

Regular Board Meeting
Monday, November 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 was one elector and one guest present.
3. **PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES** –MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Ikola to approve the minutes as presented from October 28, 2019. AYES: 5/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: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.
6. **PETITIONS**-Members of the 4th of July committee were in attendance to present the township with a check in the amount of \$7500.00. This donation is because no one came forward to claim the 50/50 prize after two drawings took place. The township will put the money towards the park and specifically lighting on the courts and electronic bathroom doors. The donation was very much appreciated. A thank you will be sent to the committee.
7. **COMMUNICATIONS:**
Supervisor: Daily pump report for October from GRWA; letter from PAUD asking the assessor to do a review of the square footage of home, this is something that will be included in the regular review each year that is required by the assessor (20% of the properties) not as a separate project; Clerk: letter from Charter Communications regarding new channels, US Postal notification regarding increase in package rates, Treasurer: None. 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**
PAUD – Supervisor Randall stated that there have been conversations regarding paying off a smaller bond; they received money from the insurance company for the generator damage.

GRSWMA – This was cancelled and the next meeting is in December.

Miscellaneous – The Supervisor noted that union negotiations will begin next week on December 2nd. MOTION by Ikola supported by Tarnaski to appoint the Supervisor and Clerk to represent the township during negotiations. AYES:5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.
There is some final engineering happening regarding the bike trail for next year. There is currently a road that is owned by the road commission that will need to be signed over to the township in order for the trail to go all the way through. It's located by the retention pond. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Ikola to appoint Supervisor Randall as the township representative in order to move the transfer forward. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

BASA – Trustee Ikola reported that this was a regular meeting.

GRWA - Trustee Ikola reported that this was a regular meeting.

TRAIL AUTHORITY – The discussion revolved around the continuation from Bessemer Township to Wakefield reported Trustee Ikola.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

POST OFFICE – Since the public meeting last week they are looking at various properties within the township for the placement of a new building. Off street parking is another aspect to consider for placement of the building.

BLIGHT ELIMINATION ORDINANCE/JUNK OR DISMANTLED CAR ODINANCE – this was a combined effort for the ordinances by Tim Dean’s office. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Randall to move to adoption and publication of the ordinance for acceptance. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Hegbloom, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

10. NEW BUSINESS

BID FOR LAGOON WORK – Four companies requested information; only one submitted a bid in the amount of \$195,000. Darren Pionk was present and the board discussed the high bid. MOTION by Randall supported by Tarnaski to reject the bid and move forward with reconfiguring the specs and putting it back out for publication. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Hegbloom, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

BUDGET AMENDMENT – The Clerk presented an amendment to the cost center for street lighting. The board suggested looking in to why the amounts were so far off from budget. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Randall to move \$10,000 from account number 101 849 956 to 101 400 926. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Hegbloom, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

UTILITY DUTIES AND COMPENSATION – The Clerk presented various scenarios for the utility clerk’s position. Some are weaved within current positions; many are a separate position. The board suggested putting together a job description for the future goal of looking in to a separate position for this work within the township.

BCBS RENEWAL – The Clerk presented the pending renewal for 2020 that shows a 6.6% increase. This will be a part of discussion during negotiations as well. Trustee Tarnaski suggested looking in to the possibility of pulling out the prescription portion as well as getting some other quotes. The Clerk will look in to this.

FIREWORKS APPLICATION – This is the same application for Black Jack as has been for previous years for the New Year’s celebration. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Ikola. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

GRWA APPOINTMENT – MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Randall to reappoint Walt Rickard to the GRWA representative. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried. The board is thankful for Walt’s services all these years.

11. TREASURER’S REPORT – The Treasurer reported that winter taxes will be mailed out on Saturday. Liens have been added; if any of that money is received before Saturday, she will make adjustments.

The board discussed the folder that is in the conference room and how it has not worked properly for quite a while. This will be looked in to for possible removal and discontinuance of the maintenance agreement.

12. **APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLL & MILEAGE** –The following checks were presented for payment which includes those electronically approved from November 11: General Fund: Check #14138-14184- \$42,095.97; Water Fund Check #21665-21687-\$14,180.95; Anvil Sewer: Check #1303-1305-\$444.26; Ramsay Sewer: Check #2743-2746-\$1116.34; West End Sewer: Check #1221-\$3714.75. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Randall to approve payment of bills. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Hegbloom Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.
13. **PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS**- A reminder about the MTA Christmas party on December 5th and reservations need to be sent to Marenisco Township.
14. **ADJOURNMENT** – MOTION by Janczak supported by Randall to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 p.m. AYES: 4/NAYES: one. Motion carried.

These minutes are respectfully submitted:

Debbie Janczak, Township Clerk