

Regular Board Meeting
Monday, April 24, 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; Dave Macomber, Blight Officer, and three residents.
3. **PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES –MOTION** by Tarnaski, support by Ikola 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:** - None.
8. **REPORTS – BOARDS & COMMITTEES**
GRSWMA – The monthly meeting was cancelled due to a lack of a quorum.

PAUD – The Powdermill Inn is not connected to the sewer system, even though they are paying sewer bills. A plan was discussed on taking action to get the building to connect.

GRWA – The bills were paid.

The Supervisor credited the DPW department in their efforts to control the rising water levels that took place over the past week. The second street lift station was sandbagged, and the park lift station was carefully monitored. The Fire Department assisted with sandbagging in the City of Wakefield.

The Utility Clerk brought up an issue that a resident has been having with the homes meter readings. The resident claims that the meter readings are inaccurate and have been since 2018 and would now like a credit on the water bill. A new meter was recently installed. MOTION by Tarnaski, support by Berg to not allow a credit on the resident's water bill and that the balance that is due stands. Motion carried. The Utility Clerk will inform the resident of the Boards decision.

The Blight Officer informed the Board that letters are being sent to owners of properties with blight. A discussion took place on other blighted properties within the Township.

9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A) **COMPLAINT – SAARI UPDATE –** The Township Attorney advised the Supervisor to continue taking pictures of the property and to approach the courts with the ongoing issue.
- B) **POST OFFICE –** There was currently nothing to report. A discussion was held on ways to reach out to our Legislators and how to get another meeting scheduled with the postal service and Township residents.

Approved

- C) **SEEKING NEW AUDITOR** – To date, there have not been any communications received from any of the auditing firms that the Township reached out to. Follow up phone calls will be made.

10. NEW BUSINESS

- A) **DPW NEW HIRE** – The Board learned of the resignation of DPW member, Zachary Morrison. MOTION by Tarnaski, support by Ikola, to authorize the Supervisor to begin advertising the vacant position. Motion carried by roll call vote.

The Supervisor mentioned that the Township will also need to begin advertising for summer help and that three up to five crew members would be the preferred number. MOTION by Tarnaski, support by Ikola to authorize the Supervisor to begin advertising for three up to five summer workers and to stay competitive with the hourly wages. Motion carried by roll call vote.

- 11. **TREASURER’S REPORT** – The Treasurer notified the Board that the interfund transfers were completed, with the exception of the Anvil Sewer account. A discussion took place on the Anvil Sewer rates. It was determined that the rates need to be reviewed and possibly increased in the future.

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

FUND	CHECK NUMBERS	AMOUNT
General Fund	# 16210-16231	\$32,186.11
Water Fund	# 22322-22330	\$79,275.03
Anvil Sewer	# 1390	\$1,453.30
Ramsay Sewer	# 2856-2858	\$13,333.96
West End Sewer	# 1282-1283	\$5,536.71
Blackjack Water	#	\$

MOTION by Tarnaski, supported by Randall to pay the bills as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote. MOTION by Tarnaski, support by Randall to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to work together to formulate a plan for the Anvil Sewer account to pay the General Fund that amount owed for wages. Motion carried by roll call vote.

- 13. **PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS**- A question was asked about the possibility of a Spring Clean-Up. The Supervisor asked the public if there would be any interest in having one. There public expressed an interest. MOTION by Tarnaski, support by Ikola to authorize the advertisement of a Spring Clean-Up to be held on Friday, May 19, 2023, with a backup date of Friday, May 26, 2023, should there be inclement weather. Motion carried by roll call vote.

The field where the Gogebic Miners softball team will play is ready. The scoreboard is up and operational.

- 14. **ADJOURNMENT** – MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Ikola to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m. Motion carried.

These minutes are respectfully submitted:

Erin Berg, Township Clerk

Approved