

Regular Board Meeting
Monday, April 26, 2021 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** – Beverly Ikola-Trustee, *Sue Roberts-Trustee, Hope Tarnaski-Treasurer, Jeff Randall-Supervisor and Debbie Janczak-Clerk. In addition, there were three residents and one guest present via zoom.
3. **PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES** –MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Ikola to approve the minutes with the following correction to page two under “Public Hearing” should read MR, not Mrs. Motion carried.
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS** –Trustee Ikola added item 10.E. Blight and 10.F. Zoning; the Clerk added item 10.G. 4th of July Committee Letter to Cornerstone Church.
5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** –Motion by Randall supported by Tarnaski to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.
6. **PETITIONS**-None.
7. **COMMUNICATIONS:**
Supervisor: Powderhorn Area Utility District Audit report, letter from Marenisco Township regarding their master plan, letter from the Gogebic County Board of Commissioners regarding changes to the previous ambulance committee, State of MI AMAR review follow up asking to verify the parts of the roll through the Assessor’s office. Clerk: None. Treasurer: None. Motion by Randall supported by Tarnaski to accept and place correspondence on file. *Motion carried.
8. **REPORTS – BOARDS & COMMITTEES**
BASA – Trustee Ikola reported that Jim Trudgeon has retired from the position; they have placed an add in the paper for his replacement. A special meeting will be called to interview the candidates.

PAUD – Supervisor Randall reported that they received a clean audit; the remaining was a regular business meeting.

GRSWMA – Supervisor Randall informed the board that there was a discussion regarding the possibility of have the township’s leining taxes for non-payment of dumpster rentals. This would need to be agreed upon by all the municipalities represented on the authority.
9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
LAND SALE REQUEST – There has been no response from Mr. Clemo.
10. **NEW BUSINESS**
WATER/SEWER RATES – SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING– Darren Pionk was present to talk about the time line for the public hearing regarding the upcoming water/sewer project. The rates will need to be adjusted and raised to support the project. Two public hearings will actually be needed and can follow each other once the date is set. The first would be regarding raising the rates and the second would be to discuss the loan and grant for the removal of lead lines. The board heard from Mr. Pionk on what the rates will need to be in order to move forward. A total of \$35.58 per month or \$106.74 is the amount discussed. The Clerk and Treasurer will need to review expenses and revenues from the past several years to see if these have been kept in check. Mr. Pionk noted that

the rate needs to be at the very least at \$52.00. The price per gallon of water used would not be affected. MOTION by Randall supported by Janczak to approve June 14th at 5:00 p.m. for the public hearings to take place with the regular board meeting to follow along with the cost of publication. Motion carried by roll call vote.

ASSESSOR EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT – The Supervisor reviewed the revised employment agreement, which would pay Melissa Prisbe \$100.00 per month salary and the remainder of the agreed upon agreement (\$29,346.00 or \$2445.50 per month) would be paid to her company as a contractor. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Ikola to approve signatures for the assessor and contractor agreements. Motion carried by roll call vote.

BOOK WALK – The Gogebic County MSUE, 4H, Great Start Collaborative and the Ironwood Carnegie Library are looking to put on a book walk that will run from Ironwood through Ramsay on the Iron Bell Trail and in places within Wakefield, Marenisco and Watersmeet. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Janczak to approve the placement of book panels with the township. Motion carried.

BLIGHT – Trustee Ikola expressed her dissatisfaction with the amount of blight being seen within the township. At this time, she is asking that the township move forward with the hiring of an “Ordinance Enforcement Officer” that can be on to of the residents and keep them in compliance with our ordinances. The Supervisor has been doing this in the past, but can not longer due to time constraints. MOTION by Ikola supported to have Supervisor Randall will look in to what other municipalities are doing and how they are paying for these services and formulate a plan by the next board meeting on May 7th. Motion carried.

ZONING – This was taken care of in the discussion regarding blight.

4TH OF JULY LETTER TO CORNERSTONE CHURCH – The Clerk read a letter drafter by Lisa Selin to be sent to Pastor Todd regarding the youth group having food during the 4th of July celebration. There was also a request for share some of the costs of rentals that the 4th of July committee incurs from the youth group. They have receiving many donations for this coming year’s celebration. Volunteers are still an issue and seem to be running on the low side. The board discussed several facets of this from the inclusion of other area restaurants regarding the food to not being on board with asking for help in the payment of rentals. The Clerk will talk with Lisa Selin about the board’s concerns.

- 11. **TREASURER’S REPORT** – The Treasurer had a correction from last meeting regarding the insurance from Gogebic Range Bank on our accounts. It is “each” account that is insured up to \$250,000 not just each tax ID number.
- 12. **APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLL & MILEAGE** –The Clerk asked for formal approval of the transfer of funds that had taken place in the previous week. MOTION by Randall supported by Roberts to approve of the transfer from the General Fund to the Water fund of \$35,000 and from the General Fund to Anvil Sewer of \$1500.00. Motion carried by roll call vote.

The following checks were presented for payment:

FUND	CHECK NUMERS	AMOUNT
General Fund	#15045-15069	\$64,391.88
Water Fund	#22044-22049	\$1090.13
Anvil Sewer	#1344-46	\$9339.41
Ramsay Sewer	#2796	\$11,715.11
West End Sewer	#1250	\$2223.82

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

13. **PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS**-Treasurer Tarnaski will be emailing the Treasurer's report for the MTA meeting tomorrow night. She is unable to attend.

Trustee Ikola will be out of town for the next two meetings. She will attend via Zoom, but will be unable to vote on issues.

14. **ADJOURNMENT** – MOTION by Janczak supported by Randall to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m. Motion carried.

These minutes are respectfully submitted:

Debbie Janczak, Township Clerk