

Negaunee Township Regular Board Meeting
December 12, 2013

Call to Order

William Carlson, Township Supervisor, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Other Board members present included John Ennett, Carl Nurmi and Duane Soine. Jackie Shier taking minutes in the absence of Rachel Sertich.

Absent: Rachel Sertich

Agenda

There were two items added to the agenda -

In old business: Road Estimates

In Public comment: Don Bekela

Upon motion of John Ennett, seconded by Carl Nurmi the amended Agenda was approved.
Motion Carried.

Approval of Minutes

Upon motion of John Ennett, seconded by Carl Nurmi, the minutes as presented were approved.
Motion Carried.

Public Comment

Nick Leach presented his completed project "Mapping Negaunee Township Water System" using the GIS program. The program maps the location of all houses on the Negaunee Township water system, the Hydrants and Curb stop locations within 50 cm. Additional information can be added to the program for future use. Russ Williams stated that he had already used the program and he felt that it was a great asset .

Donald and Christine Bekela, After some discussion regarding the portion of the roadway on N Basin that they had moved without permission it was decided upon motion of John Ennett, seconded by Duane Soine, that the Bekela's had until the April 10, 2014 meeting to decide if they would go through Circuit Court to amend the plat and leave the road where it is at or move it back to it's original position. Motion Carried

Old Business

Road Estimates John Ennett provided budget information for W Wilderness and Cedar Lane. Upon review of the budget John suggested that W Wilderness, Cedar Lane and Annex Rd. be included in the 2014 road repairs if all three could be completed within the same time frame. Upon motion of John Ennett, seconded by Carl Nurmi, W Wilderness, Cedar Lane and Annex Rd. would be included in 2014 contract with the Marquette County Road Commission to be worked on if all three could be completed within the same time frame. To be paid in 4 yearly installments of \$79,000.00 per year. Motion Carried.

New Business

Wellhead Control Panel Some information was provided from Kleiman in regards to the Control Panel. Further information from Bay Electric would be forthcoming.

AICP Certification for Joe Schanlan Joe provided the Board with information regarding the AICP(American Institute of Certified Planners) Certification that he would like to apply for. The total cost would be \$705.00 and that would include becoming a member of APA(American Planners Association)National - \$150.00, MI - \$60.00 Application for AICP - \$70.00 and the exam fee of \$425.00. After some discussion Duane Soine made the motion, seconded by Carl Nurmi, to pay \$352.50 of the \$705.00 total cost, but if Joe were to leave the Township before three years after acquiring the certification he would be required to repay Negaunee Township the \$352.50. Motion Carried.

Assessor Search Committe John stated that as of May, 2014 Kelly Laakso would be resigning as the Negaunee Township Assessor. John would like to see a full time person or someone that c keep regular weekly hours replace Kelly. John would like to have the search committee consist of himself, Carrie Heard and Rachel Sertich. Upon motion of Carl Nurmi, seconded by Duane Soine the Township Assessor search committee would consist of John Ennett, Carrie Heard and Rachel Sertich. Motion Carried.

Reports

Community Center Board Duane Soine as the Board member liaison for the Community Center Board commented on the meeting dated December 7, 2013. Items highlighted were, 1) The Ice Rink was being worked on for the upcoming season and 2) Johnson Controls would be coming in to make an assessment on the problem with the heat in Rachel's office.

Fire Department Report Jim Elenbaas, Asst Chief reviewed the written Fire Department /EMS report dated December 12, 2013: Items highlighted included, 1) 12 calls for the month of November, 2) Combined training with fire and EMS over PI accidents and cold weather precautions and truck checks, and 3)Election of officers held on Monday December 9, 2013 for the Boards approval. Upon motion of John Ennett, seconded by Carl Nurmi, the following individuals were appointed as officers of the Negaunee Township Fire Department for the 2014 year.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Jeff Kontio	Fire Chief
Jim Elenbaas	Assistant Fire Chief
Dale Rogers	1 st Hose Captain
Doug Pascoe	1 st Ladder Captain
Joe Huskey	2 nd Hose Captain
Marc Herring	2 nd Ladder Captain
Bridgett Karuzas	EMS Captain
Ken Bielby	First Lieutenant
Keith Mingori	Second Lieutenant

