

Regular Board Meeting
Monday, February 8, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.
VIA ZOOM

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-Treasurer, Randall-Supervisor, and Debbie Janczak-Clerk. *Absent: Sue Roberts-Trustee.* In addition, there were two guests present.
3. **PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES** –MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Randall to approve the minutes as presented from January 11, 2021. Motion carried by roll call vote.
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS** –The Supervisor added item 10.C. 2020-21 Poverty Guidelines.
5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** –MOTION by Randall supported by Tarnaski to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried by roll call vote.
6. **PETITIONS**-None.
7. **COMMUNICATIONS:**
Supervisor: Daily pumping report from GRWA for the month of January 2021. Clerk: none. Treasurer: none. MOTION by Randall supported by Tarnaski to place all communications on file. Motion carried by roll call vote.
8. **REPORTS – BOARDS & COMMITTEES**
SUPERVISOR – The assessor’s office is in the process of printing notices of assessment.
9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
COVID-19 – The Clerk is waiting to be contacted when the next round of vaccines is available for our DPW workers.

NEW ASSESSOR – The board reviewed the summary of the two candidates provides by the Supervisor. A discussion took place on each and their qualifications and proposals of salary and costs. MOTION by Randall supported by Tarnaski to continue with the process of hiring Melissa Prisbe for the position of Bessemer Township Assessor at the rate of \$30,546 per year for a three-year contract. Motion carried by roll call vote.

LAND SALE REQUEST – The Supervisor presented a few revisions to Mr. Clemo’s original proposal for the purchase of four township acres located on Sanders Road. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Ikola to authorize the Supervisor to consult with Tim Dean, the township’s attorney regarding the recommendations brought forward. Motion carried by roll call vote.
10. **NEW BUSINESS**
BUDGET FOR FY 2022 – The Supervisor has begun gathering figures and information for the presentation of next year’s budget. As a result of the water projects there will likely be more money put in to the road work budget.

WATER/SEWER RATE INCREASE DISCUSSION – The board realizes that this needs to happen in the very near future. It was suggested by the Treasurer to wait until accounts have all been reconciled and payments (or non-payments) have also been reviewed to get a better picture.

POVERTY GUIDELINES – This is something that is updated each year for processing and for the Board of Review. **MOTION** by Tarnaski supported by Ikola to approve of the guidelines as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote.

11. **TREASURER’S REPORT** – February 16 is the final date to pay winter taxes without penalty. The checks and balances being performed with the new utility clerk are working out well. Treasurer Tarnaski has had to work with BS & A regarding a rate change that was discovered when reviewing accounts.

12. **APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLL & MILEAGE** –The following checks were presented for payment by the Clerk:

FUND	CHECK NUMERS	AMOUNT
General Fund	#14898-14921	\$12,883.51
Water Fund	#22011-#22015	\$10,590.37
Anvil Sewer	#	\$
Ramsay Sewer	#	\$
West End Sewer	#1245-1246	\$3780.36

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

13. **PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS**- The Supervisor talked with Erwin Township Supervisor regarding the Board of Review advertising. He will look further in to whether the township will have to pay anything towards advertising. Treasurer Tarnaski did contact Tim Dean regarding the Warren Group request and is waiting for his response.

14. **ADJOURNMENT** – **MOTION** by Randall supported by Tarnaski to adjourn the meeting at 6:23 p.m. Motion carried.

These minutes are respectfully submitted:

 Debbie Janczak, Township Clerk