

**Regular Board Meeting**  
**Monday, March 14, 2022 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-Treasurer, Jeff Randall-Supervisor, Debbie Janczak-Clerk. ABSENT: Sue Roberts-Trustee. In addition, there was one guest and two residents present.
3. **PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES** –MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Ikola to approve the minutes as presented from February 28/, 2022. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** –Motion by Tarnaski supported by Ikola to approve the agenda as presented. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.
5. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS** –None.
6. **PETITIONS**-None.
7. **COMMUNICATIONS:**  
Supervisor: Daily pump report from GRWA; letter from Gogebic County Road Commission regarding weight restriction effective March 18. Clerk: Three notices from Charter Communications regarding channel changes. Treasurer: None. Trustees: None. MOTION by Randall supported by Tarnaski to accept and place on file. Motion carried.
8. **REPORTS – BOARDS & COMMITTEES**  
**ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT** – David Macomber was present to update the board noting it has been pretty quiet. He has also been approached by other municipalities to become their enforcement officer.  
  
GRWA – finalization of Tori Davey’s employment is taking place; the current by-laws are being amended to have the executive committee’s membership include one person from each community.  
  
BASA – one of their old accounts was transferred to a Marquette branch and it may take some extra personnel to take a drive to that bank to close it out. Doug Olson and Lori Coubal are the current names on the account.
9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**  
**SEEKING NEW AUDITOR UPDATE** – The Clerk has received a letter of engagement from Haukkila CPA. Also presented to the board was an extensive list of clients that the firm has worked with.  
MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Randall to approve the offer for \$7200.00. Motion carried by roll call vote. The Clerk will send the agreement to the company.  
  
BUDGET FY2023 - The Supervisor reviewed the tentative budget by cost center. The fund balance (estimated) was achieved with the help of the township’s previous auditor, Roger Kohlemainen. He noted that revenue sharing is going down, which is as a result of census numbers. However, the multiplier used for our tax base is increasing to 3.3%.

The Clerk noted that in order for the budgeted salary designated to the Treasurer’s Office to be used towards future deputy costs, a letter from the Treasurer needs to be received. At this time the deputy’s salary is set at \$1,000.00.

The Clerk will be providing a breakdown of CDs for board review including equipment replacement and general fund CD.

MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Ikola to accept the proposed budget as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote.

WATER OPERATOR HIRE – The Supervisor reported that Mike Bastman from ironwood township is willing to be on call and work with the township at an hourly rate of \$52.00. The township will receive a bill as they call upon his services. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Janczak to approve Supervisor Randll to work on behalf of the township on an agreement with Mr. Bastman. Motion carried by roll call vote

80/20 HEALTH CARE RESOLUTION – the Clerk reported that this partial payment being implemented for township employees works out the best to their benefit by paying less out of pocket than a hard cap option. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Randall to approve the resolution. Motin carried by roll call vote.

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

BUILDING INSPECTOR CONTRACT – there are no changes from the previous contract for Roman Tauer. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Ikola to approve the renewal of the contract with an expiration date of April 2023 for \$6500.00. Motion carried by roll call vote.

**11. TREASURER’S REPORT** – the Treasurer reviewed the accounts. It was noted that taxes have now been turned over to the county

**12. APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLL & MILEAGE** –The following checks were presented for payment: General Fund: Check #15565-15590- \$24,493.17; Water Fund Check #22176-22182- \$6958.27; Anvil Sewer: Check #- \$; Ramsay Sewer: Check #2820- \$150.50; West Sewer: Check3-\$. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Ikola to approve payment of bills. Motion carried by roll call vote.

The Clerk informed the board that the Bessemer Booster Club president Bill Steiger has approached her about renaming the baseball field. The proposed name was the Keith Graham Memorial baseball field. The board would like to schedule a public hearing on the proposal for April 11<sup>th</sup>. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Ikola to proceed with the scheduling of the hearing. Motion carried.

**13. PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS-** The question was asked regarding news on the post office. There is nothing to report at this time.

**14. ADJOURNMENT** – MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Ikola to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 p.m. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

These minutes are respectfully submitted:

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Jeff Randall, Township Supervisor