

Regular Board Meeting
September 9, 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-** Jeff Randall – Supervisor, Erin Berg – Clerk, Steven Selin – Trustee. Absent were Sue Roberts, Trustee and Hope Tarnaski, Treasurer. Also present was Lisa Hegbloom, Utility Clerk; and 5 residents.
3. **PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES – MOTION** by Selin, support by Berg to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA – MOTION** by Randall, support by Selin to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.
5. **PUBLIC COMMENT –** None
6. **PETITIONS-** None
7. **COMMUNICATIONS:** - Gogebic County Notice of Intent to prepare its Materials Management Plan, which is required by Part 115, Solid Waste Management, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451. All meetings will be open to the public. Meeting dates and times will be displayed at the Gogebic County Courthouse and will be sent to the local municipalities. MOTION by Randall, support by Selin to approve the communications as presented and place them on file. Motion carried.
8. **REPORTS – BOARDS & COMMITTEES –** Gogebic County Land Bank approved the payments to Smiley’s for the demolition of the old Superior Tree building in Wakefield, and to Routsala’s for the demotion of the old Gambles building in Bessemer. The Land Bank has some funds left over from the second round of the grant and have sent notice to the local municipalities to see if there are any other structures in the area that would qualify.
9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - A) **POST OFFICE STATUS –** The opening date of the post office is still unknown. Power was run to the building the previous week.
 - B) **AUDIT –** The auditor will have a draft of the audit ready for the Township next week.
 - C) **SEWER BACK-UP –** The insurance company has all the information that they requested from the Township. The Supervisor will inform the homeowner when he hears from the insurance company.
 - D) **CITIZENS GRANT ADVISORY GROUP –** The township is waiting for a response from the attorney before moving forward.
 - E) **BLIGHT –** The Treasurer drafted an Agreement between the Township and Mr. Johnson. The Supervisor noted that a few corrections need to be made. Mr. Johnson is ready to sign the document and looks forward to working with the Township.

F) WEST END SEWER PUMP REPAIR – Nothing new to report at this time.

G) DPW WORK TRUCK – Two bids were received for a new DPW work truck. The first bid was from Fox Motors in Negaunee, MI, for a Chevy pickup truck with plow for a purchase price of \$54,975.00. The truck would be available immediately. The second bid was from Marthaler of Minocqua, WI, for a Chevy pickup truck with plow for a purchase price of \$61,045.00. The truck would be available within 3-6 months. MOTION by Selin, support by Randall for the Supervisor and DPW to look over the two bids and make a recommendation at the next meeting. Motion carried.

H) EXCESS INVENTORY – PROPERTY – Two lots within the Township were listed for sale, asking interested individuals to submit sealed bids. The first property is located on Horseshoe Bend. The township received two bids: 1) James Clemo for \$3,000.00. 2) Mark Selin for \$1,501.00. MOTION by Selin, support by Randall to accept the bid from James Clemo for \$3,000.00. Motion carried by roll call vote. The second property is located on Granite Street. The township received three bids: 1) Kurt and Denise Haas for \$5,551.00. 2) John Brown for \$6,699.00. 3) Jacob Negri for \$5,001.00. MOTION by Selin, support by Randall to accept the bid from John Brown for \$6,699.00. Motion carried by roll call vote/

10. NEW BUSINESS

A) DPW PURCHASE – The DPW is requesting the Board approve the purchase of a battery powered grease gun at a cost of \$299.00. Discussion took place on setting a spending amount that requires Board approval, so that not all purchases would need to be approved. MOTION by Selin, support by Randall to approve the \$299.00 purchase of the grease gun. MOTION carried by roll call vote.

11. **TREASURER’S REPORT** – The last day to pay Summer taxes is September 16, 2024. Lisa Hegbloom, Deputy Treasurer, will be in the office during business hours that day to collect payments.

12. APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLL & MILEAGE –

FUND	CHECK NUMERS	AMOUNT
General Fund	# 17096 – 17118	\$15,280.42
Water Fund	# 22530-22532	\$469.11
Anvil Sewer	#1415 – 1416	\$1,258.00
Ramsay Sewer	#2909 -2910	\$873.82
West End Sewer	#1305 – 1306	\$5,048.22
Blackjack Water		

MOTION by Selin, support by Randall to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote. The Clerk informed the Board that she applied for a \$5,000 grant through the Center for Tech and Civic Living nonpartisan 2024 Rural and Nonmetro Election Infrastructure Grant Program. She stated that other local clerks have also applied for the grant and have all been approved.

13. **PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS** – The Utility Clerk updated the Board on the delinquent water accounts. She stated that out of the 25 that were given shut-off notices, only 2 were shut off. The Utility Clerk also provided the Clerk with the Aged Accounts Receivable Report.

Discussion took place on estimated meter reads and the reason for the estimation; if funds have increased since water rates were increased; the water pressure in Anvil.

14. **ADJOURNMENT** – MOTION by Selin, support by Randall to adjourn the meeting at 5:36 p.m. Motion carried.

These minutes are respectfully submitted:

Erin Berg, Township Clerk