

# BESSEMER TOWNSHIP BOARD

REGULAR MEETING – October 26, 2020

VIA ZOOM

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## AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG
2. ROLL CALL
3. PRESENTATION OF MINUTES (For the Regular mtg. of October 12, 2020)
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
5. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS (Limit 3 minutes per person)
6. PETITIONS;
7. COMMUNICATIONS
8. REPORTS – BOARDS, COMMITTEES & OFFICES
9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
  - A. Utility Clerk - Update
  - B. COVID -19
  - C. Supervisor Health Insurance
10. NEW BUSINESS
  - A.
  - B.
  - C.
11. TREASURER’S REPORT (First Meeting of the Month Only)
12. APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLL, & MILEAGE
13. PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS
14. ADJOURNMENT

Next Board Meeting; November 9, 2020  
MTA 6:00pm, Tuesday Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>, Marenisco

Regular Board Meeting  
Monday, October 12, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.  
In Person & VIA ZOOM

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, Jeff Randall-Supervisor, Lisa Hegbloom-Treasurer and Debbie Janczak-Clerk; Beverly Ikola-Trustee attending via ZOOM.
3. **PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES** –MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Hegbloom to approve the minutes as presented from September 28, 2020. Motion carried by roll call vote.
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS** –None.
5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** –MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Ikola to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote.
6. **PETITIONS**-Supervisor Randall read a letter received by Chuck Kopecko regarding the road conditions on Harding Road. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Janczak to authorize the Supervisor to respond to the letter.
7. **COMMUNICATIONS:**  
Supervisor: Daily pump report for September. Clerk: None. Treasurer: None. Tarnaski: none. Ikola: none. MOTION by Randall supported by Janczak to place all communications on file. Motion carried by roll call vote.
8. **REPORTS – BOARDS & COMMITTEES**  
GRWA – Trustee Ikola noted some suggestions by the board such as having two people sign off on any checks. It was voted that the Black Jack customers would be turned over to the township.  
  
MISCELLANEOUS – Trustee Ikola noted issues with two of the new signs posted on the new trail. One has the wrong picture with the Anvil Mine info and the other is near the main street and has the spelling of Ramsay wrong. (Ramsey) This will be looked in to further.
9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**  
UTILITY DUTIES AND COMPENSATION – MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Randall to have the Clerk and Treasurer review the applications and report back to the board. Motion carried by roll call vote.  
  
COVID-19 – The Clerk did attend a webinar held by MTA regarding the Supreme Court decision on revoking the Governor’s ability to issue states of emergency. Decisions regarding the continuance of virtual meetings will hopefully be know next week.
10. **NEW BUSINESS**  
BLACKJACK WATER SYSTEM – MOTION by Ikola supported by Randall to accept the twenty customers from GRWA with the effective date to be determined. Motion carried by roll call vote.  
  
SUPERVISOR HEALTH INSURANCE – Supervisor Randall approached the board regarding payment in lieu of insurance as his wife will now be able to carry the policy. At this time the township does not have any such policy. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Janczak to have the Clerk investigate what other municipalities are doing as well as contact MTA for recommendations. Motion carried by roll call vote.

TOWNHALL OFFICES FLOORING – The Supervisor had Floor Plans come and give a quote on the replacement of the floor where the postage machine and assessor are located. At the same time the Clerk was inquiring about her office. A full quote for *all* office flooring was given. The question was raised as to the additional cost to also have plank flooring in the board meeting side of the room as well. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Randall to authorize replacement of the flooring to not exceed \$1500.00 over the current quote of \$4960.17. Motion carried by roll call vote. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Janczak to have the Clerk search for new board room chairs that are not made from cloth. Motion carried by roll call vote.

PARK/COURT LIGHTING – The Supervisor has had difficulty in getting Lindquist Electric to commit to a time to work/finish the project. He has spoken to them about our dissatisfaction. The projects pending are the court lighting, bathroom locks and the walkway lighting.

