

Regular Board Meeting
Monday, March 11, 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 three electors.
3. **PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES** –MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Ikola to approve the minutes as presented from February 25, 2019. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS** –Supervisor Randall added item 10.B. Fire Department Applications.
5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** –Motion by Randall supported by Tarnaski to approve the agenda as presented. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.
6. **PETITIONS**-None. Supervisor Randall updated the board from the last meeting's petition from Mark Luczak regarding the alleyway. The road commission has no ownership to the land and Jeff will be talking to the Register of Deeds as the next step in the process.
7. **COMMUNICATIONS:**
Supervisor: Notice from the Road Commission regarding weight restrictions beginning on Monday, March 18; Notice of closure for the post office building, mail is being re-routed to Wakefield; Daily pumping report for February 2019 from GRWA.
Clerk: none. Treasurer: none. Tarnaski: none. Ikola: none.

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

8. **REPORTS – BOARDS & COMMITTEES**
MISCELLANEOUS – Supervisor Randall noted that there will be a new hire starting on March 18th. Paul Ross will begin with the DPW. There have been two frozen water lines; a let run order has been issued for a few areas around town; Wednesday and Thursday will be the Board of Review meetings; Tuesday the Supervisor will be in Escanaba talking about the possible sewer project with C2AE; he noted that the shut-down of the post office in town was as a result of neglect to the building and the roof was showing some distress under the snow.
The board discussed the possible future of the building and where the post office could be housed. More will be known after the April 1st deadline for tax payment.
A discussion took place regarding mail pick up. It is not the Treasurer's job and should be done during regular business hours. Monday, Wednesday and Fridays the mail will be picked up by the DPW employees and Tuesday and Thursday by the Supervisor. It was noted that mileage should be tracked for reimbursement for these trips by the Supervisor.
9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
MARIHUANA FACILITIES POLICY/CIVIL INFRANCTION ORDINANCE – MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Janczak to adopt the ordinance as presented with corrections and proceed with the required publication needed to make active. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Hegbloom, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

CIVIL INFRACTION ORDINANCE – MOTION by Randall supported by Tarnaski to approve and adopt above ordinance. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Hegbloom, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

BUDGET FY2020 – The Supervisor presented a copy for presentation to the public. The board reviewed the accounts. The Treasurer has provided up to date revenue amounts and the Clerk is also providing up to date expense accounts. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Ikola to accept the budget with changes to account 101 710 Trustee per diem (to be increased to \$5,000) for presentation to the public at the annual meeting. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

10. **NEW BUSINESS**

WATER SEWER TRAINING FOR DPW – This is an annual training that the employees participate in. MOTION by TARNASKI supported by Hegbloom to approve of the costs of attendance for Louis Sworab and Justin Niemi. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Hegbloom, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT APPLICATIONS – The first applicant, Michael Boerman was reviewed by the fire department and approved. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Janczak to approve the addition of Michael Boerman to the Bessemer Township Fire Department. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Hegbloom, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried. There is another application and this member was previously on our department.

11. **TREASURER'S REPORT** – Treasurer Hegbloom informed the board that the taxes have been sent to the county treasurer. She has received some delinquent payments and is getting those entered on to the BS & A system. There will be a water shut-off list at the next board meeting.

The Supervisor and Treasurer have been working on shut off policies and for possible freeze up policies. The board thanked Lisa for all of her hard work over the past year.

12. **APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLL & MILEAGE** –The following checks were presented for payment: General Fund: Check #13652-13681- \$29,377.49; Water Fund Check #21462-21471- \$10,025.96 Anvil Sewer: Check #1280-1281-\$497.79; Ramsay Sewer: Check #2710-\$803.72; West End Sewer: Check #1205-\$3673.05; 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 informed the board that she would like to pursue a possible grant through AARP for beautification in the township. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Randall to approve application on the township's behalf. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.
13. **PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS**-Steven Selin brought in the second fire department application. Lane Peard has been a previous member and would be welcomed to the department. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Randall to approve the hiring of Lane Peard to the Bessemer Township Fire Department. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Hegbloom, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

Trustee Tarnaski made note of the terrible road conditions especially by Alpine and is it possible for the road commission to put a flag by the area. The Supervisor noted that they are trying to keep up on all of the bad potholes in the area.

14. **ADJOURNMENT** - MOTION by Randall supported by Janczak to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 p.m.
AYES: 5/NAYES: one. Motion carried.

These minutes are respectfully submitted:

Debbie Janczak, Township Clerk