

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BESSEMER TOWNSHIP BOARD: Monday, May 14, 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: Hope Tarnaski-Trustee, Jerry Grenfell-Treasurer, Jeff Randall-Supervisor, Debbie Janczak-Clerk, and John McLean-Trustee. In addition there were three electors present.

PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES: **MOTION by Randall, supported by Grenfell, to accept the minutes as presented from April 23, 2007. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: An addition was made under "New Business" to ad 10.I *Sewer/Electrical Proposal.*

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

PETITIONS: The Supervisor received one letter from Joann Nygard who resides in Green Bay, but who has property in the township near the turn around on River Road. The Supervisor read the letter regarding people dumping their garbage on this land. The land is also being used as a turn around. The board discussed the letter. **MOTION by Grenfell supported by Tarnaski to have the Supervisor contact the sheriff's department and turn the letter over to the authorities. Also, to respond to the letter as well as contacting the road commission regarding an easement on the property. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

As an aside, the Supervisor informed the board that he did investigate further the issue brought to the board by Jack Forslund regarding his water line. After input from the DPW it was suggested that he move his water line, which goes right under the driveway and is a probable cause for freezing on the line. **MOTION by Randall supported by Tarnaski to have the Treasurer write a letter of response stating that this is a homeowner issue and no discount will be given on any water bills. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

COMMUNICATIONS:

Supervisor:

- Letter from the Marenisco/Wakefield school district regarding a possible election in November regarding the debt on the bond being shared.
- Daily pumpage report for April 2007.
- May 9, 2007 agenda and April 25, 2007 minutes from the Gogebic County Board of Commissioners.
- Public hearing notice for April 25, 2007 Gogebic County Board of Commissioners.
- Minutes of April 11, 2007 from the Gogebic County Board of Commissioners.
- Minutes of April 2, 2007 and April 23, 2007 from the Gogebic County Road Commission.
- New item notice from the Gogebic County Board of Road Commissioners regarding the lifting of spring weight restrictions effective May 17, 2007.
- New item notice from the Gogebic County Board of Road Commissioners regarding spring weight restrictions on the roads that have *not* been lifted effective May 7, 2007.
- Notice of Cancellation from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission for the liquor license held by the Mac Team LLC.
- Notice of hearing from Northern States Power for May 24, 2007.

Clerk:

- Notice from Xcel Energy regarding tree clearing on Grandview Lane.
- MTA seminar on Personnel Policies for June.
- MTA seminar on At Your Service: Meeting Township Needs for June 25, 2007.

- An FYI on a group that formed for the tennis association and that they may be coming to look at the tennis courts; grant money is available to help renovate tennis courts in the Gogebic area.

Treasurer: None.

McLean: None.

Tarnaski: None.

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

#### REPORTS – BOARDS & COMMITTEES

GOGEBIC RANGE WATER AUTHORITY (GRWA) – The Treasurer reported on the May 10, 2007 meeting. Water for the “lost mile” will be coming from Wakefield. A discussion was had regarding the water tank for Grand View Hospital and funding. Signatures were done for the franchise agreement between Wakefield Township and GRWA. Damage was done in Black Jack due to wrong digging by Xcel Energy. An estimated \$2,000 was the cost of damage.

POWDERHORN AREA UTILITY DISTRICT (PAUD) – None

BESSEMER AREA SEWER AUTHORITY (BASA) – Trustee McLean discussed the letter that was received from Doug Olson by the Supervisor and the adjustment of payments that took place by the City of Bessemer. Their auditor is working on a new rate schedule. The board discussed the letter.

GOGEBIC RANGE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (GRSWMA) – Trustee McLean reported that they are in the process of contract negotiations with Waste Management. The length of time for the contract is being discussed. They are trying to get it to coincide with the expiration of Ironwood’s contract, so both contracts would be up at the same time, perhaps giving more bargaining tools.

E911 – None.

