

BESSEMER TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING – November 10, 2025
5:30 PM
AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG
2. ROLL CALL
3. PRESENTATION OF MINUTES (For the regular mtg. of October 27, 2025 & Special Meeting of October 30, 2025)
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
5. PUBLIC COMMENT (Limit 3 minutes per person)
6. PETITIONS;
7. COMMUNICATIONS
8. REPORTS – BOARDS, COMMITTEES & OFFICES
9. TREASURER’S REPORT (First Meeting of the Month)
10. APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS< PAYROLL & MILEAGE
11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - A. Post Office Status
 - B. Audit
 - C. Water & Sewer Ordinance Review/Amendment
 - D. Union Negotiations
 - E. Supervisor Resignation/Appointment
 - F. Special Joint Meeting with Bessemer City Regarding Fire Departments
12. NEW BUSINESS
 - A.
 - B.
 - C.
13. PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS
14. ADJOURNMENT

Next Board Meeting; November 24, 2025

Bessemer Township Board Meeting October 27, 2025 minutes

1. **Call to order**, pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: Meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Roll Call**: Present: Selin, Roberts, Randall, Tarnaski. Absent: Hegbloom.
3. **Presentation of the Minutes**: MOTION by Roberts, supported by Selin, to approve the meeting minutes of 10/13/25 and as presented. Ayes: 4 Nays: None. MOTION carried.
4. **Approval of the Agenda**: MOTION by Randall, supported by Selin to approve the agenda as presented with the addition under New Business of BCBS Health Insurance. 4 Nays: None. MOTION carried.
5. **Public comment**: Ms. Lannie Thomas was present at the meeting and requested some clarification on Section 32 project. Supervisor Randall gave an oral outline and explanation of the project to date.
6. **Petitions**: None.
7. **Communications**:
 - i. Summary of Legal Brief-Mr. Rob Ritter was present at the meeting and provided the document as communication. Mr. Ritter proceeded to outline his stance on his written document regarding current logging practices in Gogebic County. Discussion was had. Mr. Ritter clarified for the board after discussion that the property he currently references in his correspondence is not located in Bessemer Township.
 - ii. Gogebic Ontonagon Intermediate School District 2026 Summer Collection Tax Agreement. MOTION by Randall, supported by Selin, to authorize signatures on the document and submit to the Treasurer for processing obtainment of GOISD signatures. ROLL CALL VOTE AYES: Tarnaski, Selin, Roberts, Randall. Nays: None. Motion carried.

MOTION by Randall, supported by Selin to accept the communications as presented and place on file. 4 Ayes. Nays: None. Motion carried.

8. Reports of boards, committees, and offices:

- a. BASA: pre conference meeting for upcoming project. Brief oral update was given by Mr. Selin.
- b. Section 32: Oral update was given by both committee members present. Liabilities, scope, and attorney opinions were included in the update as well as provisions for signatures and inception of the project.
- c. GR Trail Authority: no update.
- d. GRWA-no update; forthcoming meeting.
- e. GRSWMA-no update.
- f. Gogebic Land Bank-no update.
- g. PAUD: no update.
- h. BTVFD: Report was reviewed in agenda packet and discussed.
- i. Mr. LeRoy Johnson gave an updated report on current blight cases he is working on as well as an outline for future processes. Written report was submitted to board members present.
- j. Utility Clerk report: Ms. Hegbloom was not present at the meeting due to a prior commitment.
- k. Treasurer Report: Ms. Hegbloom was not present at the meeting due to a prior commitment.
- l. Clerk report: Clerk gave oral report and update of clerk office.

9. Treasurer Report: None.

10. Approval of Bills, Payroll and Mileage: Clerk submitted reports for bills along with check detail report for review. MOTION by Selin, supported by Roberts, to authorize the following:

General Fund #17774-17803 & on-line debit pmts	43266.61
Water Fund #22661-22665 & on-line debit pmts	46686.21
Anvil Sewer-#on line debit pmt	
Ramsay Sewer-#on line debit pmt	1131.77
West End Sewer-#	

(Previously approved by voice poll of the board for timely payment) Any other payables will be voice polled as prepared prior to issuance and reported at next meeting. ROLL CALL VOTE AYES: Randall, Tarnaski, Selin, Roberts. Nays: None. MOTION carried.

