

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BESSEMER TOWNSHIP BOARD: Tuesday, May 29, 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, Anne Gertz-Deputy-Clerk, and John McLean-Trustee. Absent was Debbie Janczak-Clerk. In addition there was one elector present.

PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES: Corrections to minutes noted. **MOTION by Randall, supported by Tarnaski to accept the minutes as amended from May 14, 2007. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: An addition was made under “New Business” to add GC EDC request.

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

PETITIONS: There were no petitions presented.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Supervisor:

- Letter from the Gogebic Range Water Authority documenting features of the existing water supply and required storage tank at Grand View.
- Agenda for the Gogebic Range Solid Waste Management Authority for May 17, 2007 meeting and the minutes of the April 19, 2007 meeting.
- Minutes of April 30, 2007 from the Gogebic County Board of County Road Commissioners.
- Minutes of May 9, 2007 from the Gogebic County Board of County Road Commissioners.
- Sale of DNR property in Bessemer Township
- USDA sale of 19 acres along US2.

Clerk:

- MTA 2007 Summer Legislative Forum registration form.
- Letter from DEQ to David Cain regarding water main construction in Ironwood Township.

Treasurer: None.

McLean: None.

Tarnaski: None.

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

REPORTS – BOARDS & COMMITTEES

E911 – Mike Peterson reported that E911 is up and running smoothly. Land line locations are identified by the system as are some cell phone systems. Dobson Communications cell systems are not able to work with the system as far as location identification. 911 cell calls are picked up by the nearest towers, and Iron County will continue to receive some Gogebic County calls due to the location of the towers. Three

800 phones have been given to Hurley to assist with calls. Proposed Senate Bill 410-411 is an effort to try to evenly distribute 911 charges.

POWDERHORN AREA UTILITY DISTRICT (PAUD) – Meeting was held on May 24, 2007. Home owners insurance has covered the damaged wells and to date, the insurance company has not approached PAUD for reimbursement. The rate structure is being contested. 1 or 2 bills were contested and found to have a problem with the connections where no Y was in place. Snow Country has corrected this.

A special meeting will be held to get the go ahead for the new tank on Monday and then presented to the board on Thursday.

GOGEBIC RANGE WATER AUTHORITY (GRWA) – none.

BESSEMER AREA SEWER AUTHORITY (BASA) – none.

GOGEBIC RANGE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (GRSWMA) - none.

OLD BUSINESS

BASA LETTER: Supervisors letter to BASA regarding responsibility for the operation & maintenance of the system on the west end stations was presented.

MOTION by Grenfell supported by McLean to approve Supervisors letter to BASA AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

SPRING CLEAN UP: Supervisor Randall talked to Kelly Ramme regarding pick up date. Clean up would start on Saturday, June 16 and that the public should have their scrap out by Friday night. Would like to see the clean up as an annual event. **ROLL CALL VOTE ON PLACEMENT OF ADD FOR THE SPRING CLEAN UP. AYES: Grenfell, Randall, McLean, Tarnaski. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

Proposed advertisement with information to include date, phone numbers for outlying pick up areas . **MOTION by Grenfell supported by Randall to authorize payment for scrap metal add. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

DRINKING WATER: 2006 Annual Drinking Water Reports for Gogebic Range Water, Ramsay & Anvil, and Puritan Location and West U.S. 2 were presented. Reports were all good. Treasurer Grenfell placed copies out for the public. **MOTION by Randall supported by Grenfell to accept reports as presented. Motion to accept reports made by Randall, supported by Grenfell. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

CONTRACT FOR ANNUAL AUDIT: Board discussed the Contract for the Annual Audit. Contract presented is similar to previous contracts at \$50 per hour. Audit time last year was for 172 hours, this year should be less. Concerns were raised that the hours are open ended and that a limit should be set. **Motion by McLean supported by Tarnaski to sign the agreement setting a cap of \$7,000. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Grenfell, Randall, McLean, Tarnaski. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

GCEDC REQUEST: Letter requesting donation in the amount of \$1,000 from the Gogebic County Economic Development Commission was discussed. Funds would be for several area projects. Last years donation was per capita for mapping. Tarnaski suggested that more research be done on previous donations. **Motion by to table by Tarnaski supported by Randall. AYES: 4/NAYES 0.**

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Grenfell reported that Roger has been in auditing, and is expected to finish no later than August 30th.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLL & MILEAGE: The Deputy Clerk noted the following checks for payment: General Fund: Check #5779-5798 - \$14,589.34; Water Fund Checks #17905-17917 - \$2,441.25. **MOTION by Grenfell supported by Randall to approve payment of bills. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Grenfell, Randall, McLean, Tarnaski. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS: The 4th of July committee has not done any fundraising this year and does not plan any activities. Supervisor suggested placing an ad in the paper to notify the public. Treasurer Grenfell suggested placing a notice on the web site. The supervisor has received calls from people wanting to get involved and that this may promote increased public interest in the festival for the future. **Motion by Tarnaski supported by Grenfell that any remaining funds currently held by the committee to be turned over to the treasurer until the committee is reactivated. AYES:4/NAYES:none. Motion carried. Motion by Tarnaski supported by Randall to place an add stating the 4th of July activities will not take place this year, and to have a note placed in the happenings. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Grenfell, Randall, McLean, Tarnaski. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

Michigan Public Safety Funding Proposal was distributed and discussed. The post commander is looking for community support for this legislature.

The newsletter will be coming out soon. Any information for the newsletter should be given to the Clerk. The clerk will need to set a time to come in and talk with auditor.

Pastor Winkler apprehended a couple of youths were caught breaking windows in the garage

OSHA stopped at the waterline work behind the township building, and found working conditions all good.

Tarnaski requested that a wash out on Stone Hill be checked out, and noted that trucks are hauling up the hill again and tearing up the road. Supervisor Randall will talk with Endivine tomorrow, who will be doing some estimates on other road work and have him look at the Stone Hill Road. Other roads include Prospect Road, Harding east of Johnson, US 2 North, estimated price now is \$139,000 per mile.

ADJOURNMENT: **MOTION by McLean supported by Tarnaski to adjourn the meeting at 6:03 p.m. Ayes: 4/Nayes: none. Motion carried.**

These minutes are respectfully submitted:

Anne Gertz, Deputy Clerk