

**Charter Township of Ironwood
Regular Meeting
Monday August 12, 2019**

Call to Order: 5:30 pm Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Jim Simmons-Supervisor, Mary Segalin-Clerk, Maria Graser-Treasurer

Trustees: Bev Michaels, Bernie Brunello, Kevin Lyons, Marlene Saari

Absent: None

Also Present: Joe Rohde, Scott Carlson-Fire Chief, Ron Jacobson, LeRoy Johnson-Zoning Administrator, George Kivi, Harvey Hulstrom, Dan Siirila, and Mark McDonald-Township Attorney

Public Comment: (3 minute limits) None

Amendments to Agenda: New Business: Confined Area for Sunset Rd Homes Only- Concerning Chickens. Communications: Robbie Douglas Letter- concerning water shut off/on fee, Bill McDonald- Concerning Garbage Service. A motion was made by Brunello supported by Michaels to accept the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Brunello supported by Saari to accept the minutes as presented from the Regular Meeting on July 22, 2019. Motion carried.

Bills and Salaries: General Fund-#45067-45159- \$67,880.41, Water Fund- #9016-9023- \$23,885.36, Wastewater Fund- #1889-1893- \$30,879.70. A motion was made by Brunello supported by Lyons to accept the bills and salaries as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote. All ayes.

Appearances: None

Old Business: Simmons spoke with Joan Movrich concerning broadband in the township. Joan stated we do not qualify at this time due to the population. She also said it may be available in the future and she will keep us informed. Dan Siirila said it may be possible for Gogebic County to obtain broadband since Rep. Bergman owns a home in Watersmeet and is pushing for it. He stated Gogebic County Board is looking into this issue.

Communications: Carol Corpe and Bill McDonald sent letters to the Board concerning being added to the garbage roll. They do not live full time in the Township and feel they shouldn't have to pay for garbage collection. Simmons will send them a letter stating this rule is according to our ordinance; he will also send them a copy of the ordinance. A motion was made by Brunello supported by Michaels to deny their requests to be taken off the garbage roll. Motion carried.

A letter was presented to the board from Rob Douglas concerning his water shut off/ turn on fee. He has had several overdue notices every month, in which he is given 15 days to pay. A motion was made by Simmons supported by Lyons to deny his request of waiver of the fee. Motion carried.

New Business: The Introduction to Ordinance 58 was presented. This new Ordinance will amend Ordinance 41- Building Code and Residential Code Enforcement. This amendment will eliminate the building permit portion of the ordinance since building permits have nothing to do with zoning. A motion was made by Brunello supported by Saari to accept the introduction to Ordinance 58 as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote. All Ayes.

Simmons stated he had the Fire Dept. garage roof evaluated, due to reported leaking. The roof is no longer under warranty and needs replacing. A budget amendment will be made for Town Hall Capital Improvements to allow this expenditure after bids are received. A motion was made by Segalin supported by Michaels to have the roof replacement put out on bids. Motion carried.

There have been some complaints about allowing chickens to roam free in yards on Sunset Rd, as the yards are not very wide. Johnson will bring this up at the next PC meeting to see if anything can be done about this.

Reports:

Supervisor: The auditors were here to finalize the 2016 audit. Several adjustments and journal entries have been made. Simmons is hopeful that the auditors will be done with all audits up to 2018 by 3rd quarter's end.

Thanked Tom Novascone, our new Assessor services and commitment so far and Dan Siirilia for aiding in the tax disbursement issue from the embezzlement.

The gym roof repairs are coming along.

Treasurer: The lighted stop signs have been installed at Lake/Airport and Jackson/ Lake Roads. The June 2019 Treasurer's Report was presented for the board to review. Graser also stated that the Township wide rummage sales are this weekend- the locations will be posted on the website, newspaper and at the office before 4:30 pm on Friday August 16.

Clerk: The June 2019 bank balances (Clerk vs. Treasurer) were presented to the board for their review. Also the June 2019 Financials- all funds were presented to the board.

Trustees: Brunello- Attended a Waste Water Meeting, truck repairs are needed.
Lyons- Wondered if the sewer infiltration problems have been addressed yet. LeRoy and the maintenance men are investigating them.
Michaels- Wondered if UPCAP is still remodeling Milltrace Apts. Graser reported that a building permit has been written up but not picked up yet.
Saari- None

Fire Dept.: None

Public Comment: A citizen would like to build the shelter around the Lake Rd. Spring. He said it was approved at a past board meeting but never was done. He also complained about culverts, ditching around Little Girls Point area.

Closed Session: A motion was made by Segalin supported by Saari to enter into closed session at 6:38 pm. Motion carried. A motion was made by Michaels supported by Brunello to enter into open session at 7:06 pm. Motion carried.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Segalin supported by Graser to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 pm. Motion carried.

James Simmons, Supervisor

Mary Segalin, Clerk