- 11. **TREASURER’S REPORT** – Water and sewer bills have been mailed out. A discussion on a customer’s 550,200-gallon usage of water took place. Unfortunately, this was not something caught by the homeowner and the Treasurer will still send out the bill as is with the option of payments.
- 12. **APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLL & MILEAGE** –The following checks were presented for payment:

| FUND           | CHECK NUMERS  | AMOUNT      |
|----------------|---------------|-------------|
| General Fund   | #14694-#14722 | \$19,129.00 |
| Water Fund     | #21925-#21944 | \$39,233.55 |
| Anvil Sewer    | #             | \$          |
| Ramsay Sewer   | #             | \$          |
| West End Sewer | #1239         | \$3714.75   |

MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Randall to approve payment of bills. Motion passed by roll call vote.

The Clerk reported on the ongoing process with the audit as well as the busyness from the election.

- 13. **PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS-** MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Janczak to purchase emergency flashlights for the township offices. Motion carried by roll call vote.

The board discussed having a plaque in the park dedicated to the Tadlock family as well as to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July committee for their contributions.

- 14. **ADJOURNMENT** – MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Randall to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m. Motion carried.

These minutes are respectfully submitted:

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Debbie Janczak, Township Clerk

Dear Board Members,

NOVEMBER PER PHONE  
CALL FROM  
WALT ON 10-23-2020  
@ 10:20

I will be resigning from the Logobic Range Water Authority at their ~~December~~ Meeting. I have been on the Authority for sixteen years and have been chairman for 15 years. The Regional Water System is complete and the Authority is in a preventive maintenance mode.

I also served on the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Zoning Board, the Planning Commission and the M-28-U.S-2 Access Management Team. While on the Planning Commission, with the leadership of our Supervisor, we developed a "Master Plan" and a "5-year Recreation Plan". A 5-year Recreation Plan is required for future grants.

Thank you for these appointments. It was my pleasure to serve the Township. Be safe and continue the good work.

Sincerely,  
Walter Kirkard

FYI

BESSEMER AREA SEWER AUTHORITY  
411 SOUTH SOPHIE STREET  
BESSEMER, MICHIGAN 49911

THE

Office: 411 S. Sophie St  
Bessemer, MI 49911  
906-663-4101  
906-667-0467 fax

Treatment Facility: 7840 Stone Rd  
Bessemer, MI 49911  
906-667-0800  
906-667-0049 fax

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Bessemer Township Clerk  
Bessemer Township Hall  
10338 E Mill Street  
Ramsay, MI 49959

During the Board meeting of the Bessemer Area Sewer Authority held on February 12, 2020 the Board reviewed the monthly rates paid by all of the Authority's customers. Per recommendation of the Authority Board, effective July 1, 2020 the Operations and Maintenance charge will increase from \$2,251.67 per month to \$2,285.07 per month. The debt service charge will not change. The total monthly payment to the Authority, including debt, will be \$3,748.15.

The September billing will reflect the new rate and will also include a retroactive amount for July and August in the amount of \$66.80.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thank you,



