

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BESSEMER TOWNSHIP BOARD: Monday, November 26, 2007, 5:20 p.m. Meeting was called to order by the Supervisor and began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL: Jeff Randall-Supervisor, Debbie Janczak-Clerk, John McLean-Trustee, Hope Tarnaski-Trustee, and Jerry Grenfell-Treasurer. In addition there were two electors present.

PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES: The following corrections/additions were made to the November 12, 2007 minutes: page one fourth paragraph of the Public Hearing portion, after "DPW Director" it should also include, *per discussion with Steve Casey of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality*; under "Petitions" change resident to *house*; on page three under "Poverty Exemptions" change the December date to December *11*; under "Planning Commission Fee Structure, add "*variance applications*" after special use; add bid received from *Delich* to Tanker Truck. **MOTION by Grenfell, supported by Randall to accept the minutes as amended from November 12, 2007. 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.**

PETITIONS: None. (Trustee Tarnaski joined the meeting.)

COMMUNICATIONS:

Supervisor:

- Minutes from October 29, 2007 for the Gogebic County Road Commission.
- State of Michigan Housing Development Authority workshop in Marquette on January 10, 2008

Clerk: None.

Treasurer: None.

McLean: None.

Tarnaski: None.

MOTION by Randall supported by Grenfell 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 November 15, 2007 meeting. The project has now been closed out. The USDA final draw was in the amount of \$369,131.74. The money was approved to use as a pay down for a smaller bond with a higher interest rate. They reviewed the lien list which was approved by the township board. The UP Health Department has been inquiring the names of those people who have not yet been hooked up to the system.

BESSEMER AREA SEWER AUTHORITY (BASA) – None.

GOGEBIC RANGE WATER AUTHORITY (GRWA) – None.

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

E911 – None.

ASSESSOR – None.

OLD BUSINESS

ENBRIDGE ENERGY/CONSENT JUDGMENT – The Supervisor reviewed the newest correspondence from Frank Kuchevar. The new offer given by Enbridge as a response to his letter about interest was discussed. **MOTION by Tarnaski supported by McLean to have the Supervisor contact the State Tax Commission to request intervention on the Township’s behalf in the Enbridge situation with the state. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

SSO ORDER – The Supervisor sent the information to Steve Casey and has not heard back from him.

POVERTY EXEMPTIONS – The board reviewed the rough draft of a poverty exemption resolution provided by the Supervisor. A section regarding divestments will be added. **MOTION by Tarnaski supported by McLean to forward to rough draft and accompaniment documentation to the township attorney, Michael Pope for legal review. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Randall, Janczak, McLean, Tarnaski, Grenfell. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

CHRISTMAS BONUS APPORVAL – The Clerk provided the board with the list of bonuses given last year in the form of debit cards to the three DPW employees. **MOTION By Grenfell supported by Tarnaski to authorize the purchase of debit card for Christmas bonuses as follows: \$150 – Louis Sworab; \$100 – Randy Miljevich; \$75-Clinton Gustafson. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Janczak, McLean, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall. NAYS: none. Motion carried.**

UPSET CONTRIBUTION – After reviewing the request for contribution, the board agreed that it seemed to refer more to the “county” rather than to the individual township. The Supervisor will check with the county.

BOARD MEETING DATES FOR 2008 – **MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Grenfell to approve the list of meeting dates for 2008. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

TREASURER’S REPORT: Treasurer Grenfell reported that additional *revenue* sharing had been received in the amount of \$2295. Dave Hardie is in the process of folding the township newsletter which will go with the tax statement. The taxes should be going out sometime next week.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLL & MILEAGE: The Clerk noted the following checks for payment: General Fund: Check#6145-6165- \$9606.19; Anvil Sewer: Check #1020-\$93.22; Ramsay Sewer: Check#2203- \$16.19; West End Sewer: Check #1020- \$93.22; Water Fund Checks #18084-18093- \$13,970.15. **MOTION by Grenfell supported by Randall to approve payment of bills. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: McLean, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall, Janczak/ NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS: The Supervisor reminded the board of the December 4, 2007 MTA Christmas party. Also, the Fire Department will be holding their Christmas party in the fire hall on December 8, 2007 with the board's permission.

ADJOURNMENT: **MOTION by Grenfell supported by Randall to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 p.m. Ayes: 5/Nays: none. Motion carried.**

These minutes are respectfully submitted:

Debra A. Janczak, Bessemer Township Clerk