11. Unfinished Business:

- a. Post Office Status: No Update
- b. Audit: No update.
- c. Water and Sewer Ordinance Review/Amendment: Tabled for further review

- d. Union Negotiations: Scheduled for 11/13 and 11/14/25. No update.

12. New Business:

- a. Supervisor Resignation/Appointment. Discussion was had. MOTION By Roberts, supported by Selin to accept the Supervisor's resignation with regret. 4 Ayes. Nays: None. Motion carried. MOTION by Selin, supported by Roberts, to authorize publication in paper and electronically to call for letters of interest for the position by the following Wednesday. Outline to be prepared by Supervisor and reviewed by the Clerk prior to publication. ROLL CALL VOTE AYES: Tarnaski Selin, Roberts, Randall. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- b. Special Joint Meeting with Bessemer City Regarding Fire Departments. Discussion was had. Meeting is set for 6 pm at Bessemer City in Council Chambers
- c. BCBS Health Insurance: Discussion was had regarding increase. Clerk requested authority to explore some plan alternatives such as implementation for HRA to try to limit cost increases. Clerk reported BCBS health insurance has projected increases to all organizations utilizing this carrier on average of 17% this year. MOTION by Randall, supported by Selin to authorize the clerk to proceed with discussion regarding plan coverage alternatives and possibility of 80/20 vs PA 152 provisions to limit cost increases for employees and the township without compromising coverages. 4 Ayes. Nays: None. Motion carried.

- 13. Public Comment and other Business:** Discussion was had regarding suggestions of names for newly formed fire department. Discussion was had regarding location of "agenda" on the township website. Comments were shared by the audience regarding forest management, proposal of new fire department, and blight. Audience member Mr. Shafer thanked Mr. Randall for his service.

- 14. Adjournment:** MOTION By Selin, supported by Roberts, to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 pm. 5 Ayes. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**A SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE BESSEMER TOWNSHIP BOARD AND COMMON COUNCIL
FOR THE CITY OF BESSEMER WAS HELD IN PERSON IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT CITY HALL
ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30TH, 2025 AT 6:00P.M. CST**

City Mayor Tacconelli called the meeting to order at 6:00P.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present – Hegbloom, Randall Selin Nelson, Serwe, Tacconelli, Zak

Absent – Roberts, Tarnaski, Movrich

Also Present – Bessemer Township Assistant Fire Chief N. Ozzello, City of Bessemer

Fire Chief A. Nelson. And City of Bessemer Leadman Ben Tucker

THESE MEMBERS CONSTITUTED A QUORUM

AGENDA: It was moved by Randall, supported by Nelson to accept the agenda as presented. Motion Unanimously carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was none.

FIRE DEPARTMENTS DISCUSSION: The Trustees, Council and Fire Department representatives discussed limitations of both departments including equipment, fire halls and membership. They discussed the potential benefits of combining or consolidating the two departments.

For the City of Bessemer, **Motion** by Nelson, supported by Zak, to authorize \$6,000, \$3,000 from the City and \$3,000 from the Township for legal services and to accept and sign the agreement to work with the Township attorney. Roll Call Vote, **AYES** – Nelson, Serwe, Zak, Tacconelli. **NAYS** – None. **ABSENT** – Movrich. **MOTION CARRIED.**

For the Township of Bessemer, **Motion** by Randall, supported by Selin to authorize \$6,000, \$3,000 from the City and \$3,000 from the Township for legal services and to accept and sign the agreement to work with the Township attorney. Roll Call Vote, **AYES** – Hegbloom, Randall, Selin. **NAYS** – None. **ABSENT** – Roberts, Tarnaski. **MOTION CARRIED.**

A fire committee was also discussed to be responsible for the research and to report back to the respective boards. Suggesting two members from each of the respective boards and one appointed "At Large" from the community.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was none.

ADJOURN 7:05 P.M. Motion by Nelson, supported by Selin to adjourn. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Jeffery C. Randall – Supervisor

Hope Tarnaski - Clerk

BESSEMER TOWNSHIP

Is accepting applications for Township Supervisor.

This candidate needs to be a current Township resident and registered voter. A willingness to serve the people of the Township, good communication skills and general knowledge of local governmental activities is a plus.

A job description is available upon request at the township offices. Please submit a letter of interest and current resume by November 21, 2025 to,

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Hope Tarnaski – Bessemer Township Clerk

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