

Regular Board Meeting
Monday, February 24, 2020 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-Treasurer, Jeff Randall-Supervisor and Debbie Janczak-Clerk. In addition, there were six electors and one guest present.
3. **PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES** –MOTION by Ikola supported by Randall to approve the minutes as presented from February 10, 2020. AYES: 4/Motion carried.
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS** –Supervisor Randall gave a brief update on the church’s purchase of the land/building across the street and the post office. Once the sale goes through, then the post office can move forward.
5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** –Motion by Randall supported by Janczak to approve the agenda as presented. AYES: 4/Motion carried.
6. **PETITIONS**-None.
7. **COMMUNICATIONS:**
Supervisor: copy of the audit from PAUD; Clerk: None. Treasurer: None. Tarnaski: none. Ikola: none. MOTION by Randall supported by Janczak to place correspondence on file. AYES: 5/Motion carried.
8. **REPORTS – BOARDS & COMMITTEES**
PAUD – They approved the pay off of their smaller bond which was around \$300,000. There will be a small amount of savings realized per square foot. There are still some problems with the equipment that had issues and replacement from the insurance.

GRSWMA – This was a regular business meeting reported the Supervisor.

TRAIL AUTHORITY – Supervisor Randall went to Houghton along with other members of the nearby municipalities to meet with Senator McBroom and Representative Markkanen. The issue at hand are easements and the continuation of the trail from Ramsay east.
9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
POST OFFICE – No update.

TOWNSHIP EMPLOYEER HANDBOOK AND POLICIES – Trustee Tarnaski has begun review of the handbook. The board will continue its review.

UTILITY DUTIES AND COMPENSATION – No update.

UNION NEOGITATIONS – The Supervisor and Clerk presented the latest proposal from the AFSME group. A 1.5% hourly increase for the next three years (for the contract) as well as Veteran’s Day off as a holiday and a onetime \$50.00 signing bonus since the wages cannot be retroactive. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Ikola to approve of the contract as stated above. Motion passed by roll call vote.

10. NEW BUSINESS

AUDITOR PROPOSALS – The Supervisor received two proposals in response to the bid request. The first was from Rakkila/Negro for \$10,500 for the years 2020/2021 and \$11,000 for 2022. The second was from Makela, Pollack & Ahonen for \$11,000 for 2020, \$11,100 for 2021 and \$11,200 for 2022. The board discussed each company’s qualifications. **MOTION** by Tarnaski supported by Hegbloom to accept the bid by Rakkila/Negro as presented and authorize signatures. Motion passed by roll call vote.

LAGOON PROJECT BIDS – There was a rebid posted due to adjustments made to the plan. **MOTION** by Tarnaski supported by Ikola to accept the bid from Ruotsala for \$159,265 and authorize signatures. Motion passed by roll call vote.

BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2021 – The board was given a draft for review. I final copy will be available at the next meeting.

PARK PROJECT EXTENSION – Because there are some final finishes to be done an extension is needed. **MOTION** by Hegbloom supported by Janczak to approve the extension through 7/31/2020. Motion passed by roll call vote.

POVERTY GUIDELINES – **MOTION** by Tarnaski supported by janczak to approve of the updated guidelines. Motion passed by roll call vote.

APPOINTMENT OF BOARD OF REVIEW MEMBER – **MOTION** by Tarnaski supported by Randall to appoint Tori Davey to the Board of Review. Motion passed by roll call vote.

11. TREASURER’S REPORT – The Treasurer has been busy collecting taxes. She will be in the office on Monday, March 2 from 9am to 5pm as required. There is still \$181,418.85 yet to collect.

12. APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLL & MILEAGE –The following checks were presented for payment:

FUND	CHECK NUMERS	AMOUNT
General Fund	142889-14300/14309-14315	\$14,917.34
Water Fund	21740-21745	\$1628.43
Anvil Sewer		\$
Ramsay Sewer		\$
West End Sewer		\$

MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Randall to approve payment of bills. Motion passed by roll call vote. The Clerk reminded the board of the upcoming election as well as nominating petitions being due by April 21st.

13. PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS- Chief Steven Selin and fire fighter Ben Tucker talked to the board about equipment and vehicle needs in the future and perhaps creating a five-year plan.

14. ADJOURNMENT – **MOTION** by Janczak supported by Tarnaski to adjourn the meeting at 6:2 p.m. Motion carried.

These minutes are respectfully submitted: _____
Debbie Janczak, Township Clerk