

**Regular Board Meeting**  
**Monday, May 22, 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**- Sue Roberts – Trustee, Hope Tarnaski – Treasurer, Jeff Randall – Supervisor and Erin Berg – Clerk. Absent from the meeting was Beverly Ikola – Trustee. Also present were Dave Macomber, Blight Officer, and one residents.
3. **PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES** – The Supervisor mentioned it should be noted for record that a copy of a blight letter was given to Mr. Dietz at the May 8, 2022 meeting. MOTION by Roberts, support by Randall to approve the minutes with the correction. Motion carried.
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – MOTION by Randall, support by Berg to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.
5. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS** –None.
6. **PETITIONS**- None.
7. **COMMUNICATIONS**: - A letter informing the Township that Jenny De Ycaza has been assigned as the new representative for AFSCME Local 992.08, Bessemer Township; The Gogebic County Road Commission announced that weight restrictions for blacktop roads were lifted on May 19, 2023 and restrictions on gravel roads will remain in effect until May 26, 2023; copies of an easement granted to Xcel Energy were given for the Townships record. MOTION by Randall, support by Tarnaski to accept the communications and place them on file.
8. **REPORTS – BOARDS & COMMITTEES**  
GRWA – The owners of Snowriver Resort requested a water main be relocated so that a headframe for a new chairlift could be built. An agreement was drafted and is being looked over by the GRWA's Attorney.

PAUD – Letters will be sent to the Powdermill Inn requesting that they move along with connecting to the sewer system.

GRSWMA – The GRSWMA will start to look for a new garbage truck and a pickup truck. The Board learned that Pence, WI residents now have their garbage picked up by the GRSWMA.

Gogebic County Land Bank – Out of the \$200,000 grant that the County received, \$145,000 will go to Ironwood Township for the removal of the trailer park. The application for Round 2 of the grants must be submitted by May 31, 2023. In order to get a property cleaned up, the municipality must have ownership of it. Bessemer Township could use some of the monies, if awarded, towards the clean up of the property near Harju's shop. The amount of the grant is a minimum of \$200,000 to \$1,000,000. Questions were raised on the requirements of the grant; specifically if the project would need to be completed if the money ran out. MOTION by Tarnaksi, support by Roberts to authorize the Supervisor to get the answers to those question's from the County Treasurer and then conduct a voice poll to the Board for the approval of moving forward with the application. Motion carried by roll call vote.

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.

All of Ramsey has been checked to make sure the addresses of the residents are correct. The volunteers plan to check the fire numbers on Chaney Lake Road soon.

The Blight Officer informed that Board that certified letters commenting on the progress being made to remove the blight were sent out to those individuals on the blighted property list. The Board learned that Mr. Saari had been in contact with Mr. Macomber and the Supervisor, but now that the matter is in the hands of the Court, they will no longer be communicating with him.

**9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A) COMPLAINT – SAARI UPDATE – None.

B) POST OFFICE – None.

C) SEEKING NEW AUDITOR – The Clerk reached out to other area Clerks to see who they have as their auditor. Only two municipalities responded. The Clerk is going to reach out to each agency that was recommended.

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

A) TOWNSHIP PROPERTY STABILIZATION – Action was taken under Item 8 – Gogebic County Land Bank.

**11. TREASURER’S REPORT** – Different phrases to be placed on a dedication plaque for the late Keith Graham were read. The plaque is to be placed at the Gogebic Miners softball field. The Treasurer reported that Township received money from the delinquent utility amounts that were placed on the winter tax bills. Personal property and camp taxes will begin to be collected. The Treasurer commented that a policy should be put in place for when the Clerk can issue bill payment prior to Board approval.

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

FUND	CHECK NUMERS	AMOUNT
General Fund	# 16261 - 16275	\$21,515.66
Water Fund	# 22336 - 22342	\$15,580.35
Anvil Sewer	#	\$
Ramsay Sewer	#	\$
West End Sewer	#	\$
Blackjack Water	#	\$

MOTION by Tarnaski, supported by Berg to pay the bills as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote.

**13. PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS-** A spring clean-up will be held on Friday, May 26, 2023. Residents must bundle their brush and place it in front of their homes. A truck will collect from the Ramsey area. Township residents outside of the Ramsay area must call in advance to schedule a

pick up. Questions were asked concerning the lights at the basketball court, the locks on the park bathrooms, and the purchasing of new equipment or benches. A discussion was had on how to allocate the large balance of the General Fund.

14. **ADJOURNMENT** – MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Roberts to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 p.m. Motion carried.

These minutes are respectfully submitted:

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Erin Berg, Township Clerk