

Regular Board Meeting
Monday, May 23, 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*, Sue Roberts-Trustee**, Hope Tarnaski-Treasurer, Jeff Randall-Supervisor, Debbie Janczak-Clerk. In addition, there were seven residents present.

3. **PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES** -MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Ikola to approve the minutes as presented from April 25, and May 3 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**- None.

7. **COMMUNICATIONS:**

Supervisor: Letter from the Gogebic County Road Commission noting the removal of road restrictions as of May 20, 2022, Northern States Power public hearing notice for June 9, 2022; Clerk: Notice from Charter Communications regarding channel changes; Treasurer: None. Trustees: None. MOTION by Randall supported by Janczak to accept and place on file. Motion passed.

8. **REPORTS - BOARDS & COMMITTEES**

UTILITY – Lisa Hegbloom reported that there is approximately \$52,408.05 in past due accounts and \$26,721.89 that are 90 days plus. She will begin reviewing accounts to begin the shut-off process.

PAUD — Supervisor Randall reported there were discussions on various hood-ups. There are three in the Powdermill Inn located in Ironwood Township that are not hooked up. PAUD is sending a letter to them. Two will be ok to hook up, not sure about the third.

GRSWMA — **They would like to expand services, but it is difficult getting drivers with CDLs. They will be sending some employees to Escanaba for training.*

CITY OF BESSEMER – They are looking at doing a review with those residents located on Johnson Road.

MISCELANEOUS – The sewer back up cleaning has been completed at the Mattson residence. The Supervisor has been talking to the engineers regarding changes in that area. The water/sewer project is moving along. The road commission has met the township in the middle regarding the re-surfacing of the roads. They are also currently working on getting the easements needed for the project.

PLANNING COMMISSION – There will be a public hearing on June 14th regarding the Ballfield renaming. Current issues are dangerous dog ordinance and the zoning on chickens and fowl within the township. The definition of “cabin” is also being reviewed.

9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

BALLFIELD UPDATE – The posts are here and so is the new scoreboard. The DPW is waiting for the ground to dry up. The painting of “Miners Green” on the dugout as well as the concession stand, will take place as the project moves along.

SIGN – Treasurer Tarnaski talked with a local sign-maker and she will be working on a rendering/idea of what the sign would look like. This would be placed near US 2 as people enter the Ramsay area. There was a discussion about the construction of a “book rack” so that people can take a book and leave a book.

COMPLAINT – SAARI – The Ordinance officer, David Macomber was present to give background and timeline regarding Robert Saari’s property and blight issues. He has been given until June 20th to complete the cleanup. MOTION by Roberts supported by Tarnaski to approve the notice to Mr. Saari with the June 15th timeline and the understanding that legal processes will take place if the agreement is not adhered to. Motion carried by roll call vote. Mr. Macomber will keep the board informed.

FIRE TRUCK – Fire Chief Steven Selin reviewed the quote for a new tanker, which came in at \$388,909. The board discussed other options, timing and where funds would be secured from for such a purchase. The current truck and payment plan will be reviewed. Possible grants for this purchase will also be searched.

10. NEW BUSINESS

NOXIOUS WEED AD – MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Ikola to approve the publication of Ordinance #113. Motion carried by roll call vote.

FORECLOSED PROPERTY – ANVIL LOCATION – MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Ikola to authorize the Supervisor to contact the county and decline the offer to purchase the property presented to the Township located in Anvil. Motion carried by roll call vote.

BOOK-WALK IN THE PARK – Crystal Suzik presented a program that will provide a full book that can be read at various stops/posts with the park. A total of eighteen stations would be placed. This is a part of Great Start Collaborative. She will take care of maintenance. There were two grants given for Gogebic County. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Janczak to approve the Ramsay Park as one of the sites for the book walk. Motion carried by roll call vote. The township expressed its appreciation to be included in this type of public service.

PICKLEBALL COURT – The township has been approached by a team asking for more courts to be created. The board discussed the proposal. MOTION by Ikola supported by Roberts to leave the basketball courts as they currently are with no additions or changes. Motion carried by roll call vote.

MTA PICNIC – The Clerk has sent a list of food to all of the townships for cost sharing. The picnic will be held in Ramsay Park on June 28.

11. **TREASURER'S REPORT** — the Treasurer reviewed the accounts. PILT, tax settlement money has all come in. She has also shared a work calendar to be used for pavilion rentals.

12. **APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLL & MILEAGE** -The following checks were presented for payment: General Fund: Check #15641-15673-\$39,087.74; Water Fund Check #22201-22012-\$16,753.86; Anvil Sewer: Check#1369-1371-\$1736.97; Ramsay Sewer: Check#2823-2824- \$2249.55; West Sewer: Check#-\$. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Roberts to approve payment of bills. Motion passed by roll call vote.

13. **PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS** – The Supervisor reported that Pastor Todd has called the post office regarding the contractor and pending work on the post office. It was suggested to send inquiries, again to the post office contact for current updates on this pending project. Summer workers right now are at one. There is a possible one more that will be starting within the next week. Looking at four total.

Carl DeYoung had made a complain again Derrick Luczak regarding sewer/septic overflow. He has had a visit from the state and was told to rectify the issue. The question is how much is his responsibility as there are several residents for which this is an issue. The Supervisor will contact the Wester UP Health department and work with Mr. Luczak.

14. **ADJOURNMENT** - MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Ikola to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Motion passed.

These minutes are respectfully submitted:

Debbie Janczak, Township Clerk