

Regular Board Meeting
Monday, November 9, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.
VIA ZOOM

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, Jeff Randall-Supervisor, Lisa Hegbloom-Treasurer and Debbie Janczak-Clerk.
3. **PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES** –MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Hegbloom to approve the minutes as presented from October 26, 2020. Motion carried by roll call vote.
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS** –None
5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** –MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Ikola to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote.
6. **PETITIONS**-None.
7. **COMMUNICATIONS:**
 - A. Presentation of the Audit* - Debbie Bradford reviewed the audit for the board and talked about the new process for this year. She had good things to say regarding the cooperation of the township board and this is presented as a clean audit. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Ikola to accept the audit, place on file and mail to those entities necessary. Motion carried by roll call vote.
 - B. UPSET support letter. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Janczak to have the Supervisor talk with Sheriff Pete Matonich for more explanation. Motion carried by roll call vote.
 - C. Sale of Property Request – The Supervisor received a letter regarding the old Dummet house on Horseshoe Bend. An interested party would like to purchase it as it has historical/personal meaning. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Ikola to have the Supervisor respond with a letter outlining the conditions as well as the bid process. Motion carried by roll call vote.
 - D. GRWA Term – Ikola. As of December 31, 2020, Bev's term will be over. We will need to make two appointments from the township. Trustee Ikola will write a letter of interest. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Janczak to appoint Beverly Ikola to the GRWA board. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Clerk: letter from Charter Communications regarding updates; Daily pumping report from GRWA for the month of October. MOTION by Randall supported by Janczak to place all communications on file. Motion carried by roll call vote. *
8. **REPORTS – BOARDS & COMMITTEES** - None.

Miscellaneous – The Supervisor noted that the new park signs have been posted. It was suggested to send a picture of this to the Globe. The park project can now be closed out. Lindquist electric is trying to locate appropriate lighting for the basketball courts. It has proved to be a difficult task trying to find bathroom doors with automatic locks. This will continue to be looked in to. The new township flooring installation will begin on Monday.
9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

UTILITY DUTIES AND COMPENSATION – The Clerk and Treasurer will be doing interviews this coming week and a special meeting will be called afterward.

COVID-19/ELECTIONS – MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Randall to send a formal letter of appreciation to the election workers from November 3. The board is very appreciative of their commitment to the township. Motion carried by roll call vote.

10. NEW BUSINESS

PAUD RATE ORDINANCE CHANGE – The board reviewed the newly revised ordinance provide in the agenda packet. Attorney Tim Dean did review. A question was raised as to why the late charges would be dismissed. This may give residents the wrong impression. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Ikola to proceed with the process of publication and acceptance after thirty days with the inclusion of the late charges compounding section to be kept in the ordinance. Motion carried by roll call vote.

CASH IN LIEU OF BENEFITS/HEALTH INSURANCE – The Clerk presented resolution #162-20- Cash in Lieu of Benefits for review. Attorney Tim Dean has reviewed and made changes that were presented. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Janczak to approved the resolution with noted changes as provided. Motion carried by roll call vote.

The Clerk presented an update of health care premium changes for the 2021 year. This is only a 2.97% increase compared to last year’s 6%. The employees have had to request for changes and this is usually a discussion for negotiations. MOTION by Randall supported by Tarnaski to approve the new rates and leave the option for any employee to find optional health insurance. Motion carried by roll call vote.

BLACK JACK FIREWORKS APPLICATION – MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Randall to accept the application for New Year’s Eve fireworks. Motion carried by roll call vote.

11. TREASURER’S REPORT – The Treasurer send via email the list of delinquent utilities which will be placed on as a special assessment to winter taxes which is at \$33,884.48 at this time. This is a large increase over last year at this time. An updated list will be presented right before they list is sent to the County Treasurer. MOTION by Randall supported by Tarnaski to approve the list for special assessment. Motion carried by roll call vote.

The second list is of properties sold at auction per the County. The request is for the utilities to be written off. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Randall to approve the write off of \$1585.59. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Aged receivables are showing as \$60,671.77. So far \$929,907.32 has been collected in taxes with \$131,817.92 still delinquent. There are still disbursements that will be done prior to her leaving the position.

12. APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLL & MILEAGE –The following checks were presented for payment with changes shared via screen by the Clerk:

FUND	CHECK NUMERS	AMOUNT
General Fund	#14742-#14772	\$21,314.36
Water Fund	#21955-#21965	\$11,616.41
Anvil Sewer	#1333-1334	\$3359.89
Ramsay Sewer	#2778-2780	\$4060.15
West End Sewer	#1240-1241	\$820.16

MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Ikola to approve payment of bills. Motion passed by roll call vote.

The Clerk presented a proposal from Gray Interiors to clean at the township hall once a month at a cost of \$85.00. MOTION by Randall supported by Randall to approve of the monthly cost. Motion carried by roll call vote.

The Clerk reported that the election proceeded with little issues. Thanks, were given to the workers, to Lisa Hegbloom for coming in on her own time to help. Elizabeth Gray was in the next morning and did a great job of cleaning. Hope Tarnaski is the township’s “new” Treasurer, Lisa Hegbloom will now be the Deputy Treasurer. Sue Roberts is the new trustee to take Hope’s place. Re-elected board members are Debbie Janczak, Clerk, Jeff Randall, Supervisor and Beverly Ikola, Trustee. This will be for a four-year term. All offices become effective at 12 noon on November 20th.

- 13. **PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS-** The Supervisor gave a brief update on the post office. Apparently, the original contractor, who was from downstate, did not follow through on the job and so it is delayed. Suggestions of local contractors have been given to the post office from Pastor Todd.

The MTA Christmas party is scheduled for December 8 at Indianhead Mountain.

The Supervisor thanked the current board for all of the service over the last term.

- 14. **ADJOURNMENT** – MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Hegbloom to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 p.m. Motion carried.

These minutes are respectfully submitted:

Debbie Janczak, Township Clerk