

## Negaunee Township Regular Board Meeting – June 12, 2014

### 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 Duane Soine, John Ennett, Carl Nurmi and Rachel Sertich.

Absent: None

### Agenda

The previously amended agenda was reviewed. Upon motion of John Ennett, seconded by Carl Nurmi, the amended agenda as presented was approved. Motion Carried.

### Approval of Minutes

Board members reviewed minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held on May 8, 2014. Upon motion of John Ennett, seconded by Duane Soine, the minutes as presented were approved. Motion Carried.

### Public Comment

None

### Old Business

Water Rate Proposal Letter Board members reviewed a draft letter to Water Department customers notifying them of a proposed change to the water rate structure. Upon motion of John Ennett, seconded by Carl Nurmi, approval was given to forward a letter to all Water Department customers regarding a proposed change to the water rate structure with a Public Hearing to be held during the next Board meeting scheduled for July 17, 2014. Motion Carried

Forge Road Water Line Extender The Forge Road water main extension was discussed, along with the fact the Township needs to decide whether or not to move forward otherwise easements for the project (expire in 2015) may be lost. Upon motion of Duane Soine, seconded by John Ennett, approval was given to move forward with the Forge Road water main project at an approximate cost to the Township of \$500,000. Motion Carried.

Water Tank Land – U.S. Highway 41 It was noted in 2011 the Township Supervisor had spoken with Tanya Scott about possibly purchasing land for on which a water storage tank could be built. After further discussion, the Supervisor noted he would again touch base with the Scott family.

### New Business

Employee Member – Personnel Committee With Rita Laitinen's resignation from the Personnel Committee, a new employee member was needed to fill her remaining term. After an employee meeting, secret ballots had been cast with Russ Williams receiving the most votes. Upon motion of John Ennett, seconded by Duane Soine, approval was given for Russ Williams to serve as the Employee member of the Personnel Committee through March 31, 2015. Motion Carried.

Pioneer Days Float It was noted Russ Williams from the Water Department is building a float for the Pioneer Days Parade. Board members indicated with the float being completed on his own time and with his own funds, they did not have an issue with it being made and presented in the parade. It was also recommended next year, perhaps other Departments can assist with the float if they so desire.

Seney Road Signage Board members reviewed a letter from Sandra Mattila requesting signage be placed on Seney Road. Upon motion of Rachel Sertich, seconded by Carl Nurmi, approval was given to place a "Slow Children" sign on Seney Road. Motion Carried.

Winslow Letter – Forge Easement A letter to Adam and Linda Winslow regarding cutting wood on the easement through their property was reviewed.

**MDOT Permit Resolution** The Township Supervisor noted he had signed the AT&T extension for the MDOT Right-of-Way permit.

**Garbage Contract Increase** Upon motion of Carl Nurmi, seconded by Rachel Sertich, approval was given to increase by garbage hauling contract with North County Disposal by 1.5% COLA rate to \$8,068.50 per month effective July 1, 2014 (\$7,949.26 + \$119.24), with no increase in fuel costs as the base rate has not exceeded \$.50 per gallon change. Motion Carried.

## **Reports**

**Community Center Board** Duane Soine, Board Liaison, provided a report on the Community Center Board meeting held on June 5, 2014. Items highlighted included: 1) waiting for the installation of the guardrail at Shelly Roberts Field, 2) fertilizer had been purchased for the ball fields, 3) a new Ice Rink worker will be needed for next winter, and 4) the Winter Rec Director was looking to establish a Summer Rec Program.

Board members asked if any progress had been made with the Carp River Property. Dale Rogers was working with the adjacent property owner for property access, and an update on the status of this would need to be obtained.

**Fire Department Report** Jeff Konio, Fire Chief, was in attendance to review the written Fire Department / EMS report dated June 12, 2014: Items highlighted included: 1) 8 calls for the month of May (53 calls years to date), 2) training was the first of the apparatus and hose testing cycles, 3) anticipating October delivery for the new tanker truck and 4) the Department is working to prepare for National Night Out which will be held on August 8, 2014.

**Water Report** Board members reviewed the written June, 2014 report from Water Supervisor, Russ Williams.

## **Clerk Report(Bills, Claims)**

Water fund checks #6811 through #6823 with a total of \$20,781.84 were reviewed. Upon motion of Carl Nurmi, seconded by John Ennett, the Water fund checks as presented were approved. Motion Carried.

General Fund checks #23201 through #23297 (total \$103,812.19) and ACH items for April and May, 2014 (total \$24,296.16) with a grand total of \$128,108.35 were reviewed. Upon motion of Carl Nurmi, seconded by Duane Soine, the General fund items presented were approved. Motion Carried.

**Planning Report** Carl Nurmi, Board Liaison, provided an update on the Planning meeting held on June 3, 2014 along with a written report by Lauren Nenadovich, Zoning Administrator, dated June 5, 2014. Highlights included: 1) commercial site review for North Country transfer station, and 2) cease and desist letter to Associated Constructors.

**Cease & Desist Letter – Associated Constructors** Board members discussed gravel and sand removal taking place near Associated Constructor's property at the Midway Industrial Park. Upon motion of John Ennett, seconded by Carl Nurmi, approval was given for Township Attorney, Kevin Koch, to forward a Cease and Desist letter to Associated Constructors for unpermitted sand and gravel removal. Motion Carried.

**Assessor's Report** John Gehres, Assessor, provided a written monthly report dated June 6 2014. Items highlighted included: 1) Inspections, and 2) GIS, including seeking a quote from the County's Equalization area to add a dimension layer to the Township's GIS system.

**Treasurer's Report** John Ennett, Township Treasurer, noted he had no items to update Board members on.

**Supervisor's Report** William Carlson, Township Supervisor, provided an update on Township activities since the last Board meeting, including: 1) Tax sale of the Doney property on Midway Drive and possible uses, 2) work on the Forge Road water connector, 3) attendance at the U.S. 41 Advisory Committee, 4) updating garbage contract monthly fee, and 5) discussing of water funding options with Doug Pascoe and Range Bank.

**Wellhead Protection Committee** No report.

**Brownfield Authority** No report.

**Advisory Trial Committee** No report.

**Personnel Committee** No report, but Committee will look to schedule a meeting prior to the July Board meeting.

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

### **Correspondence**

- Attorney Letter – Dead River Campers Pre-Trial
- Letter to Trevor Fosco – Private Water Service
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### **Additional Public Comment**

None

### **Informational Items**

- MCTA Notes
- KBIC Informational Items
- MTA – Road Supervisor / Zoning Admin
- Township / Road Committee Relations Report
- Service Award

### **Board Member Comment**

Duane Soine asked about the date of the July, 2014 meeting.

John Ennett asked what, if anything, could be done about the storage facility on U.S. 41 (near the Mining Museum road), which is taking on the appearance of a junkyard.

Rachel Sertich noted water is flowing on the edge of Co.Rd. 510 on the hill near where the new water drainage and retention pond had been built. The Township Supervisor indicated he would notify the Marquette County Road Commission.

### **Next Meetings**

Upon motion of Carl Nurmi, seconded by Duane Soine, the next scheduled Township Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, July 17, 2014, to be held at 7 p.m. at the Negaunee Township Hall.

### **Adjournment**

No further business appearing and upon motion of Rachel Sertich, seconded by Carl Nurmi, the meeting was duly adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Sertich  
Negaunee Township Clerk