

Regular Board Meeting
Monday, April 25, 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 were three residents present.

3. **PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES** -MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Ikola to approve the minutes as presented from March 28, 2022. Motion passed.

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** —Motion by Randall supported by Tarnaski to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS** -None.

6. **PETITIONS**- A letter was received from Phyllis DeYoung regarding a property on River and 4th Street. Blight has been an issue for many years. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Ikola to seek legal counsel and move forward with whatever process necessary to get the homeowner to clean up his residence. Motion passed by roll call vote.

7. COMMUNICATIONS:

Supervisor: MTA agenda for April 26 at 6:00 pm to be held at Wakefield Township and daily pump schedule for the month of March; Clerk: Notice from Charter Communications regarding channel changes; 4th of July committee minutes from the March 23, 2022 meeting. Treasurer: None. Trustees: None. MOTION by Randall supported by Tarnaski to accept and place on file. Motion passed.

8. REPORTS - BOARDS & COMMITTEES

PAUD — Supervisor Randall reported that this was a regular business meeting. There are some residents not hooked up to the system and Ironwood Township will be contacting them.

GRSWMA — The new driver was hired; they are looking at how to find more drivers as they are now up to thirty-eight dumpsters that will be placed within the area.

ADDRESSING & FIRE NUMBERS — The subcommittee has been working on getting more information on the process from Ironwood Township. They also shared some sample signs that the board viewed. Blue seems to be the best color to go with as it stands out in all seasons. The cost is approximately \$23.00 per sign and would be printed on both sides. There was discussion on having additional information on signs that have extremely long driveways. It may be necessary to create an ordinance making it illegal to remove the sign from a property.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW HIRE/DPW RECOMMENDATION - The Supervisor and DPW leadman interviewed two applicants. It is recommended that the township hire Martin Gerbig. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Janczak to move forward with the process for hire. Motion passed by roll call vote.

BUDGET/APPROPRIATIONS ACT CORRECTIONS-Upon entering the budget information the Clerk provided updated/new account numbers to be more in line with the accounting practices required for townships. This created some line/fund changes. The updated budget was presented to the board.

Another issue was that the total expense figure at the end of the budget was not calculated correctly. This has been fixed. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Janczak to accept the corrected budget and expense total for the 2023 fiscal year. Motion passed by roll call vote.

As a result of the updated expense total, the Appropriations Act also needed to be updated. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Janczak to approved of the updated General Appropriations Act for 2023. Motion passed by roll call vote.

10. NEW BUSINESS

SUMMER HELP — MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Ikola to approve the job placement ad for up to four summer workers at an hourly rate of \$15.00. Any returning summer workers will receive an addition \$1.00 per hour increase. The start date is at the discretion of the DPW Coordinator. Motion passed by roll call vote.

FIRE DEPARTMENT — Fire Chief Selin reported that the jaws of life have been used and are a great asset. They will also be receiving a new backpack. The department is also looking at new RSVE bottles that will be lighter to carry. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Ikola to approve the purchase of four new bottles at an approximate cost of \$720.00 each. Motion passed by roll call vote.

There will be three more fire-fighters going through FFI training. The cost may be around \$150.00, but hasn't yet been determined.

They would also like to look to the near future for a new tanker purchase. At this time the turn around time is somewhere between eighteen to twenty-four months. They will bring back quotes to the board.

BALL FIELD — The Planning Commission will be meeting on May 10th to discuss this. The board also reviewed the quote for electrical work in the ball field. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Randall to approve and move forward with the work. Cost sharing is to be discussed with the Bessemer Booster Club. Motion passed by roll call vote.

SIGN — The board discussed the vision for an entrance to the township sign.

PARK USE - GATEWAY TRAIL AUTHORITY- They would like to use the park on June 4th at 3:00 p.m. for an appreciation picnic. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Janczak to approve of the use of the park at no fee. Motion passed by roll call vote.

PARK USE - GARY ENGSTROM 5K RACE - This will be the second year for the race. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Janczak to approve of the October 2nd 11:00 a.m. time slot at no cost. Motion passed by roll call vote.

11. **TREASURER'S REPORT** — the Treasurer reviewed the accounts.

12. **APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLL & MILEAGE** -The following checks were presented for payment: General Fund: Check #15607-15640-\$28,363.77; Water Fund Check #22186-22000\$110,653.14; Anvil Sewer: Check #1368- \$100.00; Ramsay Sewer: Check \$; West Sewer: Check#-\$. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Ikola to approve payment of bills. Motion passed by roll call vote.

The Clerk gave the following updates: a US Census Bureau payroll report has been filed; the Traveler's Woman's Comp Audit is coming up; the ID.ME requirement for the ARPA reporting was completed and was fairly difficult to obtain; money will be moved into the equipment CD when the accounts are reviewed for the fiscal year end of 2022.

13. **PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS** - None.

14. **ADJOURNMENT** - MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Ikola to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 p.m. Motion passed.

These minutes are respectfully submitted:

Debbie Janczak, Township Clerk