

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BESSEMER TOWNSHIP BOARD: Monday, March 10, 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: Jerry Grenfell-Treasurer, Jeff Randall-Supervisor, Debbie Janczak-Clerk. John McLean-Trustee. Absent: Hope Tarnaski-Trustee. In addition there were four electors present.

PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES: **MOTION by McLean, supported by Grenfell to accept the minutes as presented from February 28, 2008. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: An addition was made to 10. F for “Quickbooks Upgrade.”

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:

- Agenda for February 27, 2008 and minutes from February 27, 2008 from Gogebic County Board of Commissioners.
- Daily Pumpage report for February, 2008.

Clerk:

- US Census Bureau open house for March 31, 2008 in Detroit.
- MTA offering on “At Your Service: Meeting Township Needs” for April 15, 2008 in Frankenmuth.
- Elected Official Academy for March 27, 2008 in Marquette.

Treasurer: None.

McLean: None.

Tarnaski: None.

MOTION by Randall supported by Janczak to place all correspondence on file. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

REPORTS – BOARDS & COMMITTEES

GOGEBIC RANGE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (GRSWMA) – Trustee McLean reported that the authority is looking at new tipping fees to be effective May 1, 2008. It will be \$86.00/ton. This will help to cover the cost of the new compactor. Also USDA wants the authority to keep one quarter of the amount of the debt retirement on hand in a bank.

BESSEMER AREA SEWER AUTHORITY (BASA) –The board discussed the newly increase in fees.

POWDERHORN AREA UTILITY DISTRICT (PAUD) – None.

GOGEBIC RANGE WATER AUTHORITY (GRWA) –None.

E911 – None.

ASSESSOR – None.

OLD BUSINESS

ENBRIDGE ENERGY/CONSENT JUDGMENT – No report.

ELECTRICAL INSPECTION FEES – The board reviewed resolution #67-08 which reflects the same rates that Wakefield and Marenisco charge. **MOTION by McLean supported by Grenfell to accept Resolution 67-08. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Grenfell, Randall, Janczak, McLean. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

The Board also reviewed the proposed resolution 68-08 –Building Inspection Permit Fees that was originally presented by Roman Tauer. **MOTION by Grenfell supported by McLean to accept Resolution 68-08. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: McLean, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

BUDGET UP DATE – The Board reviewed the newest version of the proposed 2009 township budget. Current taxes will be up \$12,000 for the next year. The Board gave Treasurer Grenfell their appreciation for all of the computer related work he has done at the township since being elected. **MOTION by McLean supported by Janczak to approved a \$3,000 annual fee for computer services to be paid Jerry Grenfell. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Janczak, McLean, Grenfell, Randall. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

Bids will be open on Thursday for the Anvil project. The township will need to work with the Gogebic Range Water Authority regarding road work during and after the project.

MOTION by McLean supported by Grenfell to approve the proposed 2009 Budget. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried. The budget will now be available for public review prior to the annual meeting on March 31, 2008.

WEST END SEWER RATES: No update at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

CONTRACT APPROVAL ASSESSOR, BUILDING INSPECTOR – The board discussed the contract given to them last meeting. **MOTION by Grenfell supported by McLean to approved Assessor Brad Hendrickson’s new contract for \$8,000 to commence April 1, 2008 through March 31, 2009. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Janczak, McLean, Grenfell, Randall. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

The are some issues pending regarding the Building Inspector that need to be discussed with Don Hannula prior to approval. The agreement dates should reflect the fiscal year dates of April 1 through March 31. This item is tabled.

TOWNSHIP PAR PLAN REVIEW – The Clerk reviewed the coverage presented by Hannula Insurance. Items missing were the West End Sewer station at Powdermill Creek. The copy machine listed needs to be updated. Also, whether 4th of July coverage should be taken off since it is no longer held.

DPW EQUIPMENT REQUEST – The DPW is requesting new sweepers to be attached to the backhoe. The board reviewed the quotes provided by Louis Sworab. **MOTION by Grenfell supported by McLean to leave the selection of brush to Louis Sworab not to exceed \$548.01, plus shipping. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Janczak, McLean, Grenfell, Randall. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

DPW CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUEST – Louis Sworab is requesting funds to attend a Wastewater Operators Conference to be held in Watersmeet. **MOTION by McLean supported by Randall to approve the \$60.00 registration fee plus mileage for Louis Sworab to attend the conference. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Grenfell, Randall, Janczak, McLean. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

FIREFIGHTER APPLICATION APPROVAL – The fire department approved the application for Neil Balduc of Choke Cherry Lane in Bessemer to the Bessemer Township fire department. This would give the department a full roster. **MOTION by Grenfell supported by McLean to approve the appointment of Neil Balduc to the fire department. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Randall, Janczak, McLean, Grenfell. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

QUICKBOOKS UPGRADE – The Clerk presented a notice from Quick Books stating that they would no longer be supporting the payroll version currently in use. An upgrade to the newest version is needed. **MOTION by Grenfell supported by Randall to approve the costs of upgrading to the next version of Quickbooks Payroll. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: McLean, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

TREASURER’S REPORT: Treasurer Grenfell reviewed the cash summary reports. He will need to make the transfer of funds from the general fund checking to the restricted cash accounts to agree with the budget. **MOTION by Grenfell supported by Randall to approve the transferring of funds as needed to agree with the budget. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: McLean, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLL & MILEAGE: **MOTION by Randall supported by Grenfell to approve the expenses appropriate for the Election Training Seminar. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Randall, Janczak, McLean, Grenfell. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

The last Landmark payment of \$10,400 will also be made.

The Clerk noted the following checks for payment: General Fund: Check#6331-6362 - \$30,233.73; Anvil Sewer: Check #1029-\$97.69; Ramsay Sewer: Check#2212- \$519.62; West End Sewer: Check #- \$; Water Fund Checks #18165-18179- \$11,134.37. **MOTION by Grenfell supported by Randall to approve payment of bills. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Grenfell, Randall, Janczak, McLean, NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS: The Treasurer informed the board that the Clerk and Treasurer offices are in need of computer upgrades. The Fire Department will receive one of the old ones as well as the DPW office. **MOTION by McLean supported by Grenfell to approve up to \$3400.00 for the cost of new computers. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Janczak, McLean, Grenfell, Randall. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

The Supervisor noted that he will be out of town from March 13 through the 24.

The Clerk informed the board that an ad will be place for the March 24 (and March 21) office and DPW closing for the Easter holiday.

A brief discussion was had regarding spring clean-up and the date which should be before Memorial Day.

ADJOURNMENT: MOTION by Grenfell supported by McLean to adjourn the meeting at 6:18 p.m. Ayes: 4/Nayes: none. Motion carried.

These minutes are respectfully submitted:

Debra A. Janczak, Bessemer Township Clerk