

Regular Board Meeting
March 25, 2024 at 6:00 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, and Erin Berg – Clerk. Also present were Lisa Hegbloom, Utility Clerk, Steven Selin, Fire Chief and 3 residents.
3. **PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES – MOTION** by Tarnaski, support by Randall to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA –** The Supervisor added “Summer Help” under New Business Item “C”. **MOTION** by Randall, support by Tarnaski to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.
5. **PUBLIC COMMENT –** None.
6. **PETITIONS**- None.
7. **COMMUNICATIONS:** - The Township received a booklet titled “Transfer Station Operations” from the Gogebic Range Solid Waste Management Authority. The booklet is now a requirement in order for the GRSWMA to renew their license to operate.

MOTION by Randall, support by Tarnaski to accept the communications and place them on file.

8. **REPORTS – BOARDS & COMMITTEES – GRSWMA –** The contractor who hauls the tonnage for the transfer station has been having reoccurring issues with his trailers breaking down. The GRSWMA wonders if it would be worth purchasing their own trucks and trailers to use to haul the waste. The biggest concern is cost. One truck and trailer could cost up to \$150,000.00. The GRSWMA would want to purchase three. Currently there are employees with the credentials to drive the trucks, however, GRSWMA would have to hire more employees to drive the garbage trucks. A discussion took place on looking at other trucking companies to contract with before GRSWMA makes the decision to purchase their own trucks and trailers.

PAUD – The bills were paid. A resident asked who the PAUD Administrator is. The Supervisor informed the resident that it is Chris Ann Bressette, who is also the Administrator for GRSWMA.

9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A) **POST OFFICE STATUS –** There was nothing new to report at this time.
- B) **AUDIT –** Ken Talsma, Anderson Tackman & Company, PLC, was at the Township building on March 13th and March 14th, 2024. The Board is waiting to hear the results of the Audit from Mr. Talsma.

10. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A) **GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT 2025 –** The Supervisor pointed out that the amount written in **Section VI: Estimated Expenditures** needed to be changed from \$728,200.00 to \$721,600.00. A question was asked about approving a budget with a spending deficit, stating that the amount written in **Section V: Estimated Revenues** was \$704,622.00. The Board reviewed the budget to see if any cost centers could be amended in order to make the estimated expenditures equal to the estimated revenue amount. It was suggested that the \$25,000.00 that is budgeted for the

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future purchase of a new DPW truck be decreased by \$17,000.00, making the budgeted amount \$8,000.00. With the additional \$17,000.00 taken off of the estimated expenditures, it drops the amount to \$704,600.00, which would only show a difference of \$22.00 between the estimated revenue and expenditures. MOTION by Tarnaski, support by Randall to pass the 2025 General Appropriations Act with the above-mentioned changes to Section VI. Motion carried by roll call vote.

B) FY 2024 BUDGET AMENDMENTS – MOTION by Tarnaski, support by Randall to make the following amendments to the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget:

- 1) Add \$2,730.00 to 101-262-956 (elections misc) from 101-849-956 (misc township board misc).
- 2) Add \$15,000.00 to 101-103-956 (heritage committee misc) from 101-849-956 (misc township board misc).
- 3) Add \$2,500.00 to 101-257-956 (assessor misc) from 101-849-956 (misc township board misc).
- 4) Add \$1,500.00 to 101-215-956 (clerk misc) from 101-849-956 (mics township board misc).
- 5) Add \$10,000.00 in revenue under 671 (other) for the grant money that the fire department received from the State of Michigan.
- 6) Add \$3,200.00 to 101-345-930 (public safety/fd equipment maintenance) from 101-849-956 (misc township board misc)
- 7) Add \$2,000.00 to 101-446-702 (employee wages) from 101-849-956 (misc township board misc).
- 8) Add \$2,600.00 to 101-900-973 (capitol outlay parks) from 101-849-956 (misc township board misc).

Motion carried by roll call vote.

C) SUMMER HELP – After a brief discussion on what other municipalities are paying their summer help. MOTION by Tarnaski, support by Randall to hire up to 4 temporary summer employees at a rate of \$19.50/hour. Motion carried by roll call vote.

11. TREASURER’S REPORT – The Treasurer went over the balances in each account.

12. APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLL & MILEAGE –

FUND	CHECK NUMERS	AMOUNT
General Fund	# 16783 – 16809	\$23,654.25
Water Fund	# 22456 – 22462	\$798.16
Anvil Sewer	# 1405	\$100.00
Ramsay Sewer	#	
West End Sewer	#	
Blackjack Water		

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MOTION by Tarnaski, support by Randall to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote.

13. **PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS**- The Utility Clerk reported that the current balance for the Aged Accounts Receivable is \$24,075.04. She stated that the auditor suggested that the Aged Accounts Receivable reports be included in the meeting minutes. She will provide copies to the Clerk.
14. **ADJOURNMENT** – MOTION by Berg, support by Randall to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m. Motion carried.

These minutes are respectfully submitted:

Erin Berg, Township Clerk

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