

Regular Board Meeting
Monday, April 8, 2019 at 5:50 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 Ikola supported by Randall to approve the minutes as presented from March 25, 2019. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS** –Supervisor Randall added item 10.C. DPW purchases and item 10.D. Fire Department Purchases.
5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** –Motion by Randall supported by Janczak to approve the agenda as amended. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.
6. **PETITIONS**-None.
7. **COMMUNICATIONS:**
*Supervisor: Pumping report from GRWA for the month of March 2019. There are some higher numbers noted due to the let run orders.
Clerk: None. Treasurer: Annual report from the Gogebic Country Forestry & Parks Commission.
Tarnaski: none. Ikola: none.

MOTION by Randall supported by Janczak to place correspondence on file. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.
8. **REPORTS – BOARDS & COMMITTEES**
MISCELLANEOUS – Supervisor Randall reported there has been many incidents related to the rain and spring thaw including road damage, flooded basements and a frozen culvert on Prospect.
9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – None.
10. **NEW BUSINESS**
TRAIL LEASE AGREEMENT – The agenda packet included the lease between the state of Michigan and the Michigan Western Gateway Trail Authority that now includes the new addition through Bessemer Township. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Randall to authorize the necessary signatures to proceed with the lease agreement.

RESOLUTION TO ACQUIRE TAX FORECLOSED PROPERTIES – The Board reviewed resolution #157. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Randall to approve of the resolution for the purchase of property located at the post office building site as well as a parcel located in the back that will link the Iron-Belle Trail for a total cost of \$3230.41. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Hegbloom, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

DPW PURCHASES – Louie Sworab has been looking at the purchase of a new soil compactor to be used among all of the departments of the township; several options with prices were provided. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Ikola to approve of \$506.41 after the rebate for purchase from

Menards. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Hegbloom, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

Another item for purchase request is the sewer camera, which would be shared among the three sewer funds. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Janczak to approve of the purchase of a sewer camera not to exceed \$4595.00. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Hegbloom, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT PURCHASES – There are three items that the fire department is looking for approval on. Scott Air Masks, a washing machine and fire hoses. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Janczak to approve of the purchase of two Scott air masks for the amount of \$269.00 each. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Hegbloom, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Randall to approve of the purchase of a washing machine to be spent out of the fire department’s own account with oversight by the Treasurer for the fire department Jeff Randall. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Hegbloom, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Randall to approve of the purchase of two fifty-foot fire hoses from Pomasi Fire for \$109.00 each. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Hegbloom, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

11. **TREASURER’S REPORT** – Treasurer Hegbloom reviewed the delinquent accounts and has been investigating some of those that have changed residencies, etc. to make sure the accounts are correct. There will be forty letters being sent out by April 24 for shut-off notices.

12. **APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLL & MILEAGE** –The Clerk noted that the check had been sent to Binz Brothers for the Sain property flooding and the water fund has made bond payments for principal and interest this month. The following checks were presented for payment: General Fund: Check #13700-13723- \$10,949.75; Water Fund Check #21479-21494- \$110,038.31 Anvil Sewer: Check #-; Ramsay Sewer: Check #-; West End Sewer: Check #1206-\$3673.05; Park Project Account: Check#-\$. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Ikola to approve payment of bills. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Hegbloom, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

The Clerk noted that there will be a Bessemer School board meeting at the township tomorrow evening regarding the upcoming bond for the election on May 7. There is also a 4th of July Committee meeting that will be held at the same time.

13. **PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS**- The board discussed the passing of Ironwood Township’s Supervisor Steven Boyd and noted he will be missed.

Trustee Ikola noted that she will not be here for the May 13th meeting.

14. **ADJOURNMENT** - MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Randall to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 p.m. AYES: 5/NAYES: one. Motion carried.

These minutes are respectfully submitted: _____

Debbie Janczak, Township Clerk