

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. **Motion to appoint Lisa Hegbloom** to take minutes as the Clerk, Tarnaski, is absent. MOTION by Aspinwall, supported by Selin. AYES: 3 NAYES: None. MOTION carried.
3. **Roll Call**: Present: Aspinwall, Selin, Hegbloom. Absent: Tarnaski, Roberts.
4. **Presentation of the Minutes**: MOTION by Selin, supported by Aspinwall, to approve the meeting minutes of 1/12/26 and as presented. AYES: 3 NAYES: None. MOTION carried.
5. **Approval of the Agenda**: Mr. Selin asked to add under New Business, 10 (d) Firefighter application. MOTION by Selin, supported by Hegbloom, to approve the agenda as presented with the one addition. AYES: 3 NAYES: None. MOTION carried.
6. **Communications**: Mr. Aspinwall presented an email from Stephanie Matonich asking that the public is offered handouts of the Bessemer Township Compliance Request for Violations that the Blight Officer offers at each meeting. Ms. Roberts gave a message to Ms. Hegbloom to update the Board that she reached out to her contact for an update on the post office situation but has not heard back yet. Discussion was had. MOTION by Selin, supported by Hegbloom to place communications on file. AYES: 3 NAYES: None. MOTION carried.
7. **Reports of boards, committees, and offices**:
 - A. GRWA: No updates.
 - B. PAUD: No updates.
 - C. GRSWMA: Mr. Randall reported that they had an organization meeting. They kept the same chairman and vice chairman, added Incredible Bank for a depository. He reported they sent out a request for bids and received several back and approved Ruotsala. He also reported that they are currently reviewing two applications for a replacement for the Administrator's position.
 - D. BASA: Mr. Selin reported that bills were paid, the audit was received back as unqualified, accepted and placed on file. He also reported that a rate and contract study was done and that rates will need to increase. Ben Tucker & Jenny Adams would like to attend the next Bessemer Township meeting in February to discuss.
 - E. MWGTA: No updates.
 - F. Section 32: Mr. Randall reported they met last Tuesday with Darren Pionk reporting on project.
 - G. Gogebic Land Bank: Mr. Randall reported they met last Monday. He gave updates on current projects.
 - H. Blight Officer report: No updates.
 - I. Utility Clerk report: Ms. Hegbloom reported that utility bills are due this Wednesday, January 28th. The Aged Accounts Receivable report balances were read with a copy given to the Clerk for record to be placed on file.
 - J. Clerk report: No updates.
8. **Treasurer Report**: Ms. Hegbloom reported she is currently collecting summer and winter 2025 taxes.
9. **Approval of Bills, Payroll**: Clerk is absent. No checks to present and approve.

General Fund #	
Water Fund #	
Anvil Sewer-#	
Ramsay Sewer-#	
West End Sewer-#	

Unfinished Business:

- A. Audit: Mr. Aspinwall reported that Mr. Talsma is working on the F65 report for FY 2024.
- B. Water & Sewer Ordinance Review/Amendment: Tabled until next meeting.
- C. Water/Sewer/Line replacement project: Mr. Pionk reported updates on project and reasons why it has been pending due to completed F65 & Audits being completed. Discussion was had. Mr. Pionk also brought to the Board information of a Lead service line grant. Discussion was had.

12. New Business:

- A. Board Meeting Dates for 2026: Tabled until next meeting.
- B. DPW Phone & Computer Replacement: Mr. Aspinwall reported that Mr. Ruppe will be at the Township on February 6 and will speak with DPW crew on computer replacement. He also reported that the DPW crew needs a new cell phone. Motion from Selin, supported by Aspinwall to look into costs of a replacement. AYES: 3. NAYES: None. Motion carried.
- C. Board of Review Appointment for 2026: Mr. Dan Jurakovich would like to remain on the Board of Review. Discussion was had. Mr. Aspinwall will contact Mr. Jurakovich to complete a letter asking this to be placed on file. Motion from Selin, supported by Aspinwall. ROLL CALL VOTE AYES: Selin, Aspinwall, Hegbloom. NAYES: None. MOTION carried.
- D. Firefighter Department/Application: Mr. Nathan Ozzello presented a request to authorize an application from Ms. Jennifer Selin. Discussion was had to accept Ms. Selin's application pending background checks and any other required checks by Clerk. Motion by Hegbloom, supported by Aspinwall. AYES: 2, ABSTAIN: Selin NAYES: None. MOTION carried. Mr. Selin reported that the fire department provided mutual aid to two fires that took place in Wakefield over the past few weeks. He also reported that Mr. Ozzello will be taking his place at the meetings of the merging of Bessemer City and Bessemer Township. Next meeting is in February.

13. Public Comment (Limited to 3 minutes per person):

Public comment made by two audience members.

- 14. Adjournment:** MOTION By Selin, supported by Hegbloom, to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 pm. AYES: 3. NAYES: None. MOTION carried.