

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

PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES: **MOTION by Grenfell, supported by Randall to accept the minutes as presented from August 27, 2007. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: Supervisor Randall added item 10.B New Business Fire Department Chimney Cleaning Ad approval.

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

PETITIONS: None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Supervisor:

- Letter from the Department of Natural Resources regarding mineral lease nominations.
- Daily Pumpage reports for August 2007
- Gogebic County Board of Commissioners Public Hearing notice for August 29, 2007 for their three year plan.
- Agenda for August 29, 2007 and minutes of August 8, 2007 from the Gogebic County Road Commissioners.
- Gogebic County Council of Veterans Affairs minutes of May 31, 2007; agenda for June 30, 2007 and quarterly report.

Clerk:

- Notice of address change of debtors for New Century TRS Holdings, Inc.
- MTA Township Governance Academy for October 26-27, 2007 in Stanwood.
- Michigan Department of Natural Resources Notice for input on State Forest Management Plans.
- Michigan Downtown Conference for September 18-20, 2007
- Notice from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality for resolution to Jerry Londo's pond permit.

Treasurer: None.

McLean: None.

Tarnaski: None.

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

REPORTS – BOARDS & COMMITTEES

POWDERHORN AREA UTILITY DISTRICT (PAUD) – None.

BESSEMER AREA SEWER AUTHORITY (BASA) – None.

GOGEBIC RANGE WATER AUTHORITY (GRWA) – None.

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

E911 – None.

ASSESSOR – Assessor Brad Hendrickson has taken his test and feels that he did okay and probably passed.

OLD BUSINESS

ROAD REPAIR CONTRACTS – Tabled. A letter was sent late last week.

ENBRIDGE ENERGY/CONSENT JUDGMENT – Treasurer Grenfell and Supervisor Randall contacted MTA regarding issues of holding back payments (summary attached to the agenda). The Treasurer will wait to proceed any further after a Treasurers’ Meeting at the Courthouse on Thursday, September 13, 2007.

Supervisor Randall received a phone call from a lawyer representing Enbridge; however when he returned the call the lawyer was already gone for the day.

SALE OF EXCESS INVENTORY – The list presented by the Clerk was reviewed. The DPW office does have items to add. This will be an on-going project.

NEW BUSINESS

LIQUORY LICENSE RESOLUTION – A request for liquor license approval was presented by Alpen Inn, LLC. **MOTION by McLean supported by Tarnaski to approve of the transfer of liquor license. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Grenfell, Randall, Janczak, McLean, Tarnaski. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

FIRE DEPARTMENT CHIMNEY CLEANING AD APPROVAL – This is for the annual chimney cleaning down for township residents at a minimal fee (around \$30 donation). **MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Grenfell to approve of the cost for the ad. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Randall, Janczak, McLean, Tarnaski, Grenfell. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

TREASURER’S REPORT: Treasurer Grenfell reviewed the accounts and reconciliation details reports. In the matter of the outstanding water bill for the Burt Street resident, she will be coming in tomorrow to pick up her bill, which she will be turning into her insurance company. Both Jerry and Jean Verbos met with Brian Vukusich to discuss his water bill. An agreement was reached and he has made payment arrangements to pay his bill in full.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLL & MILEAGE: The Clerk noted the following checks for payment: General Fund: Check#5992-6016- \$16,660.63; Anvil Sewer: Check #1010-\$54.97; Ramsay Sewer: Check#2192- \$221.61; West End Sewer: Check #1003- \$11.08; Water Fund Checks #18001-18015- \$11,895.20. **MOTION by Grenfell supported by Tarnaski 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 noted there was a financial summary from the fire department that was attached to the agenda.

Jean Verbos informed the board that the DPW is doing hydrant flushing and doing flow and pressure checking. Some hydrant will be replaced and those that are not in working order will have a black bag placed over them.

ADJOURNMENT: **MOTION by Grenfell supported by Randall to adjourn the meeting at 5:38 p.m. Ayes: 5/Nayes: none. Motion carried.**

These minutes are respectfully submitted:

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Debra A. Janczak, Bessemer Township Clerk