

Regular Board Meeting
June 12, 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 and Beverly Ikola, Trustee. Absent from the meeting was Sue Roberts – Trustee. Also present were Dave Macomber, Blight Officer; Lisa Hegbloom, Utility Clerk; Steven Selin, Fire Chief, and 4 residents.
3. **PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES – MOTION** by Randall, support by Ikola to approve the minutes with the correction. Motion carried.
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA – MOTION** by Randall, support by Ikola to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.
5. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS –None.**
6. **PETITIONS**- None.
7. **COMMUNICATIONS:** - A letter from the City of Bessemer was presented informing business that effective July 1, 2023, the Readiness to Serve Fee for Sewer and Water will be adjusted. The adjusted fees will depend on the size of the meter; the Bessemer Township 4th of July Committee presented the Board with the Treasurers Report and a copy of their April 25, 2023 meeting minutes; the Supervisor stated that the 4th of July events in Ramsay will take place on Sunday, July 22, 2023. **MOTION** by Randall, support by Ikola to accept the communications and place them on file.
8. **REPORTS – BOARDS & COMMITTEES**
GRTA – The Authority discussed the route from Ramsay to Wakefield and paid the bills.

BASA – The bills were paid.

GRWA – An agreement between the GRWA and Snowriver Resort was approved. The agreement allows Snowriver to have a watermain moved so that a headframe of a chairlift be built. All liabilities and/or problems with the watermain will be at the cost of Snowriver.

Utilities – The Utility Clerk provided the Board with a list of residents whose utilities will be shut-off if not paid. There total amount due totals \$9,518.82.

The Board learned that the Supervisor and representatives from the Gogebic County Road Commission did their annual spring ride around to see which roads need to be fixed after the winter and flooding.
9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
A) **COMPLAINT – SAARI UPDATE –** A Court date of June 16, 2023 is set between the Township and Mr. Saari. Other blighted properties within the Township are being monitored by the Blight Officer

Approved

- B) **POST OFFICE** – The Supervisor received a phone call from Rich Rosway, an aide to Congressman Bergan. Mr. Rosway informed the Supervisor that phone calls were made to the United States Postal Service and will get back to the Township when he has more information.
- C) **SEEKING NEW AUDITOR** – The Clerk contacted the Anderson Tackman Office out of Kincheloe, MI, but had not heard anything as of the meeting date.

10. NEW BUSINESS

- A) **MIHAF PARTNERSHIP** – A letter was sent to the Township from the Michigan Housing Development Authority asking them to become a partner in the Michigan Homeowner Assistance Fund program. This program offers assistance to homeowners who are delinquent on any payments regarding their home. **MOTION** by Tarnaski, support by Ikola to authorize the appropriate signatures and move forward with the Agreement once questions that the Board has have been answered by the Gogebic County Treasurer’s Office. Motion carried by roll call vote.
- B) **UNION REQUEST** – A proposed Letter of Agreement for weekend on-call status between the Township and the Township Employees was presented. A discussion took place on what needs to be clarified in the Agreement. **MOTION** by Tarnaski, support by Randall to table the Agreement until the next meeting. Motion carried.
- C) **DPW NEW HIRE** – The Township received two applications for the vacant DPW position. After a brief discussion, **MOTION** by Randall, support by Berg to hire Tyler Morrison. Because Mr. Morrison had worked for the Township as a summer helper, there is no need to do another background check. Motion carried by roll call vote.
- D) **DPW TRAILER PURCHASE** – The Board was given a price sheet on a trailer that the DPW is looking to purchase. The trailer would be used to haul the Townships lawn mowers. **MOTION** by Tarnaski, support by Ikola to authorize the purchase of the trailer and also look into the government rate or a tax exemption. The Supervisor will get the cost of the trailer so that the Clerk can write a check so it can be paid for at the time of pick up. Motion carried.
- E) **PARK LIGHTING & ELECTRICAL** – A quote from Reform Enterprises for lighting at the park and timer switches for the park bathrooms was presented. **MOTION** by Tarnaski, support by Randall to accept the bid and begin work as soon as possible. Motion carried by roll call vote.

11. TREASURER’S REPORT – Melissa Prisbe, Township Assessor, will be at the Township soon to get mortgage codes and check supplies for the summer tax collection; account balances were read; a discussion about the Anvil Sewer rates and getting a policy into place regarding emergency bank account transfers took place.

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

FUND	CHECK NUMERS	AMOUNT
General Fund	# 16276 - 16302	\$19,922.12
Water Fund	# 22343-22345	\$928.60
Anvil Sewer	# 1392	\$378.43
Ramsay Sewer	# 2861-2861	\$5,257.00
West End Sewer	# 1285	\$3,859.67

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Blackjack Water	#	\$
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The Treasurer requested that the bills be brought to the meetings. MOTION by Tarnaski, supported by Randall to pay the bills as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote.

- 13. **PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS-** The Clerk notified the public that she is still looking for a Deputy. One member of the audience stated she would take on the roll. The Clerk and the individual will coordinate with each other to set up a time to go over the position.

Steven Selin, Fire Chief, informed the Board that they have applied for a \$10,000 grant to aide them in the purchase of three sets of gear. MOTION by Tarnaski, support by Randall to authorize the appropriate signatures and move forward with the grant application. Motion carried by roll call vote. The Fire Chief then stated that they would like to purchase one set of gear prior to the grant for volunteer Firefighter, Elizabeth Gray, because the gear that they currently have is too large for her. MOTION by Tarnaski, support by Ikola, to authorize the fire department to purchase the necessary gear for Ms. Gray prior to the grant. Motion carried by roll call vote. The Fire Chief also asked the board if it would be possible to close the park at 4:00 p.m. on July 2nd to give the fire department ample time and space to set up for the fireworks. MOTION by Tarnaski, support by Randall to close the park at 4:00 p.m. on July 2, 2023. Motion carried.

- 14. **ADJOURNMENT** – MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Randall to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 p.m. Motion carried.

These minutes are respectfully submitted:

Erin Berg, Township Clerk

Approved