

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BESSEMER TOWNSHIP BOARD: Monday, November 24, 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 was one elector present.

PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES: **MOTION by McLean supported by Grenfell to accept the minutes as presented from November 10, 2008. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None.

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

ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS:

TIME AND DATE OF BOARD MEETINGS – MOTION by Grenfell supported by McLean to keep the current schedule of board meetings for the second and fourth Mondays of the month at 5:00 p.m. in the Bessemer Township Hall. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

ADOPT PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE – MOTION by Grenfell supported by McLean to adopt and use Roberts Rules of Order for meeting procedure protocol. AYES: 4/NAYES:none. Motion carried.

ADOPT RESOLUTION NAMING DEPOSITORIES – A listing of Resolution E#65-08 was presented to the board. MOTION by McLean supported by Grenfell to approved/adopt Resolution #65-08 naming depositories. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: McLean, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

ADOPT RESOLUTION NAMING PUBLICATION MEDIA – The board reviewed Publication Resolution #70-08. MOTION by McLean supported by Grenfell to approve of Resolution #70-08. AYES: Grenfell, Randall, Janczak, McLean. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS – MOTION by Grenfell supported by Randall to approve of the following committee appointments:

**Gogebic Range Water Authority (GRWA) – Jerry Grenfell; John McLean, alternate
Powderhorn Area Utility District (PAUD) – Jeff Randall, Jerry Grenfell, alternate
Gogebic Range Solid Waste Management Authority (GRSWMA) – John McLean
Veteran’s Administration – Donald Ormes
E-911 – Michael Peterson
Planning Commission – Hope Tarnaski
AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

PETITIONS: None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Supervisor:

- Agenda for November 26, 2008 and minutes from November 12, 2008 for the Gogebic County Board of Commissioners.

- Agenda for November 12, 2008 and minutes from October 22, 2008 (public hearing and regular meeting) for the Gogebic County Board of Commissioners.
- Minutes from November 11, 2008 Bessemer Township Planning Commission.

Clerk:

- Letter from the US Department of Commerce regarding a voluntary boundary survey.
- Meeting notice of the Western UP Heritage Trail Network for December 11, 2008 in Houghton.

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

POWDERHORN AREA UTILITY DISTRICT (PAUD) – Supervisor Randall reported it was a regular business meeting.

GOGEBIC RANGE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (GRSWMA) – Trustee McLean reported that they had received a clean audit. Some of the cash on hand was used to pay on the new compactor. The auditor has suggested raising rates.

BESSEMER AREA SEWER AUTHORITY (BASA) – None.

GOGEBIC RANGE WATER AUTHORITY (GRWA) – Treasurer Grenfell noted that the authority received notice from the City of Wakefield regarding a water rate increase of .06/gallon. The City of Ironwood has asked to discuss a bulk water rate. Wilcox Engineering was looking for approval of extra costs to apply for a stimulus package and the board decided to discuss it further. The storage tank project is under way. Anvil is about 80% complete.

E911 – None.

ASSESSOR – None.

OLD BUSINESSNEW BUSINESS

HOLIDY GARBAGE COLLECTION – The board reviewed the schedule for collection included in the agenda packet. It was suggested to leave a voice mail message about garbage collection for the township offices. **MOTION by Grenfell supported by Tarnaski to approve of the cost of an ad for garbage pick-up. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Randall, Janczak, McLean, Tarnaski, Grenfell. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

DPW CHRISTMAS BONUSES – The Board discussed the past bonuses that were given out. The new contract has given longevity pay which will begin upon the employee's next anniversary date after the July 1, 2008 effective date of the new contract. **MOTION by Grenfell supported by McLean to approve of the following amounts for a debit card to be purchased for each employee: Louis Sworab - \$125.00; Randy Miljevich - \$75.00; Clinton Gustafson - \$50.00. This to be the last year of bonuses to be given**

out. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak, McLean. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Grenfell reviewed the CD balances and noted that the CD from Republic Bank has been closed out to transfer into the General Fund. The new payment box is in place outside the front entrance of the building. A check has been sent to Enbridge and the reimbursements have also come in from the schools. The township is anticipating a check from Enbridge to cover lawyer fees up to \$20,000.00. The Treasurer and his deputy, Catherine will be sending out the tax statements by December 1, 2008.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLL & MILEAGE: The Clerk noted a payment was made to the unemployment agency for "solvency tax" due to over use of the fund. The following checks for payment: General Fund: Check#6845-6880- \$46,554.16; Anvil Sewer: Check #- \$; Ramsay Sewer: Check#2242-2243 - \$107.24; West End Sewer: Check # - \$; Water Fund Checks #18413-18422- \$4527.87. **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 Supervisor noted that there will be a State Assessor's board representative stopping in to review the assessment cards. These should be put away. Brad will be notified.

The Newsletter is ready to go out and is now one page. It looks good.

The MTA Christmas dinner will be on Friday, December 12 in Marenisco. Each township is required to donate a \$15-\$25 door prize. **MOTION by Grenfell supported by Tarnaski to appoint the Supervisor to pick up a gift. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

ADJOURNMENT: **MOTION by Randall supported by Grenfell to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 p.m. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

These minutes are respectfully submitted:

Debra A. Janczak, Bessemer Township Clerk