

## **Negaunee Township Special Board Meeting – July 26, 2013**

### **Call to Order**

William Carlson, Township Supervisor, called the Special Meeting of the Negaunee Township Board to order at 10:00 a.m. Other Board members present included John Ennett, Carl Nurmi, Rachel Sertich and Duane Soine.

Absent: None

### **Purpose of the Special Meeting**

The purpose of the Special Meeting was to discuss: 1) recent lawsuit filing against the Township by Kona Ridge, and 2) legal representation and funding for defense of Kona Ridge lawsuit filing

### **Kona Ridge Lawsuit – Co.Rd. 510 Gravel Pit Operation**

The following items were discussed:

- MML indicated because the filing was vague and filed as inverse condemnation, with no monetary dollar amounts provided, they are unable to help with the matter at this time.
- The Township has 21 days to respond to the filing.
- Joe Scanlan, Zoning Administrator, had spoken with Attorney Steve Pence who had handled a similar lawsuit in the Copper Country, and he indicated he would be willing to look at the information.
- Kevin Koch, Negaunee Township Attorney, indicated he'd be willing to work with Steve Pence regarding the lawsuit – which ultimately might be remanded back to the Planning Commission in order for them to review the original decision.
- How much would it cost to have an appraisal conducted to see how local property values would be impacted should a gravel pit operation commence in the area.
- What other site opportunities exist for the Kona Ridge property (subdivision, etc).

Upon motion of John Ennett, seconded by Carl Nurmi, the Negaunee Township Supervisor was authorized to work with attorney Kevin Koch and Attorney Steve Pence regarding the Kona Ridge lawsuit. Motion Carried.

### **Adjournment**

No further business appearing, the Special Board meeting was duly adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Sertich  
Negaunee Township Clerk