

Regular Board Meeting
Monday, March 27, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

1. Meeting was called to order by the Supervisor and began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
2. **ROLL CALL**- Sue Roberts – Trustee, Jeff Randall – Supervisor, Erin Berg – Clerk, and Beverly Ikola – Trustee. Absent from the meeting was Hope Tarnaski - Treasurer. Also present were Lisa Hegbloom – Utility Clerk and three residents.
3. **PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES –MOTION** by Ikola, support by Roberts to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – MOTION by Randall, support by Berg to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.
5. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS** –None.
6. **PETITIONS**- None.
7. **COMMUNICATIONS**: - The Bessemer Township Water System Improvements Phase 1 Michigan Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Project Plan Volumes 1 and 2, and the Michigan Clean Water State Revolving Fund Project Plan Volumes 1 and 2 were presented to the Board. MOTION by Randall, support to Roberts to accept the communications and place them on file. Motion carried.
8. **REPORTS – BOARDS & COMMITTEES**
PAUD – The bills were paid.

GRSWMA – The meeting was cancelled due to weather.

The Supervisor informed the Board that DPW employee Brenden Christoferson is still interested in pursuing his CDL. He must first pass the written exam to receive his “learners permit”. Once he does, he can enroll in the schooling taking place in Escanaba. The Board will be notified once this takes place.

9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A) **COMPLAINT – SAARI UPDATE** – Mr. Saari moved some of the Blight to a property on Horseshoe Bend. The new owner of that property is working to clean it up.
- B) **POST OFFICE** – There was currently nothing new to report. A discussion took place about the possibility of getting a mail drop box within the Township.
- C) **SEEKING NEW AUDITOR** – The deadline for proposals was March 13, 2023. To date, no proposals have been received. The Supervisor and Clerk will ask other Townships who have recently looked for auditors for suggestions.

10. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A) **GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT** – MOTION by Ikola, support by Berg to adopt the 2024 General Appropriations Act, which is an Act that defines the power and duties of the Bessemer

Approved

Township Officers in relation to the administration of the budget and to provide remedies for refusal of neglect to comply with the requirements of the resolution. Motion carried by roll call vote.

- B) FY2023 BUDGET AMENDMENTS - MOTION by Randall, support by Roberts to amend the proposed budget and make the requested transfers to balance certain cost centers. Motion carried by roll call vote.
- C) RESOLUTION – NOTICE OF INTENT FOR RAMSAY SEWER PROJECT – A Resolution authorizing publication of Notice of Intent to issue revenue bonds was presented. The Notice indicates that revenue bonds will be issued for the project in the principal amount of not to exceed \$8,100,00.00 MOTION by Berg, support by Roberts to adopt the Resolution and publish the Notice of Intent. Motion carried by roll call vote.
- D) RESOLUTION - NOTICE OF INTENT FOR TOWNSHIP WATER SYSTEM – A Resolution authorizing publication of Notice of Intent to issue revenue bonds was presented. The Notice indicates that revenue bonds will be issued in the principal amount of not to exceed \$6,100,00.00. MOTION by Randall, support by Berg to adopt the Resolution and publish the Notice of Intent. Motion carried by roll call vote.

11. **TREASURER’S REPORT** – With the absence of the Treasurer, Lisa Hegbloom Utility Clerk and Deputy Treasurer, reported that the last of the tax distributions have been mailed. She also notified the Board that her department was getting low on postcards that the water bills are printed on. MOTION by Randall, support by Berg to authorize the Utility Clerk to purchase the water bill postcards for a total price of \$384.19. Motion carried by roll call vote.

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

FUND	CHECK NUMERS	AMOUNT
General Fund	# 16165-16182	\$7,825.21
Water Fund	# 22316-22318	427.97
Anvil Sewer		
Ramsay Sewer		
West End Sewer		
Blackjack Water		

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

The Clerk presented the Board with an updated list of what is owed to the general fund from various utility funds from September 2022 through March 2023. MOTION by Roberts, support by Ikola to approve the transfers from the various utility funds back into the general fund. Motion carried by roll call vote.

13. **PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS**- A question was asked about janitorial services.

14. **ADJOURNMENT** – MOTION by Roberts support by Ikola to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. Motion carried.

Approved

These minutes are respectfully submitted:

Erin Berg, Township Clerk

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