Jim Trudgeon  
BASA Administrator  
trudgeon.jim@gmail.com

7:13 PM

10/21/20

Accrual Basis

**Bessemer Township**  
**Transaction Detail by Account**  
**October 8 - 21, 2020**

| Type                              | Date       | Num   | Name                      | Memo                            | Amount            |
|-----------------------------------|------------|-------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>101 General Operating Fund</b> |            |       |                           |                                 |                   |
| <b>101 001 Cash (acct#13375)</b>  |            |       |                           |                                 |                   |
| Bill Pmt -...                     | 10/13/2020 | 14723 | United States Treasury    | EIN-38-6006885/Form 941 3rd...  | -71.48            |
| Bill Pmt -...                     | 10/21/2020 | 14724 | American Express          | clerk desk/SHRM/Norton          | -1,997.42         |
| Bill Pmt -...                     | 10/21/2020 | 14725 | BCBS of MI                | group #007005112 - 11/1/2020... | -3,140.33         |
| Bill Pmt -...                     | 10/21/2020 | 14726 | Charter Communications    | Sept 2020                       | -80.00            |
| Bill Pmt -...                     | 10/21/2020 | 14727 | Quill                     | Inv. #11303982, #142494312; ... | -152.43           |
| Bill Pmt -...                     | 10/21/2020 | 14728 | Sunday Lake Supermarket   | fire dept                       | -276.17           |
| Bill Pmt -...                     | 10/21/2020 | 14729 | Roman Tauer, Build Inspec | November 2020                   | -541.67           |
| Paycheck                          | 10/21/2020 | 14730 | HEGBLOOM, Lisa L          |                                 | -631.98           |
| Paycheck                          | 10/21/2020 | 14731 | IKOLA, Beverly A          |                                 | -125.89           |
| Paycheck                          | 10/21/2020 | 14732 | JANCZAK, Debra A.         |                                 | -703.83           |
| Paycheck                          | 10/21/2020 | 14733 | MAZUREK, Angela           |                                 | -29.08            |
| Paycheck                          | 10/21/2020 | 14734 | NIEMI, Justin D           |                                 | -624.70           |
| Paycheck                          | 10/21/2020 | 14735 | RANDALL, Jeffery          |                                 | -758.03           |
| Paycheck                          | 10/21/2020 | 14736 | RICKARD, Walter           |                                 | -35.24            |
| Paycheck                          | 10/21/2020 | 14737 | ROCCO, Joseph R           |                                 | -102.66           |
| Paycheck                          | 10/21/2020 | 14738 | SWORAB, Louis             |                                 | -478.44           |
| Paycheck                          | 10/21/2020 | 14739 | TARNASKI, Hope C          |                                 | -55.41            |
| Paycheck                          | 10/21/2020 | 14740 | TARRO, Nick               |                                 | -488.31           |
| Paycheck                          | 10/21/2020 | 14741 | TAUER, Roman J.           |                                 | -903.25           |
| Total 101 001 Cash (acct#13375)   |            |       |                           |                                 | -11,196.32        |
| Total 101 General Operating Fund  |            |       |                           |                                 | -11,196.32        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                      |            |       |                           |                                 | <b>-11,196.32</b> |



## Bessemer Twsp Water Fund Transaction Detail by Account

October 9 - 21, 2020

| Type              | Date       | Num   | Name                | Memo                            | Amount           |
|-------------------|------------|-------|---------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>592 Assets</b> |            |       |                     |                                 |                  |
| <b>001 Cash</b>   |            |       |                     |                                 |                  |
| Paycheck          | 10/21/2020 | 21946 | Hegbloom, Lisa      |                                 | -159.84          |
| Paycheck          | 10/21/2020 | 21947 | Janczak, Debra      |                                 | -71.03           |
| Paycheck          | 10/21/2020 | 21948 | Niemi, Justin D.    |                                 | -469.73          |
| Paycheck          | 10/21/2020 | 21949 | ROCCO, Joseph       |                                 | -66.49           |
| Paycheck          | 10/21/2020 | 21950 | Sworab, Louis       |                                 | -639.93          |
| Paycheck          | 10/21/2020 | 21951 | Tarro, Nick         |                                 | -459.32          |
| Bill Pmt -Ch...   | 10/21/2020 | 21952 | LINDQUIST ELECTRIC  | Inv. #1248-200687 - start c...  | -2,883.00        |
| Bill Pmt -Ch...   | 10/21/2020 | 21953 | Quill               | Inv. #11303982 - Util Clerk ... | -87.92           |
| Bill Pmt -Ch...   | 10/21/2020 | 21954 | XCel-Mikado/Sanders | #52-6278012-7 - Oct 2020        | -118.03          |
| Total 001 Cash    |            |       |                     |                                 | -4,955.29        |
| Total 592 Assets  |            |       |                     |                                 | -4,955.29        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>      |            |       |                     |                                 | <b>-4,955.29</b> |

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**Ramsay Sewer Fund**  
**Transactions by Account Sept 28 2020**  
As of October 21, 2020

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| Type                       | Date       | Num  | Name                   | Memo                       | Amount               |
|----------------------------|------------|------|------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Sep 29 - Oct 21, 20</b> |            |      |                        |                            |                      |
| Bill Pmt -C...             | 10/21/2020 | 2777 | X Cel Energy-River St. | #52-4611114-6-October 2020 | -16.28               |
| <b>Sep 29 - Oct 21, 20</b> |            |      |                        |                            | <u><u>-16.28</u></u> |