#### OLD BUSINESS

BASA LETTER: The board went into a deeper discussion regarding the letter and its position should a further investigation take place. It was questioned who is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the sewer system on the west end of the township. **MOTION by McLean supported by Tarnaski to have the Supervisor write a letter, to be approved at the next meeting, to BASA questioning who is responsible for the Operation & Maintenance of the system on the west end stations. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

VETERAN’S COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTMENT: The Supervisor received no letters of application from the ad placed in the Daily Globe. **MOTION by Randall supported by Tarnaski to appoint Donald Ormes to be Bessemer Township’s representative on the Veteran’s Council. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Janczak, McLean, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

#### NEW BUSINESS

SPRING CLEAN UP: The scheduled clean-up is for Friday, May 18, 2007. Supervisor Randall has talked with Kelly Ramme regarding a scrap clean-up throughout the township. The board agreed this would be a good idea. **MOTION by Grenfell supported by McLean to have the Supervisor contact Mr. Ramme and set up a time before the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. The township will also give Mr. Ramme exclusive rights to the salvage. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

**MOWING RATES/CHARGES: MOTION by McLean supported by Tarnaski to keep the same rate as last year (\$150.00 per cut). ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Grenfell, Randall, Janczak, McLean, Tarnaski. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

**DPW REQUEST-TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT: The board reviewed the request for summer help submitted by Jean Verbos, DPW Administrator. MOTION by McLean supported by Tarnaski to approve the number of employees (3) and the dollar amount (approximately \$11,894.40) for summer temporary help. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Randall, Janczak, McLean, Tarnaski, Grenfell. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

**DPW REQUEST-MATERIALS: The board reviewed the request from the DPW for topsoil and gravel. Two quotes were approved from Tiziani Sand & Gravel and Globe Industries. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by McLean to give the DPW discretion as to which provider they use for topsoil and gravel. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: McLean, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

**PURITAN FIRE HALL (FIRE DEPT) REPAIRS: The Supervisor provided the board with *two* proposals for a new set of garage doors, as well as the electric work that is needed for the replacement of the doors. Both are for the fire hall/garage located on Puritan Road. The board discussed the issue as well as dollar amounts to be spent. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by McLean to approve the spending outlined in the proposals for the replacement of the doors (in the amounts of \$2564.00 and \$998). ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: McLean, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

**MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT RATE: The board has previously agreed to follow the federal set standards.**

**PARK SIGN (HERITAGE TRAIL SIGN) PLACEMENT: The board discussed where the sign (that was given last year) noting the Keystone Bridge, should be placed. Also discussed where the other township signs that had been moved last year per the land-owner's request. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by McLean to have the sign(s) placed at the top parking lot above the park. Actual placement is up to the discretion of the DPW. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

**MEETING DATES: There are some upcoming holiday conflicts as well as another MTA meeting conflict for the new two scheduled meeting dates. The board discussed the possible changes. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by McLean to move the Monday, May 28, 2007 meeting to Tuesday, May 29, 2007. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Grenfell, Randall, Janczak, McLean, Tarnaski. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

**MOTION by Tarnaski supported by McLean to move the Monday, June 11, 2007 meeting to Tuesday, June 12, 2007. ROLL CALL VOTE: : AYES: Grenfell, Randall, Janczak, McLean, Tarnaski. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

**PROPOSAL FOR ELECTRIC WORK: The board discussed the proposal for electric work on the Anvil Sewer lift station. MOTION by Grenfell supported by Tarnaski to approve the \$80.00 proposal for electric work to include West End sewer station/Animal Clinic for \$2116 and the Puritan Fire Hall for \$1900. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Janczak, McLean, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Grenfell reviewed the reconciliation reports provided to the board. There is approximately \$15,000 still outstanding in utility bills. He has received the tax settlement for \$35,000 from the County. The auditor should begin work at the township on May 21, 2007. Jerry has been hearing good comments on the re-appraisal personnel going around the township gathering updated information.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLL & MILEAGE: The Clerk noted the following checks for payment: General Fund: Check#5728-5778- \$41,185.84; Anvil Sewer: Check # - \$; Ramsay Sewer: Check#, \$; West End Sewer: Check #- \$; Water Fund Checks #17881-17904- \$25,199.03. **MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Randall to approve payment of bills. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Janczak, McLean, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS: The Supervisor referred to the updated list of Road Repairs for the township. He has not been able to reach the road commission to get the prices for this year. There are currently issues on Cedar Lane, due to special permission given by the road commission to a local trucking company during road restrictions. This has resulted in damage to the road. This year there will be \$95,000 available for road work. The other roads needing attention are Prospect, and two sections along Harding Road. Jerry Mazurek (resident on Harding Road) has called the Supervisor about the condition of the road.

ADJOURNMENT: **MOTION by Grenfell supported by Tarnaski to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m. Ayes: 5/Nayes: none. Motion carried.**

These minutes are respectfully submitted:

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Debra A. Janczak, Bessemer Township Clerk