

**Regular Board Meeting**  
**Monday, February 13, 2023 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**- Hope Tarnaski – Treasurer, Jeff Randall – Supervisor, Erin Berg – Clerk, Beverly Ikola – Trustee, Sue Roberts – Trustee. Also present were Lisa Hegbloom – Utility Clerk and 2 residents.
3. **PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES** –MOTION by Roberts support by Tarnaski to approve the minutes from the January 23, 2023 meeting. Motion carried.
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – MOTION by Randall, support by Tarnaski to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.
5. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS** –None.
6. **PETITIONS**- None.
7. **COMMUNICATIONS**: - The Treasurer received a letter from the Gogebic County Council of Veterans Affairs regarding the Townships requested share for the 2023 Appropriation to the Budget. The Townships share for 2023 is \$2,429.00, which is a \$58 increase from last year.

An Agreement for Collection of 2023 Summer Property Taxes between the Wakefield Marenisco School District and the Township was presented. MOTION by Randall, support by Tarnaski to approve the Agreement and authorize the appropriate signatures. Motion carried by roll call vote.

MOTION by Randall, support by Berg to accept the Communications and place them on file. Motion carried.

**8. REPORTS – BOARDS & COMMITTEES**

BASA – The Board was informed that BASA is no longer interested in applying for the grant that would allow extension of the sewer system. They will remain as their own sewer system, as will Section 13.

GRWA – The meeting consisted of paying the bills.

MTA – A presentation was given by Jackie Powers regarding the SISU ski race. This year's race consisted of 800 skiers and over 300 volunteers. A presentation was given concerning the area's ambulance service. There have been suggestions of combining the area's fire departments with EMS. It would be cost effective as well as beneficial to the amount of individuals who volunteer with area fire departments. Some of the volunteers have expressed interest in EMS training.

Gogebic County Landbank Authority – The Landbank Authority awarded the bid for removal of the blighted properties in the area to Bolle, a company that primarily rids of blight and asbestos, out of lower Michigan. The company bid \$208,250.00, which was under what was budgeted. Two properties within the Township will be removed. The Authority also learned that they are now in line for a \$500,000.00 for removal of blighted properties.

The Board was made aware of a deceased wolf that was found on the Keystone Bridge over the weekend. The event is currently being investigated by Michigan DNR officers.

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**9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

COMPLAINT SAARI – There was nothing to report at the time.

POST OFFICE – There has been no updates on the Post Office situation.

SEEKING NEW AUDITOR – An advertisement seeking a new auditor will be ran in the Globe beginning on February 16, 2023 and for the following 3 editions. The Clerk will send out letters to auditing agencies throughout the area to see if any would be interested.

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

BUDGET FY 2024 – The Supervisor is in the process of drafting a 2024 Fiscal Year Budget. A brief discussion on janitorial duties took place.

TOWNSHIP HALL BOILER/HEATING – The Board learned that the heat exchange on the boiler recently blew apart resulting in loss of heat to the Township building. The Supervisor made the decision to call Mukavitz Heating and Cooling, who were able to install a new boiler, costing \$16,000.00, on February 9, 2023. MOTION by Tarnaski, support by Berg, to reauthorize the purchase of the new boiler. Motion carried by roll call vote. The Supervisor was thanked for his promptness in handling the matter.

FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINES – ADOPTION – Each year, the Township is required to adopt guidelines that set income levels for their poverty exemption guidelines. MOTION by Tarnaski, support by Randall, to adopt the Federal Poverty Guidelines as set on Bullet 19 of 2022, dated November 15, 2022 from the State of Michigan Department of Treasury. Motion carried.

**11. TREASURER'S REPORT** – The Treasurer gave the balance of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee account as well as the balances of each Township account.

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

FUND	CHECK NUMERS	AMOUNT
General Fund	# 16084-16115	\$17,337.01
Water Fund	# 22300-22303	\$894.78
Anvil Sewer	# 1387	\$161.37
Ramsay Sewer	# 2847-2848	\$1,147.29
West End Sewer	# 1279	\$3,859.67
Blackjack Water	#	\$

The Clerk noticed that check numbers 16105-16114 from the General Fund, which are the payroll checks, were missing from the report given from Quickbooks. The reason for that was because the payroll checks are dated for February 9, 2023 and the report was dated February 7, 2023. MOTION by Tarnaski, support by Roberts to authorize payment of those checks. Motion carried by roll vote. MOTION by Tarnaksi, support by Ikola to authorize the payment of bills as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote.

**13. PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS-** The Utility Clerk informed the Board that there are 60 accounts that are 60 days or more past due. A shut off list will be provided to the Board. The Utility Clerk inquired about the purchase of a new filing cabinet for the account files. MOTION by Tarnaski,

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support by Ikola to authorize the Utility Clerk to purchase a new file cabinet. Motion carried by roll call vote.

A resident inquired about the Annual Meeting, which will be held on Monday, March 27, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

14. **ADJOURNMENT** – MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Berg to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 p.m.  
Motion carried.

These minutes are respectfully submitted:

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Erin Berg, Township Clerk

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