

Regular Board Meeting
Monday, February 25, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

1. Meeting was called to order by the Supervisor and began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
2. **ROLL CALL** – Beverly Ikola-Trustee, *Hope Tarnaski-Trustee, Lisa Hegbloom-Treasurer, Jeff Randall-Supervisor, and Debbie Janczak-Clerk. In addition, there were two electors.
3. **PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES** –MOTION by Ikola supported by Randall to approve the minutes as presented from February 11, 2019. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS** –None.
5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** –Motion by Randall supported by Ikola to approve the agenda as presented. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

PETITIONS-*The Supervisor received a petition from resident Mark Luczak requesting that the alley-way be abandoned that is between two pieces of property that he currently owns. There are no water lines and the township does not use this piece of property. MOTION by Randall supported by Janczak to have the Supervisor proceed with an inquiry with the Gogebic County Road Commission regarding any issues with such a transfer. Any expenses incurred with this process are to be absorbed by the homeowner/requestor, Mark Luczak. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Hegbloom, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

6. **COMMUNICATIONS:**

Supervisor: Letter from the DEQ regarding compliance with our overflows. This is being taking care of at this time.

Clerk: Agenda for February 21, 2019 and minutes from January 17, 2017 from the Gogebic County Council of Veterans Affairs.

Treasurer: An answer sheet from our local post master Angel Robles. There have been complaints and issues that she felt she needed to address. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Ikola to have the Clerk send a thank you to both Angel and Drew Tikkanen at the Wakefield post office to express the board's gratefulness of this service to our residents. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

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

7. **REPORTS – BOARDS & COMMITTEES**

TRAIL AUTHORITY – Trustee Ikola reported that they have obtained the land from Mr. Steiger to proceed with the trail from Bessemer through Ramsay. Construction is scheduled to begin sometime this year with completion in 2020.

GRSWMA – Supervisor Randall reported that it was a regular business meeting. Tonage is down due to the winter season. The City of Bessemer's contract is becoming up for renewal from Eagle Waste. GRSWMA did give them a proposal for services.

PAUD -Crystal Suzik resigned as administrator. An ad for her replacement will need to be published. This office is scheduled to be moved from the township hall by the end of April. She has agreed to

help train the new candidate. Also, our leadman Louis Sworab will train someone from Ironwood township to take on more responsibility within the PAUD system.

VA – Don Ormes reported that there will be a townhall meeting on March 12 at the Legion in Bessemer.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

MARIHUANA FACILITIES POLICY/CIVIL INFRANCTION ORDINANCAE – The Supervisor has been in contact with Tim Dean, the township’s attorney. A question brought up was how high the fines can go. Also, what is the timeline for infractions from the first offense to the second, etc. Is it a matter of days, months or other time frame?

BUDGET FY2020 – The Supervisor is working on finalizing numbers. The Treasurer is working on income numbers and the assessor is also doing personal property adjustments.

8. **NEW BUSINESS**-None.

9. **TREASURER’S REPORT** – Treasurer Hegbloom informed the board that her jury duty was canceled so she will be in the office on February 28, which is the mandatory date for Treasurer’s in collecting winter taxes. Delinquent personal property and leased land letters have been mailed out.

The board reviewed the list of write-off accounts provided by the Treasurer. Many of these have been inactive for several years due to change in ownership, foreclosure and the like. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Janczak to proceed with the write-offs as provided through the list and adjust these account balances as appropriated. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Hegbloom, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

10. **APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLL & MILEAGE** –The following checks were presented for payment: General Fund: Check #13637-13651- \$7849.13; Water Fund Check #21455-21461- \$2526.31; Anvil Sewer: Check #1277-1278-\$751.27; Ramsay Sewer: Check #2707-2709-\$936.53; West End Sewer: Check #-\$.; Park Project Account: Check#-\$. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Randall to approve payment of bills. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Hegbloom, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried. The Clerk reported that accounts are being balanced and bank statements reconciled in preparation for the end of the fiscal year.

11. **PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS**-Supervisor Randall informed the board that the newest DPW hire, John Cox has resigned. The job is not what he had anticipated. The Supervisor and DPW leadman will review the current applications on file and make a recommendation for a new hire.

The MTA meeting is tomorrow at 6:00 p.m. in Wakefield Township.

12. **ADJOURNMENT** - MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Hegbloom to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 p.m. AYES: 5/NAYES: one. Motion carried.

These minutes are respectfully submitted: _____
Debbie Janczak, Township Clerk