalities within the county and see what they are contributing. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

ROAD REPAIR CONTRACTS: Supervisor Randall is still trying to get a figure from the road commission for Stone Hill Road. The board discussed the repair of Cedar Lane and the use of Hellman's trucking on that road during weight restrictions. Trustee Tarnaski requested more clarification on that situation.

NEW BUSINESS

PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER APPOINTMENTS: Supervisor Randall received two letters as a result of the ad placed in the Daily Globe. One from Robert Berg and the other from Jean Verbos. He also spoke to Walter Rickard who expressed interest to be on the board. Jim Scholar, who was attending the meeting, agreed to be on the committee. **MOTION by Grenfell supported by McLean to nominate Hope Tarnaski to the Planning Commission Board. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

MOTION BY Grenfell supported by McLean to appoint the following people to the Planning Commission Board: Hope Tarnaski (2 year term), Robert Berg (3 year term), Jean Verbos (3 year term), James Scholar (2 year term), and Walter Rickard (1 year term). ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Grenfell, Randall, Janczak, McLean. ABSTAIN: Tarnaski. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

TANKER TRUCK FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT: The 1969 Tanker 20 was decommissioned early this year and the fire department has been looking for a replacement. Chief Brian Kuchinski gave the board an overview of a new (used) tanker he found in Newton. It is a 1987 tanker with 19,000 miles that can carry 2300 gallons of water. The fire department in Newton is asking \$25,000. Bids go out the end of June. On July 5th they will announce the winner. The board discussed the issue. **MOTION by Grenfell supported by Tarnaski to authorize Chief Kuchinski to look and determine if the truck is worth \$25,000. If so, to bid \$25,010 maximum. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Randall, Janczak, McLean, Tarnaski, Grenfell. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Janczak to authorize Chief Kuchinski to poll the board if he feels the bid should be in a higher amount. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: McLean, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

GRASS CUTTING NOTICES: The Supervisor provided a list of properties he has sent letters to notifying them of the \$150 charge to cut the grass along with a ten day dead line for clean-up.

ELMA HUHTALA: The Treasurer gave background on the water bill from this resident. He does a quarterly leakage report for the water and noticed a 42% loss. When receiving the meter reading from the DPW he believed the numbers given were mistaken due to the high volume. This was not the case. 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 thousand gallons were run through the meter and not billed for correctly. The board discussed the situation. **MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Randall to have the Treasurer write a letter of explanation along with a revised bill with the balance to the home owner. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

4TH OF JULY COMMITTEE MONEY: The Clerk noted that the board had previously made a motion to have any money remaining to be brought back to the general fund (May 29). **MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Grenfell to rescind the May 29th motion and leave the funds with the core committee and with Jean Verbos, Treasurer. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

GARBAGE DAY MOVED: Louis Sworab brought to the board's attention that the 4th of July holiday falls on a normal garbage pick-up day. **MOTION by Randall supported by Tarnaski to place an ad changing garbage pick-up from Wednesday, July 4 to Tuesday, July 3 keeping the Thursday pick-up the same. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Grenfell, Randall, Janczak, McLean, Tarnaski. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Grenfell noted that revenue sharing of \$15, 320 will be coming in the early part of July. \$103,402 is projected for 2008. The taxes have been printed and will be stuffed during the remainder of the week. Landmark is supposed to come during the last week of June to give an update. They felt they would be done by the middle of July.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLL & MILEAGE: The Clerk noted the following checks for payment: General Fund: Check#5825-5848- \$10,555.05; Anvil Sewer: Check # - \$; Ramsay Sewer: Check#, \$; West End Sewer: Check #- \$; Water Fund Checks #17931-17938- \$2470.25. **MOTION by Grenfell supported by Tarnaski to approve payment of bills. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Janczak, McLean, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall. NAYES: none. Motion carried.** Treasurer Grenfell inquired what the cost difference would be to buy the postage machine versus leasing it for \$181 per quarter. The Clerk will investigate this.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS:

Richard Brooks commented that he hoped the scrap/metal pick-up would be done again. He suggested emphasizing that the temporary residents in the township shut off their water in the off season when they are not here.

The Clerk requested background on cost for EDC tower. A discussion was had and information given.

A discussion took place regarding the use of water and fire department time for the filing of swimming pools. This would be for township residents only. Jean Verbos, GRWA has just recently published new fees. Perhaps a fee could be in place as well as payment for actual water used. The board saw now issue with this. A new policy will be forthcoming.

Louie Sworab inquired about further/future repairs to the shop.

The next MTA meeting will be on July 24 with the township as hosts.

ADJOURNMENT: MOTION by Randall supported by Grenfell to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 p.m. Ayes: 5/Nayes: none. Motion carried.

These minutes are respectfully submitted:

Debra A. Janczak, Bessemer Township Clerk