

Regular Board Meeting
July 13, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.

1. Meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by the Supervisor and began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
2. **ROLL CALL**- Roberts, Hegbloom, Aspinwall, Tarnaski. Absent: Selin.
3. **PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES – MOTION** by Roberts, support by Hegbloom, to approve the minutes of 6/22/26 with corrections and place on file. 4 Ayes. Motion carried.
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA – MOTION** by Tarnaski, supported by Aspinwall, to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: 4 Nays: None. Motion carried.

5. **COMMUNICATIONS:**

- a. Wakefield Township RE: notice of intent to amend the master plan.
- b. Charter Communications: RE; channel lineup change
- c. City of Bessemer RE: copy of newsletter

MOTION by Tarnaski, supported by Roberts, to accept communications as presented and placed on file. 4 Ayes. Nays: None. Motion carried.

6. **REPORTS-BOARDS, COMMITTEES, AND OFFICERS.**

- a. GRWA: No update.
- b. Powderhorn Area Utility District: No update.
- c. Gogebic Range Solid Waste Management Authority: No update.
- d. Bessemer Area Sewer Authority: No update.
- e. Michigan's Western Gateway Trail Authority: No update
- f. Section 32 Sewer Authority: No update.
- g. Gogebic County Land Bank: No update.
- h. Ordinance Enforcement Officer LeRoy Johnson: Mr. Johnson submitted his report to the board for review of current blight enforcement parties/issues. Discussion was had.
- i. Joint fire department report: Representative Hegbloom reported draft agreement is still under review. A model agreement of another combined department agreement is being used as a model. A legal review is currently underway.
- j. Supervisor updates: Mr. Aspinwall reported on several issues to include the condition of the restrooms in the pavilion after the 4th of July holiday reported by the proposed renter for the next day. Water had been shut off causing the inability to flush toilets and soiled area. Discussion was had. Procedure for rental after a holiday will be reviewed when on a weekend with no DPW crew to check prior to next party's rental and shutoff of water. Apology was issued to proposed renter personally by the clerk, treasurer and supervisor individually. Bill for street sweeping from City of Bessemer was submitted to Clerk for payment. Discussion was had regarding proposal by City of Bessemer to cost share in their brush and tree disposal in city limit. A written proposal has been requested. Tall grass listing was received by blight officer and submitted to treasurer for billing parties who were maintained by township under noxious weed ordinance.

The Treasurer reported the following:

- k. Ms. Hegbloom gave the following updates as part of her oral report: Utility Department: quarterly bills have been mailed with a due date of 7/29/26. Aged AR to date is 187811.70. Report was submitted to the clerk for placement on file. Treasurer: Summer tax bills have been mailed on 6/19/26 with a due date of 9/14/26. Payments are now being processed as received.

7. **APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS/PAYROLL/MILEAGE:**

FUND	CHECK NUMERS	AMOUNT
General Fund	#18122-18184 & online	50273.13
Water Fund	#22720-22725 & online	20411.52
Anvil Sewer		
Ramsay Sewer	2938	45.96
West End Sewer		

***MOTION** by Roberts, supported by Aspinwall, to approve payment of bills and payroll as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE AYES: Tarnaski, Roberts, Hegbloom, Aspinwall. Nays: none. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. Audit- Audit has started, no update. Supervisor will reach out to obtain an update on progress.
- B. Sewer & Water Line Project – No update.

- C. Park Safety Barrier/fence/equipment: No update.
- D. Turnout gear/tablet quotes: Previous action was taken on this item at previous meeting. Request from BTVFD to sponsor member participation at \$100 per member to march in the parade at the UP Firefighters Tournament as has been past practice. Discussion was had. MOTION by Tarnaski, supported by Roberts to approve \$100 per member for marching in the dress parade representing BTVFD. Total approximate participation will be 8 firefighters. ROLL CALL VOTE AYES: Hegbloom, Aspinwall, Tarnaski, Roberts. Motion carried.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Printer for Code Enforcement Officer: Discussion was had. Clerk previously contacted the contracted IT person to obtain a quote and was told approximately \$400. MOTION by Tarnaski, supported by Roberts to authorize the purchase of a printer for the Code Enforcement Officer with color capabilities at a cost not to exceed \$500.00. ROLL CALL VOTE AYES: Hegbloom Aspinwall, Tarnaski, Roberts. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- B. Tall grass/weeds: Discussion was had previously.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT: (3 minutes per person) General discussion was had with public comment.

- 12. ADJOURNMENT:** With no further public comment or board business, Supervisor called for adjournment. MOTION by Tarnaski, supported by Roberts, to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 PM. 4 Ayes. Nays: None. Motion carried.