

Regular Board Meeting
Monday, May 13, 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** –*Hope Tarnaski-Trustee, Lisa Hegbloom-Treasurer, Jeff Randall-Supervisor, and Debbie Janczak-Clerk. Absent: Beverly Ikola-Trustee. In addition, there were two electors present.
3. **PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES** –MOTION by Hegbloom supported by Randall to approve the minutes as presented from April 8, 2019. AYES: 3/NAYES: none. Motion carried.
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS** –None.
5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** –Motion by Randall supported by Janczak to approve the agenda as presented. AYES: 3/NAYES: none. Motion carried.
6. **PETITIONS**-None.

7. **COMMUNICATIONS:**

Supervisor: Pumping report from GRWA for the month of April 2019; public hearing notice from Northern States Power; Wakefield Township master plan notice.

Clerk: Agenda for March 21 and April 18 and the minutes from March 21 and February 21, 2019 from the Gogebic County Council of Veterans Affairs; Notice from MI DEQ regarding Preliminary distribution system materials inventory and from the EGLE (MI Dept. of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy) regarding Blackjack service drive bridge work permit.

Treasurer: None. Tarnaski: none. Ikola: none.

*MOTION by Randall supported by Hegbloom to place correspondence on file. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

8. **REPORTS – BOARDS & COMMITTEES**

VA – Don Ormes shared some information about a veteran who moved in to the area who received help in getting a vehicle and insurance as well as housing help from our area VA Rep John Frello.

GRSWMA – Supervisor Randall reported that this was a regular business meeting.

PAUD – Supervisor brought the board up to current happenings with a new administrator being hired (Chris Bressette). She has already moved in to the Ironwood Township building and has made some changes and updates to some of the processes.

GRWA – per Supervisor Randall this was a regular business meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS – Supervisor Randall gave more information on the erosion happening up on Hill Road referred to a sink hole in the newspaper. HE is working with the engineers and road commission to see what can be done as well as the county clerk to find blue prints for this area where mines had once been.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

POST OFFICE – Supervisor Randall has had several conversations with the post master and they are currently looking at the amount of mail, etc. that is processed for Bessemer Township. They are also looking for a new post master for Ramsay. Roman has looked over the abandoned building and deemed it not buildable. The post office has been there to pull some of their equipment out.

MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Janczak for the Supervisor to proceed with the investigation of asbestos in the building, the removal/tests and obtaining quotes. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Tarnaski, Hegbloom, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

10. NEW BUSINESS

LAGOON IMPROVEMENTS – Darren Pionk of C2AE was present to discuss the future project and options for proceeding. He noted the issues with the current drain pipe at the lagoon and how this needs to be reviewed before deciding on how to proceed. MOTION by Randall supported by Tarnaski to approve of the costs to have Tunnel Vision come and inspect the pipe with a cost up to \$7,000.00. (if cost should go over board will need to be polled). ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Tarnaski, Hegbloom, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

RAMSAY WATER/SEWER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT – The timeline for the project was reviewed for application and planning.

PARK PROJECT – The board discussed painting some of the playground equipment that is still in the park to match the newly purchased equipment.

MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Hegbloom to approve of the quote provide by Angelo Luppino, Inc. for the restoration of the concrete slab under the tank in the park for \$11,217.00. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Tarnaski, Hegbloom, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

ROAD WORK – The board discussed the proposed repair for Division Lane which is actually half on the City of Bessemer property. Three options were presented from the Road Commission. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Janczak to approve Estimate #2 for a total of \$60,870 (of which \$36,552 would be the township's share) to repair Division Lane. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Tarnaski, Hegbloom, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS – Jody Jurakovich submitted a letter of interest via email to the Supervisor. Current members would then be Hope Tarnaski, Bob Berg and Jody. MOTION by Randall supported by Janczak to reappoint Hope and Bob for a two-year term and appoint Jody for a three-year term to the Planning Commission. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Tarnaski, Hegbloom, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

SUMMER HELP – It is that time of the year in which the township needs to publish an ad for summer help. The ideal would be three to four temporary employees. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Randall to approve of four summer temporary employees at a rate of \$12.00 per hour and to approve publication of the ad. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Tarnaski, Hegbloom, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

GRASS CUTTING NOTICE – The Supervisor publishes Ordinance #113 regarding grass cutting and noxious weeds notice each year. MOTION by Tarnaski supported Hegbloom to authorize publication. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Tarnaski, Hegbloom, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

SPRING CLEAN UP – A proposed date for this year is Friday, May 24th. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Janczak to approve of the ad for May 24. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Tarnaski, Hegbloom, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEW FIRE FIGHTER APPLICATION – Nick Tarro from Wakefield applied and was accepted by the fire department. MOTION By Tarnaski supported by Randall to approve and accept the application for Nick Tarro to the Bessemer Township Fire Department. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Tarnaski, Hegbloom, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

UP FIREFIGHTER'S TOURNAMENT AD – MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Janczak to approve of the ad for \$125.00 for a ½ page (authorized up to \$150.00). ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Tarnaski, Hegbloom, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

11. **TREASURER'S REPORT** – Treasurer Hegbloom informed the board that seventeen accounts will be receiving a shut-off notice. Nine of them have been mailed out already with a May 22nd date for reconciling their account. She started with forty accounts.

The board reviewed the request from Don Voss regarding work done by the township on his behalf for a frozen water pipe that was leaking in to his house. The township will not be reducing any of the charges.

The program that is used for delinquent personal property has been out of date since 2013. The Treasurer would like to purchase an updated program. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Randall to approve of the \$1150.00 cost to update this program. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Tarnaski, Hegbloom, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

12. **APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLL & MILEAGE** –The cost of the John Deere township by Greg's towing should be split between all funds. The following checks were presented for payment, which include checks polled via email to the board at an earlier date: General Fund: Check #13724-13790- \$41,539.32; Water Fund Check #21495-21521- \$15,677.39 Anvil Sewer: Check #1283-1284- \$262.33; Ramsay Sewer: Check #2713-2718-\$1813.83; West End Sewer: Check #1207-\$71.81; Park Project Account: Check#-\$. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Randall to approve payment of bills. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: 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**- None.

14. **ADJOURNMENT** - MOTION by Randall supported by Tarnaski to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m. AYES: 4/NAYES: one. Motion carried.

These minutes are respectfully submitted:

Debbie Janczak, Township Clerk