

Regular Board Meeting  
Monday, April 12, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.  
In Person & 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, Sue Roberts-Trustee, Hope Tarnaski-Treasurer, Jeff Randall-Supervisor and Debbie Janczak-Clerk. In addition, there were three guests present via zoom and three guests in person.
3. **PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES** –MOTION by Roberts supported by Tarnaski to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS** –None.
5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** –Motion by Randall supported by Ikola to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.
6. **PETITIONS**-None.
7. **COMMUNICATIONS:**  
Supervisor: Gogebic Range Water Authority revised by-laws and emergency action plan (one for the office and one for the DPW office) Clerk: March pumping report from GRWA. Treasurer: None.  
Motion by Randall supported by Tarnaski to accept and place correspondence on file. Motion carried.
8. **REPORTS – BOARDS & COMMITTEES**  
GRWA – The Supervisor reported that they reviewed the asset management plan, which is almost finished. They received the emergency plans. Jean Verbos was present and noted that the City of Wakefield has not agreed to taking over the Indianhead customers. She asked the board to give some thought to the possibility of the township doing so for the 75 meters.  
  
SUPERVISOR – Supervisor Randall is looking in to the purchase of a program and locks to put the pavilion bathrooms on. There would be a need for Wi-Fi in the park and he is consulting with the township’s IT contact, Alan Estola regarding this. Lindquist electric is looking at the addition of lights by the basketball court. There will be an MTA meeting scheduled for April 27 at Erwin Township.
9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**  
LAND SALE REQUEST – A letter outlining the townships requirements was sent to Mr. Clemo and there has not been any response.  
  
BUILDING INSPECTION FEES- MOTION by Ikola supported by Tarnaski to leave the current fees as they are and review them next year. Motion carried by roll call vote.
10. **NEW BUSINESS**  
WATER SHUT-OFF – As the removal of the moratorium on shut-offs has expired effective March 31, the township will begin the process for those accounts that are delinquent. Those accounts/residents that will receive notifications will also be informed of outside fund sources to aid in the payment of their accounts. (e.g., Community Action) MOTION by Randall supported by Tarnaski to re-instate the policy and process of shut-offs for township water and sewer customers. Motion carried by roll call vote.

TOWNSHIP INSURANCE REVIEW – As happens each year the board was provided with the township’s insurance plan from the Clerk. There are no major changes with the exception of medical insurance coverage which the township will choose unlimited.

- 11. **TREASURER’S REPORT** – The Treasurer had a visit to Gogebic Range Bank to do a review of the accounts and the FDIC insurance pledged to them. At this time, it does not appear that there are enough insurances on our accounts. She will investigate further to see if they will be willing to pledge enough to cover our account. Review of other banks may be necessary. Balances on accounts was given as of April 8.
- 12. **APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLL & MILEAGE** –The following checks were presented for payment:

FUND	CHECK NUMERS	AMOUNT
General Fund	#15003-15044	\$25,927.65
Water Fund	#22030-22043	\$108,508.51
Anvil Sewer	#1342-1344	\$375.36
Ramsay Sewer	#2793-2795	\$797.58
West End Sewer	#1248-1249	\$3846.70

At this time the water fund does not have a balance that will support the payables that are due. There are some funds due to the fund from the sewer funds for payroll. The Clerk will review that amount and make a recommendation for movement/transfer of funds.

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

- 13. **PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS**-Treasurer Tarnaski asked if there would be a spring cleanup. This is normally a fall occurrence only.

Mr. Jim Olexis was present and petitioned the board for monetary help in paying a bill that was incurred to thaw his water line. The cost was \$450.00. It is unsure whether the incident was as a result of the line not buried far enough after the last water project. Louis Sworab will go to the residence and see if the issue can be rectified. MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Ikola to approve 50% reimbursement of the cost and re-evaluate if further reimbursement is justified after the DPW locates the current water line. Motion carried by roll call vote. Mr. Olexis asked for the amount to be put on his water bill as a credit.

Wooden bollards will be placed at the top of the parking lot above the park for safety.

- 14. **ADJOURNMENT** – MOTION by Ikola supported by Tarnaski to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 p.m. Motion carried.

These minutes are respectfully submitted: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Debbie Janczak, Township Clerk