

**Regular Board Meeting**  
**Monday, March 9, 2020 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. No electors were present.
3. **PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES** –MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Ikola to approve the minutes as presented from February 24, 2020. AYES: 5/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/Motion carried.
6. **PETITIONS**-None.
7. **COMMUNICATIONS:**  
Supervisor: Letter from the Gogebic County Road Commission regarding the start of road weight restrictions which will be as of March 5; Daily pumping report from February 2020. Clerk: Letter from Charter Communications regarding a channel/program rate increase; a letter from a 3<sup>rd</sup> grader asking about the township’s history. Treasurer: None. Tarnaski: none. Ikola: none.  
MOTION by Randall supported by Janczak to place correspondence on file. AYES: 5/Motion carried.
8. **REPORTS – BOARDS & COMMITTEES**  
MTA – Trustee Tarnaski updated the board on the last MTA Chapter meeting that was held in Watersmeet. The 911 ballot proposal was a major discussion.  
  
Cliff Muhonen, a previous township fire department member has recently passed away. The township will be sending condolences.
9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**  
POST OFFICE – No update.  
  
TOWNSHIP EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK AND POLICIES – Still being reviewed.  
  
UTILITY DUTIES AND COMPENSATION – No update.  
  
BUDGET FY 2021 – The board reviewed the tentative budget presented and made several recommendations/updates. From this point forward all funds will contribute to employee insurance costs, not just the general fund. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Randall to approve the budget with the agreed changes and present it to the public as well as approval of the cost of any publications related to the annual meeting. Motion passed by roll call vote.
10. **NEW BUSINESS**  
ASSESSOR WAGES – The board discussed Roman Tauer’s request for a \$7,000 increase. This is due in part to not charging as much as is the current rate for township parcels. The Supervisor will look in to what other assessor’s in the area are charging. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Ikola to table until the next board meeting. Motion carried.

**BUILDING INSPECTOR CONTRACT – MOTION** by Tarnaski supported by Janczak to approve as presented for \$6500.00 annually. Motion passed by roll call vote.

**COUNTY FOREST SUPPORT LETTER** - There is a request for township support to be given for the Gogebic County Flannery Forestland acquisition via a Michigan DNR Trust Fund Grant application. **MOTION** by Tarnaski supported by Randall to table until more information is available. Motion carried.

- 11. **TREASURER’S REPORT** – The Treasurer reported that the last day for her to collect taxes has passed. She has collected around 1.4 million dollars in taxes. There are still delinquent accounts and they have been turned over to the county treasurer. She is also working on the past due utilities and will get out notices soon. An updated list is also being done for those residents that did the water sampling as the state is now asking for the types of water lines coming in to their homes.
- 12. **APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLL & MILEAGE** –The following checks were presented for payment:

FUND	CHECK NUMERS	AMOUNT
General Fund	#14319/14350 #14351 skipped/voided	\$21,334.20
Water Fund	#21746-21756	\$12,268.07
Anvil Sewer		\$
Ramsay Sewer	#2650, #2752-53 #2751 voided	\$9035.89
West End Sewer	#1225	\$3714.75

**MOTION** by Tarnaski supported by Randall to approve payment of bills. Motion passed by roll call vote. The election will take place tomorrow in the large conference room.

- 13. **PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS**- Fire Chief Steven Selin and fire fighter Ben Tucker talked to the board about equipment and vehicle needs in the future and perhaps creating a five-year plan.
- 14. **ADJOURNMENT** – **MOTION** by Janczak supported by Tarnaski to adjourn the meeting at 7:38p.m. Motion carried.

These minutes are respectfully submitted: \_\_\_\_\_  
Debbie Janczak, Township Clerk