Secretary
Treasurer

Reuven Romback
Bill Ellerbruch

Water Deptment Report Water Department supervisor Russ Williams, provided a written report dated November 2013. The report included 1) 24 meters had been replaced on M35 and one meter was left to be installed on Co. Rd 510, 2) Meters were often on back order, 3) Meters will be read all winter by Charlie and Russ, no call ins would be necessary, 4) Pump at Well #1 had to be replaced. Bacti samples had been taken and #1 was ready to use. Russ was working with Bill, Jeff Talsma, Dick Supina and Klieman's on replacing starters in the Pumphouse, 5) Snow plow had been put on the truck, and 6) the Handheld meter reader was broken and it had been sent in for repair.

John Ennett asked about the continued water loss and what was being done to fine where the water was going. Russ stated that they had hired someone to look for the leak, but that nothing was found, and that our Engineer Dick Supina did have any ideas. John asked if he could do some research on it and Russ agreed.

Clerk Report(Bills, Claims)

Water fund checks # 6709 through 6723 totaling \$21,358.26 were reviewed. Upon motion of John Ennett, seconded by Carl Nurmi, the Water fund checks as presented were approved. Motion Carried.

No report of the General fund checks were provided.

Dave Rice of the Community Center Board provided the Board with a Budget Adjustment report. Upon motion of John Ennett, seconded by Carl Nurmi the budget adjustments for the Community Center Board were approved as presented. Motion Carried.

Planning Report

Carl Nurmi Board Liaison, provided an update on the Planning meeting held on December 10, 2013. Highlights were: 1) Private Road off of County Rd 510, 2) Discussed the revamping of the Kona Ridge project.

John Ennett asked about the status of the Anderson/ Johnson property. After some discussion regarding the displeasure of how the Township Attorney was handling the project, John Ennett made the motion, seconded by Carl Nurmi to have the Township Supervisor, Bill Carlson send a letter to Attorney Kevin Koch stating the Boards disappointment in that the Anderson/Johnson issue was not being handled according to the Townships wishes. Motion Carried. A special Board meeting for January 13, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. will be set up to meet with Attorney Koch and discuss the issues.

Assessor's Report Kelly Laakso's written report included, 1) North Basin Plat Issues, 2) 2013 Roll Prep., 3) December Board of Review and 4) Personal Property Statements.

Treasurer's Report John noted that the winter tax bills had gone out.

Supervisor's Report William Carlson, Township Supervisor, provided an update on Township activities since the last Board meeting, including: 1) Marquette Co Township relation meeting, 2) Regulatory Transportation Committee, 3) Township legal issues with the Dead River Campers. Bill also provided information on the City of Marquette Bypass Routes.

Brownfield Committee Joe Scanlan has made up a list of potential sites to be considered.

Wellhead Protection Committee No report

Advisory Trail Committee No report.

Personnel Committee No meeting had been held.

Emergency Management Report Mr Carlson noted manuals and maps were up-to-date.

Correspondence

None

Additional Public Comment

Carrie Heard, State Highway M35 stated that she didn't feel that we should be paying the Attorney for work not done the way the township asked for.

Joe Scanlan, Township employee stated that he would like to purchase one of the replaced Computers and Monitors. John Ennett stated that he was not sure if they would clear the hard drive or take the hard drives out but that when that was taken care of the Computers, monitors, and keyboards could be purchased for \$1.00 for each unit.

Board Member Comments

Duane Soine stated that it was good to be back.

Johns Ennett thanked Jackie Shier for filling in for Rachel. He also asked if a Yield sign could be placed on one end of the Heritage Rd bridge. It was stated that the Marquette Co Rd Commission would have to be contacted regarding the Yield sign.

Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled Township Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 9, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment

No further business appearing and upon motion of Carl Nurmi, seconded by John Ennett, the meeting was duly adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Jackie Shier
Negaunee Township Deputy Clerk

