

Regular Board Meeting
November 11, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

1. The 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, Steven Selin – Trustee. Absent: Erin Bunt.

3. MOTION by Randall, supported by Roberts, to assign the Treasurer Hope Tarnaski as the recordkeeper for the meeting in the absence of the Clerk. 4 Ayes. Nays: 1, Motion carried.

4. **PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES** – MOTION by Selin, support by Roberts to approve the minutes of 10/28/24 as presented. Motion carried.

5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – MOTION by Randall, support by Roberts to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – Mr Robert Berg was present in the audience and addressed the board to consider updating the signage on Chaney Lake Road as you enter the Township jurisdiction. The sign has deteriorated extensively, and the indication of Bessemer Township as the location is barely discernable. Discussion was had. The township thanked Mr. Berg for his comments.

7. **PETITIONS**- None

8. **COMMUNICATIONS**: - None

9. **REPORTS – BOARDS & COMMITTEES** –

*Financial report was presented orally on behalf of the Bessemer Heritage Committee by Supervisor Randall. Motion by Randall, supported by Selin to receive the Financial Report as presented and placed on file. 4 Ayes. Nays: none. Motion carried.

*Correspondence was received from Mr. John Koput regarding water quality. Mr. Koput was sent the GRWA water quality report for review.

*Blight officer Mr. LeRoy Johnson was in attendance and presented the board with an oral report of his progress to date as follows: he has two cases he is now actively working on for blight and is under the process of reviewing the ordinances. Mr. Johnson shared that the ordinances need to be updated, and the ability to issue civil infractions needs to be incorporated into the ordinances. Discussion was had. Mr. Johnson also provided the board members with zoning maps for the township, an article entitled “Getting the most out of Civil Infractions” Author Fahey Schultz Burzych Rhodes. Additional discussion was had.

*Delinquent Utility Account listing was reviewed as submitted by Utility Clerk Lisa Hegbloom. Motion by Selin, supported by Tarnaski, to approve the listed as submitted and authorize the Utility Clerk to proceed with the process to send the listing to Ms. Prisbe, assessor for placement on the property tax listing for winter tax collection. ROLL CALL VOTE AYES: Randall, Roberts, Selin, Tarnaski. Nays: None. Motion carried.

*PAUD Delinquent Utility Account listing. The listing was reviewed as submitted on behalf of PAUD by Supervisor Randall. MOTION by Randall, supported by Selin, to approve the listing as submitted and authorize the placement on the property tax listing for winter tax

collection. ROLL CALL VOTE AYES: Roberts, Tarnaski, Randall, Selin. Nays: None. Motion carried.

*Discussion was had regarding individuals hunting on township property that is posted as no trespassing. Law enforcement was called, and equipment was removed from the site. Individual came to the township hall and was argumentative regarding the right to hunt and post on the land. Supervisor Randall has contacted the attorney for direction. MOTION by Tarnaski, supported by Randall to authorize the supervisor to contact the attorney and incur legal fees, determine a process for postings, ensure we are compliant for installation of signage and utilize lavender paint at the site, and obtain a sample ordinance for consideration for processing, posting and enforcement of trespassing violations within areas such as the lagoon that pose a danger to our work crew, surrounding neighbors, and the infrastructure that is in place. ROLL CAL VOTE AYES: Selin, Roberts, Tarnaski, Randall. Nays: None. Motion carried.

*Section 32: Discussion was had. More information forthcoming.

*Snowflake signs: DPW work crew restrung the lights on all snowflakes and installed them using the new equipment. (man bucket) Township commended the crew on the aesthetics of the snowflakes greeting visitors and residents entering and exiting main street. The township board also extended thanks for the effort to bring the lights up to date while saving the cost of new purchases.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. POST OFFICE STATUS – No update. Municipality eagerly awaits grand opening of this service.

B. AUDIT – Brief discussion was had. No update yet, and the board is unsure if the Clerk has submitted the information the auditor was requesting to close the audit.

C. PROCUREMENT POLICY/CREDIT CARD LIMIT. A brief discussion was had. The board tabled the finalization to allow for a few more edits regarding the bidding process timeframes and a few other items. The treasurer will update the policy for review at the next meeting.

D. In Lieu of Health Insurance. A brief discussion was had. The treasurer will review the current policy coverages and prepare some suggestions for consideration of employees eligible for insurance who waive coverage.

11. NEW BUSINESS

A. COMPUTER PURCHASE FOR ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: Discussion was had. Estimated cost was reviewed. MOTION by Tarnaski, supported by Selin to authorize purchase of new computer equipment for ordinance enforcement officer at a cost not to exceed \$1230.00. Ayes: Roberts, Tarnaski, Randall, Selin. Nays: None. Motion carried. The supervisor will proceed with contacting AI's Computer Service for purchase.

B. TOWNSHIP HALL USE BY LAW ENFORCEMENT FOR TRAINING. Discussion was had. MOTION by Tarnaski, supported by Selin to allow local law enforcement to utilize the space requested for training purposes at no cost. ROLL CALL VOTE AYES: Roberts, Tarnaski, Randall, Selin. Nays: None. Motion carried.

11. **TREASURER'S REPORT** – Balances were read in each of the Township's accounts.

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

FUND	CHECK NUMERS	AMOUNT
General Fund	# 17209-17232	\$12888.55
Water Fund	# 22561-22562	\$839.07
Anvil Sewer	#	\$
Ramsay Sewer	#	\$
West End Sewer	#1309	\$3826.40
Blackjack Water		

MOTION by Tarnaski, support by Selin to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote.

13. **PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS** – Supervisor Randall thanked the board members for their service, as some will not be returning for the next term.

14. **ADJOURNMENT** – MOTION by Randall, support by Tarnaski to adjourn the meeting at 6:29 p.m. Motion carried.

These minutes are respectfully submitted:

Hope C Tarnaski, Township Clerk