

Regular Board Meeting
Monday, April 10, 2023 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**- Hope Tarnaski – Treasurer, Jeff Randall – Supervisor, Erin Berg – Clerk, and Beverly Ikola – Trustee. Absent from the meeting was Sue Roberts – Trustee. Also present were Lisa Hegbloom, Utility Clerk; Steven Selin, Fire Chief; Justin Niemi, DPW Foreman, Kelly Heidbrier and Ashley Hendricks, C2AE representatives, and 3 residents.
3. **PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES –MOTION** by Ikola, support by Randall to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING – The Public Hearing was opened at 5:18 p.m. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to hear comments regarding the proposed Ramsay Sewer Wastewater Improvement Project to complete collection system improvements to provide performance to meet present day regulatory standards, to replace deteriorated wastewater assets, and minimize long term operation costs. A report was given by C2AE representative Kelly Heidbrier. Questions were asked by the public. The Public Hearing was closed at 5:33 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING – The Public Hearing was opened at 5:34 P.M. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to hear comments regarding the proposed Water System Improvement Project to replace lead impacted water service lines as required by the State of Michigan, adding water main looping to the system, and replacing deficient undersized water mains within the Township. C2AE representative Kelly Heidbrier gave a report and questions were asked by the public. The Public Hearing was closed at 5:53 P.M.

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – MOTION by Randall, support by Tarnaski to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.
5. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS** –None.
6. **PETITIONS**- None.
7. **COMMUNICATIONS**: - The Treasurer’s report for the Bessemer Township 4th of July Committee was presented. MOTION by Randall, support by Tarnaski to place the communications on file. Motion carried.
8. **REPORTS – BOARDS & COMMITTEES**
MTA – The 2023 Officers were elected, and various reports were given from different boards.

VETERANS AFFAIR’S – Donald Ormes informed the Board that \$59,000.00 has currently been spent in grant money. The Council of Veterans Affairs have applied for other grants to use towards drivers, water, electricity, and housing for Veterans.

PLANNING COMMISSION – Bob Berg reported to the Board that the Township has started to verify that fire numbers of residences and businesses are correct before the new fire number signs are installed. A discussion will need to be had in the future regarding the continued use of “E” and “N” in the Township resident’s addresses.

Approved

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A) COMPLAINT – SAARI UPDATE – There was currently nothing to report.
- B) POST OFFICE – There was currently nothing to report.
- C) SEEKING NEW AUDITOR – At the recent MTA meeting, the Township Clerk asked the other Townships on recommendations for auditors. A list is being compiled and will be passed on to her. It was discovered that other Townships are having the same difficulty.

10. NEW BUSINESS

- A) RAMSAY WASTEWATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT – A Resolution Adopting a Final Project Plan for Wastewater System Improvements or NPS Pollution Control/Stormwater Improvements and Designating an Authorized Project Representative was presented to the Board. MOTION by Tarnaski, support by Randall to accept the Resolution and authorize the appropriate signatures. Motion carried by roll call vote.
- B) WATER SYSTEMS IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT – A Resolution Adopting a Final Project Plan for Water System Improvements and Designating an Authorized Project Representative was presented to the Board. MOTION by Tarnaski, support by Berg to accept the Resolution and authorize the appropriate signatures. Motion carried by roll call vote.
- C) INSURANCE POLICY REVIEW – The Township’s Par -Plan Review for the 2023 Insurance Policy Renewal from Hannula Agency, Inc. was presented. MOTION by Tarnaski, support by Berg to authorize the appropriate signature on the Declaration Page. Motion carried by roll call vote.
- D) NEW PURCHASE – DPW WORK TRUCK – TO SEEK BIDS – The Supervisor informed the Board that the DPW is in need of a new work truck as well as plow. A discussion was had on the uses of the truck and the make and model. MOTION by Ikola, support by Tarnaski to move forward and begin seeking bids for a new truck. Motion carried by roll call vote.

11. **TREASURER’S REPORT** – The balances of each account were given. The Treasurer informed the Board that her accountant told her to check the box stating that she is a statutory employee on her W-2 in order to claim what she actually earned in wages. The Supervisor reached out to the Township Attorney to make sure this was legal before authorizing the Clerk to make the change.

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

FUND	CHECK NUMERS	AMOUNT
General Fund	# 16185-16209	\$17,714.41
Water Fund	# 22319-22321	\$564.78
Anvil Sewer	# 1389	\$ 148.03
Ramsay Sewer	#	\$
West End Sewer	# 1281	\$ 3859.67
Blackjack Water	#	\$

Approved

MOTION by Tarnaski, supported by Ikola to pay the bills as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote.

13. **PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS-** The Utility Clerk notified that Board that the water bills were mailed out on April 7, 2023 and are due by April 26, 2023.
14. **ADJOURNMENT** – MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Ikola to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m. Motion carried.

These minutes are respectfully submitted:

Erin Berg, Township Clerk

Approved