

**BEMIDJI TOWNSHIP TOWN BOARD  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Jan Heuer, Pete Fredrickson, John Rowles, Brian Merschman, Erin Stieg, Michelle Anderson

**CALL TO ORDER:** The regular meeting of the Bemidji Township Town Board was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairperson Jan Heuer and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

**AGENDA:** After review and discussion, Brian Merschman made a motion, seconded by Pete Fredrickson to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried unanimously.

**MINUTES:** The meeting minutes for March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013 were reviewed and Brian Merschman motioned to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by John Rowles and carried. Pete Fredrickson abstained from voting since he was not present at the March 5<sup>th</sup> Town Board meeting.

**CONSTITUENTS (see attached attendance sheet):** No constituent issues.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Roads:** Road supervisor Pete Fredrickson mentioned that J.D. Hansen & Sons should double check the township roads that travel north and south to make sure that they are clear of snow drifts.

**Signs:** No report.

**Fire:** Brian Merschman spoke with Fire Chief Dave Hoefler regarding the proposed Fire District. The City of Bemidji is interested in a "Joint Powers Entity" (JPE) similar to that of the Joint Planning Board/Committee. There was discussion about non-profit organizations as well as taxes for the City of Bemidji versus Bemidji Township. It seems apparent that this agreement would benefit the City more than it would benefit any of the Townships that would be involved, but more analysis is needed to determine exactly how beneficial it will be. Pete Fredrickson motioned for Brian to draft a letter to the Rural Fire Association and Brian seconded that motion but replied that he needs more information with accurate numbers before he could do this. The motion passed unanimously.

**Weeds:** Brian made a motion for Erin to write an email to Dick Anderson to check on the progress of the weed committee. Pete seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

**BATO/ BRACO:** No report.

**Joint Governance:** Erin was asked to draft a letter to the Joint Planning Office that Pete Fredrickson and Brian Merschman have now been appointed for JPB representatives after the restructuring meeting for 2013.

Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> was proposed by the JPO as a tentative date for Bemidji Township to host the Joint L.G.U. meeting. Since this date does not work for anyone on our Board, Erin will propose April 26<sup>th</sup> instead.

**Legal Issues:** No Report.

**JOINT PLANNING:**

**Administrator's Report:** No Report.

**JPC Representatives Attendance:** Michelle Anderson was present as a representative for the JPC. No other representatives were present.


**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Renewing Rental Permits:** The clerk will send property owners a renewal application with a letter requesting a permit fee to renew the rental permits that were originally granted in 2008.  
**B.O.A. Open Book Meeting:** Erin informed the Board that since nobody from Bemidji Township was available for the Board of Adjustment hearing last year, they will need to draft a resolution requesting the Adjustment Board be granted back to Bemidji Township. Since it is too late for 2013, this year's hearing will be an open meeting held at the Administration Building on May 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:00a.m.

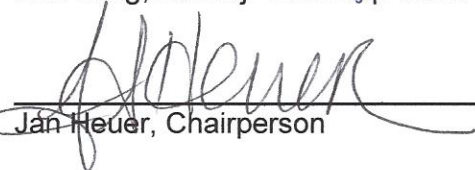
**ADJOURN:**

Brian Merschman made a motion, seconded by Pete Fredrickson, to adjourn. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Prepared by Erin Stieg, Bemidji Township Clerk

  
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Approved 4/19/13 \_\_\_\_\_

  
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Jan Heuer, Chairperson