

Regular Board Meeting
Monday, November 12, 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, Lisa Hegbloom-Interim Treasurer, Debbie Janczak-Clerk, Jeff Randall-Supervisor. Absent: Hope Tarnaski-Trustee. In addition, there were two electors present.
3. **PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES** –MOTION by Ikola supported by Randall to approve the minutes as presented from October 22, 2018. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS** –none
5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** –Motion by Randall supported by Janczak to approve the agenda as presented. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.
6. **PETITIONS**-None.
7. **COMMUNICATIONS:**
Supervisor: Daily pumping report from GRWA; notice of public meetings from the Northern States Power company for November 13, 2018; fact sheet from attorney Tim Dean regarding mandatory sick leave; copy of the articles of incorporation for PAUD;
Clerk: MTA flyer regarding new officials training.
Treasurer: Ikola: None. Tarnaski: None.
MOTION by Randall supported by Janczak to place communications on file. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.
8. **REPORTS – BOARDS & COMMITTEES**
DPW – Supervisor Randall reported that the newest Hire Joseph Ryder has given his notice and his last day will be November 16. The board discussed his notice. MOTION by Janczak supported by Ikola to approve of an employment ad to be run in the Daily Globe and posted on our website. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Hegbloom, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.
PURITAN FIRE HALL – As a result of the heavy snow over the late week snow clearing by the Puritan garage was an issue. The board discussed the process for call outs when the snow is high and this garage needs to be cleared for the sake of safety in the event of a fire call. The Supervisor will use his discretion and call upon the DPW workers to make the trip to clear the approach by the garage.
GRWA – Water bills were discussed at this meeting.
9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
PARK PROJECT PAY REQUEST #4 – Anna from Coleman presented the last pay request. MOTION by Janczak supported by Randall to approve of the pay request, but wait to mail until reimbursements start to be received by the township. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Hegbloom, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

(item 10D was moved here on the agenda)
SUPPORT FOR PROPOSED SNOWMOBILE TRAIL BESSEMER TOWNSHIP PROPERTY – Steve Hamilton was present and spoke of a proposed re-routing of the snowmobile trail that would take it away from the crossing at US2 and Ramsay crossing. This would come across township property that is current just wooded. The board reviewed the drawing. There may be an issue with a water line

that the trail would have to cross. MOTION by Randall supported by Ikola to support the proposed trail crossing pending the approval of GRWA. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Hegbloom, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

SEWER PROJECT – Randy Scott from C2AE spoke to the board regarding the SSO requirements. An issue to be decided upon is whether the township would also include a water project along with this. The current water and sewer rates will need to be reviewed and adjusted in order to proceed with such a project. Mr. Scott will inquire more with RDA and report back to the township board.

10. NEW BUSINESS

LIENS BESSEMER TOWNSHIP- Treasurer Hegbloom presented the board with a list of past due utility accounts that would place on winter taxes. The board reviewed the list. One question was whether shut-offs can still be done after the past dues are put on the taxes. MOTION by Randall supported by Janczak to approve of the list and have them placed on the taxes as delinquent utilities pending any last-minute payments to the treasurer. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Hegbloom, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

Treasurer Hegbloom have received more information regarding shut-offs from Tim Dean and reported that the interest is now calculating correctly.

LIENS GRWA – There is only one to be applied. MOTION by Janczak supported by Randall to approve of the lien for \$1071.45. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Hegbloom, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

REPAIR OF POST OFFICE BUILDING – Supervisor Randall reported that the cost would be \$2786.00. MOTION by Janczak supported by Randall to approve of the repair to the post office building pending a certified notice to the current owners after consultation with attorney Tim Dean. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Tarnaski, Hegbloom, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR PURCHASE OF PROPERTY FOR IRON-BELLE TRAIL – This is regarding a piece of property currently owned by Steiger's located near the mill. The DNR would purchase this land and by doing so relinquish any liabilities from Steiger's. MOTION by Janczak supported by Randall to approve of the letter to be sent by the Supervisor for the purchase. AYES: 4/NAYES: none. Motion carried.

FIREWORKS APPLICATION – BLACKJACK SKI HILL – This is the same application that the township has received in past years for the New Year's celebration. MOTION by Randall supported by Hegbloom to approve the signatures for the application. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Hegbloom, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

11. **TREASURER'S REPORT** – Treasurer Hegbloom noted that the water/lien has been a major project, but with each week the accounts are becoming more and more up to date. She reminded the board that if anyone is attending the Christmas party, they will need to give her their money by the next board meeting on November 26.

12. **APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLL & MILEAGE** –The following checks were presented for payment: General Fund: Check #13454-13496- \$65,586.22; Water Fund Check #21372-21393- \$12,677.16; Anvil Sewer: Check #1270-1274-\$1102.03; Ramsay Sewer: Check #2693-2699- \$3796.39; West End Sewer: Check #1199-1200-\$4622.01; Park Project Account: Check#-\$. MOTION by Ikola supported by Hegbloom to approve payment of bills. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ikola, Hegbloom, Randall, Janczak. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

13. PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS –Randy Scott thanked the board and township for the restoration in the park.

Steven Selin noted that the fire department will be moving from three to one meeting per month with the start up in January of this change. The fire department Christmas party will be on December 8th at the Ore House.

14. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Ikola supported by Janczak to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 p.m. AYES: 4/NAYES: one. Motion carried.

These minutes are respectfully submitted:

Debbie Janczak, Township Clerk