

Regular Board Meeting
Monday, August 12, 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 and Hope Tarnaski-Trustee, Lisa Hegbloom-Treasurer, Jeff Randall-Supervisor, and Debbie Janczak-Clerk. In addition, there were two electors present.
3. **PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES** –MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Ikola to approve the minutes as presented from July 8 and 22, 2019. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS** –None.
5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** –Motion by Randall supported by Tarnaski to approve the agenda as presented. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.
6. **PETITIONS**-None.
7. **COMMUNICATIONS:**
Supervisor: Northern States Power notice of public hearing regarding the reconciliation of its Gas Cost Recovery Plan for August 13, 2019 in Lansing; new member listing for the Bessemer Planning Commission; minutes from the July 16, 2019 Board of Review meeting.
Clerk: Notice from Plunkett's Pest Control for annual bug spraying. 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**
GRWA – Trustee Ikola noted that the City of Bessemer is having to pay an additional \$10,000 to Coleman Engineering to keep them on in order to continue inspecting contractor work.

GRTA – Supervisor Randall reported that he and Louie Sworab walked the trail with Coleman Engineering. There is one manhole that is not on the layout plans.
9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
POST OFFICE – No update. MOTION by Ikola supported by Tarnaski to have the Supervisor write a letter to the post office managers/contacts to see what the township needs to do to proceed with the inquiry of new space for a post office. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

PARK PROJECT UPDATE – The Supervisor noted final work is being performed.

BLIGHT ELIMINATION ORDINANCE – No update; at the attorney's office for review. Trustee Tarnaski informed the board that she had a phone call and a visit from an area resident regarding grass cutting. This is not the appropriate place to contact a board member to discuss township business. The alleged grass cutting never actually took place.

JUNK OR DISMANTLED CAR ODINANCE – No update; at the attorney's office for review.

FIRE DEPARTMENT PAY FOR TRAINING – A listing of other municipalities was provided for comparison. At this time there are only two others that pay their members for training. Both of which are larger municipalities. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Janczak to pay \$500.00 to the four members who recently attended training and \$250.00 to all of the other current members as a form of gratitude for their continued service to the township. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Hegbloom, and Janczak. **ABSTAIN: Randall.** NAYES: none. Motion carried.

The Supervisor also informed the board that two members of the fire department are confident that they will be able to make the repairs to the truck kept at the Puritan Fire House

PARK RULES – The Supervisor contact Hannula Insurance as well as any requirements from the grant and there are no specific rules that we need to follow regarding signage. A general “Welcome to Ramsay Memorial Park” with the hours of 7:00 am to 10:00 pm from Memorial Day to October 1 (weather permitting) was suggested.

10. NEW BUSINESS

SWIMMING HOLE BID – The Supervisor sent out six packets and received two sealed bids by the deadline of Friday, August 9. The first was from Copper Ridge Trucking on Prospect Drive in the amount of \$53,666 for the swimming hole and \$8050 for the alternate beach area. The second was from Angelo Luppino for \$51,120 for the swimming hole and \$3,000 for the alternate beach area. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Ikola to award the swimming hole bid to Angelo Luppino with the stipulation that the work be completed this season. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Hegbloom, Randall, and Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

LAGOON WORK – MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Janczak to approve and authorize signatures to proceed with the agreement with C2AE. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Hegbloom, Randall, and Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

POSTAGE MACHINE CONTRACT – The Clerk noted that the machine is upgraded every three to five years. It will be basically the same machine with an addition of \$50 per quarter for the lease. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Randall to proceed with the new lease agreement with Pitney Bowes. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Hegbloom, Randall, and Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

GRANT APPLICATION – There is money available from Rural Development with most being a 55/45 share. The fire department is looking for equipment to place on one of the trucks to be used in brush fires and the township is looking for a new pick up truck. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Randall to approve and authorize the process with final quotes and information approved by the board prior to sending any actual documents to the USDA Rural Development. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Hegbloom, Randall, and Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

11. TREASURER’S REPORT – Treasurer Hegbloom continues with sending out the disbursements. Taxes have been collected in the amount of \$290,062.10 there is \$749,922.46 outstanding. The utility accounts that are thirty days and plus delinquent will be receiving notices for shut-offs. This will be around twenty notices. It was noted that the auditor will be starting his review tomorrow.

12. APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLL & MILEAGE –The following checks were presented for payment: General Fund: Check #13938-13874- \$32,663.67; Water Fund Check #21580-21595-\$9949.96; Anvil Sewer: Check #1292-1294-\$2556.20; Ramsay Sewer: Check #2732-2733-\$3129.88; West End Sewer: Check #1215-\$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.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS- Steven Selin requested approval for lettering to the new fire truck. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Ikola to approve of the lettering not to exceed \$300.00. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Hegbloom, Randall, and Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

13. **ADJOURNMENT** – MOTION by Randall supported by Tarnaski to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m. AYES: 5/NAYES: one. Motion carried.

These minutes are respectfully submitted:

Debbie Janczak, Township Clerk