

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BESSEMER TOWNSHIP BOARD: Monday, September 8, 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: Hope Tarnaski-Trustee*, Jerry Grenfell-Treasurer, Jeff Randall-Supervisor, Debbie Janczak-Clerk. ABSENT: John McLean-Trustee. In addition there were three electors present.

PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES: A correction was made on page 2, under “Garbage bag policy” to add *full-time* before residents under the motion. **MOTION by Grenfell supported by Randall to accept the minutes as amended from August 25, 2008. AYES: 3/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: An addition was made to ad 10.B. “Vault Utility Bill.”

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: **MOTION by Randall supported by Grenfell to accept the agenda as amended. AYES: 3/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

PETITIONS: None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Supervisor:

- Daily pumpage report for August 2008.
- Agenda for August 27, 2008 and minutes from August 13, 2008 for the Gogebic County Board of Commissioners.
- MTA Flyer for a Planning and Zoning workshop in Marquette on November 25, 2008.

Clerk:

- Notice from the Bureau of Elections informing clerks about online access and information sharing from the Bureau.

Treasurer: None.

McLean: None.

MOTION by Randall supported by Grenfell to place all correspondence on file. AYES: 3/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

REPORTS – BOARDS & COMMITTEES

POWDERHORN AREA UTILITY DISTRICT (PAUD) – None.

GOGEBIC RANGE WATER AUTHORITY (GRWA) – None.

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

BESSEMER AREA SEWER AUTHORITY (BASA) – None.

E911 – None.

ASSESSOR – None.

OLD BUSINESS

ENBRIDGE ENERGY/CONSENT JUDGMENT – Tabled.

GARBAGE BAG POLICIES FOR CHANEY LAKE RESIDENCES* – Supervisor Randall informed the board that a renewal of the policy is still in process. There is also a compilation of costs regarding labor, bags, etc. that the clerk has been putting together. The board discussed various issues. **MOTION by Grenfell supported by Tarnaski to table until cost figures are available for further study. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

AUDIT REPORT FOR 2008 FY – Auditor Roger Kolehmainen presented the board with the 2008 fiscal yearend audit. He reviewed his findings noting that it was a clean audit. Review of each funds ending balances were done. Discussion was had about various changes to the way auditors will be aided townships in their final reporting. Next year will be done according to an accrual method of accounting. There were some notations made regarding journal entries not made by the clerk. Some of which were under the direction of the auditor. **MOTION by Grenfell supported by Randall to accept the audit as presented and approve of the payment to the auditor. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Janczak, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

WILBER VAULT UTILITY BILL – The Treasurer explained the situation with this resident and the cut-off of water supply that was in question. After some discussion it was concluded that the shut-off was at the curb stop and the resident should not be paying a monthly bill. **MOTION by Randall supported by Janczak to refund the resident the \$292.25 that has been paid for past utility billings. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Grenfell, Randall, Janczak, Tarnaski. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

TREASURER’S REPORT: Treasurer Grenfell reviewed the monthly bank reconciliations and reports on CD balances. Many tax bills were paid today. He will be gone on vacation from August 12 through the 29th. His deputy will be coming in on Tuesday and Thursday of the weeks he’ll be gone.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLL & MILEAGE: The Clerk noted the following checks for payment: General Fund: Check#6697-6719 - \$12,011.90; Anvil Sewer: Check #- \$; Ramsay Sewer: Check#2230- \$515.96; West End Sewer: Check #- \$; Water Fund Checks #18329-18344- \$17,779.71. **MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Grenfell to approve payment of bills. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Janczak, Tarnaski, Grenfell, Randall. NAYES: none. Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS:

- The Planning Commission meeting tomorrow will be a public hearing regarding fifty foot set-backs.
- The Supervisor has received a request to consider a sewer system at Chaney Lake from a developer.
- There have been some questions about sidewalk replacement as the Anvil water project continues. Some are in fact being repaired, but not all will be replaced that have been removed due to the project.
- Trustee Tarnaski questioned whether there had been a response from the road commission on quote for Stone Road. There has not been.

- Supervisor Randall referred to the copy of a proposed ordinance for off road vehicle use.

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UNION NEGOTIATIONS – MOTION by Randall supported by Tarnaski to move into closed session at 6:54 p.m. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

MOTION by Janczak supported by Randall to move out of closed session at 7:01 p.m. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: MOTION by Randall supported by Janczak to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 p.m. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

These minutes are respectfully submitted:

Debra A. Janczak, Bessemer Township Clerk