

Regular Board Meeting
Monday, April 23, 2018 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** – Beverly Ikola-Trustee, Hope Tarnaski-Trustee, Lisa Hegbloom-Interim Treasurer, Jeff Randall-Supervisor and Debbie Janczak-Clerk. In addition, there were six electors present.
3. **PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES** –A correction was made to item #13 to read “lengthy” instead of overly long. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Ikola to approve the minutes as amended from April 9, 2018. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS** – Trustee Tarnaski asked that an item be added regarding the previously held special meeting. This will be discussed under public comment as well as an update regarding the demolition to the building on Mill Street.
5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** -MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Ikola to approve the agenda as presented. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.
6. **PETITIONS**-None.
7. **COMMUNICATIONS:**
Supervisor: Minutes from January, February and March from the Bessemer Township 4th of July Committee; letter from the Gogebic Conservation District regarding a grant they recently received to educate on invasive species.
Clerk: The Clerk read a letter received from Greyson Hunderman a third grader from Byron Center Christian Center in Michigan. She will respond.
Treasurer: None. Ikola: None. Tarnaski: None.
MOTION by Randall supported by Tarnaski to place communications on file. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.
8. **REPORTS – BOARDS & COMMITTEES**
BASA – Trustee Ikola noted this was a regular business meeting.

GRWA – Trustee Ikola was nominated as the Treasurer for the authority.

GRSWMA – Supervisor Randall reported this was a regular business meeting. They have received a grant for taking in tires and will be providing more information in the coming weeks.

Building demo will be scheduled once the asbestos report comes in for the building purchased next to the post office. There is asbestos in the building which will need to be take care of. The second building has a stairwell coming in from the alley way which need to be made stable once the other building is taken down.

The West End sewer lift station is in need of replacement. The Supervisor and DPW Leadman have been invited by Crane Engineering to Ohio to see how it is made. This will be from May 3-4.
MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Hegbloom to approve the trip and expenses associated with the trip. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Hegbloom, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

PAUD – This was a regular business meeting reported the Supervisor. There is a special meeting on May 1 at 4:00 p.m. in Ironwood Township. The attorney will also be present. There may be some changes in administrative duties as well as the number serving on the authority.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

FIRE DEPARTMENT CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS UPDATE – Chief Selin reviewed the wages paid for several other municipalities in the area. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Janczak to update the rate of pay for Fire Calls to \$15/Practices to \$10/Truck Checks to \$9.00 as well as approval of updated officer pay. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Hegbloom, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

There is also a need to pressure test the air tanks, which is something Pomasl will do. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Janczak to approve the testing and costs associated with the air tanks. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Hegbloom, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried. Chief Selin also noted that there is a need for additional fire hoses and adapters. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Randall to approve of the costs for additional fire hoses and connectors/adapters/fittings for the approximate cost of \$700.00. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Hegbloom, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

AMBULANCE SERVICE MEETING – Supervisor Randall brought the board up to date on the meeting regarding ambulance service and the costs that continue to increase. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation was shared. A millage in the future will be discussed by the organizers of the meeting.

10. NEW BUSINESS

PARK PLAN – Anna Lovelace, a representative from Coleman Engineering shared current plans with the board and went over the project. There has been unanimous approval from the Planning Commission to move forward with the plan. The board is very excited for the project to begin. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Janczak to approve the project moving forward as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Hegbloom, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

INSURANCE COVERAGE REVIEW – Every year Par Plan via Hannula Insurance Agency updates the township’s coverage and plan. The Clerk provided a copy of this year’s plan for board information. Any changes or addition will be gone over by the DPW Leadman and the Supervisor.

AUDIT – The township did not receive any outside bids for the audit. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Ikola to move forward with the audit and hire Roger Kolehmainen. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Hegbloom, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried. The Supervisor will contact Roger.

SUMMER HELP – An ad will need to be placed for the hiring of summer help. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Janczak to place the ad for summer help. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Hegbloom, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

ALTERNATE APPOINTMENTS – With the retirement of Jerry Grenfell, there are a few openings on board and authorities that will need to be filled. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Ikola to appoint Jeff Randall as the alternate for BASA. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Janczak to appoint Debbie Janczak as the alternate to GRSWMA, which meets the third Thursday of the month at 4:30 pm. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Janczak to appoint Bev Ikola as alternate to PAUD, which meets the third Wednesday at 4:30 pm. AYES: 5/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

11. **TREASURER’S REPORT** – Interim Treasurer Hegbloom noted that the utility bills have been mailed out. The hours are also updated. There is \$145,067.04 in bills that are due. The board thanked Lisa for her work in getting the bills mailed out.

12. **APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLL & MILEAGE** –The Clerk noted that April 24th at 4:00 pm is the filing deadline for the August election. The following checks were presented for payment: General Fund: Check #1311048-13131-0 \$11,802.42; Water Fund Check #21221-21231- \$1136.01; Anvil Sewer: Check #-; Ramsay Sewer: Check #-; West End Sewer: Check #1183-\$3672.95. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Ikola to approve payment of bills as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Hegbloom, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

13. **PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS** –Trustee Tarnaski wanted to clarify the board’s special meeting transactions (held on March 19, 2018) that were called in to question. The Michigan Compiled Law 41.72a, section four reads as follows: *(4) The township board shall not transact business at a special meeting unless the business was stated in the notice of the meeting. However, if all the members of the board are present at a special meeting, business that might lawfully come before a regular meeting of the board may be transacted at the special meeting.*

The MTA meeting will be held in Watersmeet tomorrow night at 6:00 p.m.

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION by Randall supported by Tarnaski to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 p.m. AYES: 5/NAYES: one. Motion carried.

These minutes are respectfully submitted:

Debbie Janczak, Township Clerk