

Regular Board Meeting  
January 8, 2024 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**- Sue Roberts – Trustee, Hope Tarnaski – Treasurer, Jeff Randall – Supervisor, Erin Berg – Clerk, and Beverly Ikola – Trustee. Also present were Lynn Ormes, Bessemer Township 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee, Steven Selin, Fire Chief, Lisa Hegbloom, Utility Clerk, and 2 residents.
3. **PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES – MOTION** by Roberts, support by Ikola to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – The Supervisor requested the addition of “Lead Service Grant” under New Business Item “C”. **MOTION** by Randall, support by Roberts to approve the agenda with the addition of New Business Item “C”. Motion carried.
5. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS** – None
6. **PETITIONS**- None
7. **COMMUNICATIONS**: - None
8. **REPORTS – BOARDS & COMMITTEES**  
4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY COMMITTEE - Lynn Ormes presented the Board with a check for \$3,529.97 for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee’s 50/50 sales. She informed the Board that Ramsey’s 4<sup>th</sup> of July festivities will take place on July 2, 2024.  
  
FIRE DEPARTMENT – Steven Selin, Fire Chief, will be taking 172 hours of State required training. Training begins on February 10, 2024, at the Ironwood Public Safety building.  
  
GOGEBIC COUNTY LAND BANK – The Land Bank will be going forward with rounds 3 and 4 of the grant that aide’s communities in the removal of blighted properties.  
  
PAUD – The bills were paid.  
  
UTILITIES – The Utility Clerk informed that Board that the quarterly water bills were mailed out on January 4, 2024. They are due on January 24, 2024.
9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
  - A) **POST OFFICE STATUS** – Nothing new to report at this time. A discussion took place on other post office’s in the area, and if they have any influence on whether Ramsey will get one.
  - B) **ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER** – The Board was presented with a tentative Agreement for Ordinance Enforcement Services between Bessemer Township and Noah Bunt. A discussion took place on if the Supervisor received any type of application or letter of interest from Mr. Bunt. Because of the relationship between Mr. Bunt and the Clerk, the Supervisor will review the invoices from Mr. Bunt, and then pass them to the Clerk for payment. **MOTION** by Tarnaski, support by Roberts to approve the agreement and authorize the appropriate signatures contingent

Proposed

with a background check and a letter of interest. Motion carried by roll call vote, with Berg abstaining.

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

- A) BOR APPOINTEE – The Township must appoint an individual to represent them at Board of Review sessions. Dan Jurakovich has been serving as the Township’s representative for many years, and has expressed interest in continuing to do so. The Supervisor recommends that the Board appoint Mr. Jurakovich to continue to serve on the Board of Review. MOTION by Tarnaski, support by Berg, to appoint Mr. Jurakovich to serve as the Township’s representative one the Board of Review. Motion carried by roll call vote.
- B) BOR SCHEDULE – The 2024 Board of Review Schedule was presented to the Board. Three Board of review sessions will be held at the Bessemer Township Hall. MOTION by Roberts, support by Tarnaski, to approve the 2024 Board of Review dates. Motion carried.
- C) LEAD SERVICE GRANT – The Supervisor informed the Board that he was notified by Kelly Heidbrier, C2AE, that there is a grant to help municipalities locate lead water lines. Mr. Heidbrier informed the Supervisor that the application would cost the Township \$1,500.00 and the deadline is January 31, 2024. MOTION by Tarnaski, support by Berg, to authorize any signatures and to move forward with the grant application. Motion carried by roll call vote.

11. **TREASURER’S REPORT** – The balances of each account were read. The office has been busy with Winter Tax payments.

**12. APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLL & MILEAGE –**

FUND	CHECK NUMBERS	AMOUNT
General Fund	# 16614-16654	\$45,495.44
Water Fund	# 22418-22430	\$58,639.28
Anvil Sewer	#1402	\$137.75
Ramsay Sewer	#2886-2888	\$1,980.43
West End Sewer	#	
Blackjack Water		

A discussion took place on water leaks and meter placement after a question was asked about two invoices. A water leak had taken place at Aspirus Hospital, which caused the water usage to greatly increase, which in turn, caused the Township’s invoice from GRWA to greatly increase. Ways to prevent this in the future were discussed. MOTION by Tarnaski, support by Roberts, to pay the bills as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote.

13. **PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS-** The Supervisor received an email from the Bessemer School District, asking if they would be able to hand banner sponsorships from the fence at the Gogebic Miner’s Girls Softball Field. After a brief discussion, MOTION by Tarnaski, support by Roberts, to authorize the hanging of banner sponsorships on the fence at the softball field. Motion carried.

14. **ADJOURNMENT** – MOTION by Randall supported by Roberts to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 p.m. Motion carried.

These minutes are respectfully submitted:

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Erin Berg, Township Clerk