

**Charter Township of Ironwood
Regular Meeting
May 29, 2018**

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

Roll Call: Supervisor Steve Boyd, Clerk Mary Segalin, Treasurer Maria Graser

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Sandy Lahtinen, Ron Jacobson, Joe Rohde, Fire Chief-Scott Carlson, Sandy Baron, Al Baron, Laurie Soltis, Joan Hawley, Lynn and Isaac Ormes, George Kivi, Lynne Wiercinski, Peggy Krohn.

Amendments to Agenda: New Business: June 11, 2018 regular board meeting date change. A motion by Lyons, supported by Brunello to accept the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Public Comment: (3 minute limit). A citizen had mentioned that the seasonal employee job description had changed taking off the GIS software to computer knowledge.

Consent Agenda:

- **Minutes:** Minutes from May 14, 2018 will be approved at the next meeting due to typographical errors. A motion made by Brunello supported by Michaels to accept the May 2, 2018 closed session minutes. Motion carried.
- **Salaries:** General Fund-43742- 43769- totaling \$27,849.66, Water Fund-8865-8866- Totaling \$534.27, Wastewater Fund- 1815- Totaling \$1,667.86.

A motion was made by Lyons supported by Saari to accept the bills and salaries as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Appearances: Joan Hawley, a consultant for Environmental Equality, made a presentation on GIWA fund requirements. Within the next 7-10 years there will be equipment replacements needed for the treatment plant. There will be a possible rate increase for sewer of \$2-\$3 per household, per month affecting, Hurley, City of Ironwood and Ironwood Township. Randy Scott also stated that an income survey should be done in the Township- it will further impact the sewer rates, possibly lower rates and open up options for some different grants that may be available.

Old Business: The Library committee recommends sending the Bessemer Library a 30 day notice to end the current contract with Charter Township of Ironwood. A motion was made by Lyons supported by Graser to allow Boyd to send an end of contract letter to the Bessemer Library giving the 30 days' notice, as required in contract. Motion carried. A motion was made by Lyons supported by Michaels to allow the Ironwood Carnegie Library and the Bessemer Library to submit bids for a new 1 year contract, due by June 8, 2018. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

A motion was made by Lyons supported by Graser to allow a water line locator to be purchased for \$3,300 due to warranty and repairs that can be done locally. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Communications: A motion was made by Lyons supported by Brunello to place the Gogebic Co. Veterans financial reports, GIWA agreement, GRWA 2017 Water quality report on file. Motion carried.

The Gogebic Range Water Authority 2017 Water Quality Report is on the website and copies are at the office for citizens to review.

A citizen had sent a letter to Mr. Boyd, thanking him for being diligent with the former Treasurer's embezzlement case and bringing her to justice.

New Business: A motion was made by Lyons supported by Segalin to get the weed control applied at the Airport Park at a cost of \$700 every other year as the soccer team pays for it every other year. Motion carried.

Supervisor Boyd has recommended hiring a part time seasonal worker, Doug Palmeter, working 24-30 hrs. per week and another possible part time seasonal employee for the remaining of the unused hours per week, but only combined hours adding up to 30 hrs. A motion was made by Brunello supported by Saari to accept the recommendation of Supervisor Boyd for the seasonal workers. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

A motion was made by Lyons supported by Graser to adopt Resolution 2018-6 General Fund Budget Amendment. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

A motion was made by Brunello supported by Segalin to allow Boyd to sign the Road Commission road repair contract for 2018. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

The contract with Sunset Acres and Mike Foley, for leasing/farming land in the Twp. was tabled due to contract questions by the Board.

The June 11, 2018 Regular board meeting is rescheduled due to conflicting schedules. The new meeting date is set for June 14, 2018 at 5:30 pm and will be posted. A motion was made by Brunello supported by Saari to change the date. Motion carried.

Reports:

Supervisor:

Meetings Attended: PAUD, GIW budget and contract negotiations, road maintenance trip

Road Issues: Went out with the Road commissioner to make a spot check on repairs. If anyone feels we should look at their roads for spot repairs, not major renovations, please let me know so we can put it on the maintenance list. Also we will again have \$25,000 for gravel road repairs. If anyone knows of a graveled area that needs attention, please contact this office. Final PAZER report will be during the summer. They have already used one tanker of the total patches. Plan is to put down chip seal on Lake Rd over a mile north From Rick's muffler, and all of Airport Rd. from Lake to Black River. A reminder to everyone that the detour on M-28 is now in effect for the bridge replacement.

Previous Meeting issues:

Removal of annual fee on visa: Fee will be waived in the future and a credit issued for the past payments.

Field Clay: Change in cost over the summer, time of delivery. I am still waiting for more details.

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Treasurer: Graser reported that she cashed the CD's from the Special Grants Fund and put the monies into the Special Grants Fund checking account, which was voted on at the last meeting.

Clerk: Segalin went to QVF certification training in L'Anse, with her deputy, a requirement of the Bureau of Elections. They both also attended training in Bessemer on the new voting equipment provided by the State of Michigan. Segalin also reminded again about flowers at the cemetery can only be in pots or on shepherd's hooks, so the township workers can mow the cemetery more easily.

Trustees:

- Brunello stated that Gogebic Iron Wastewater Authority had negotiations for their employee's insurance.
- Lyons had nothing to report.
- Saari reports that she attended the Enbridge Pipeline meeting, which was an information meeting for Township officials and first responders. She also attended the Gogebic Range Solid Waste Authority meeting.
- Michaels attended the Enbridge Pipeline meeting for information for responders. She also asked if the Township could supply a generator for the Red Cross in case of emergency-when they use the Township Building in a disaster. She also asked if a road traffic study could be done at the corner of Airport Rd. and Lake Rd. due to the recent accident there.

Fire Department: None

Closed Session: None

Public Comment: (3 minute limit) A citizen has asked if and when the internet tower is going up for the Township, Boyd stated it is going up soon, but won't be as tall as previously thought. Another citizen had asked if the current court hearing/case could be discussed yet, Boyd answered that the civil case is still pending, so whatever is out on the media is all he can comment on. A citizen had also complained of the amount of room in the board room during the Special meeting held May 2, 2018, when the forensic auditor was here. Hautala's corner was also mentioned, and how dangerous it is. A Facebook page was suggested and how it may benefit Township residents. Also, that the cemetery should have weed kill applied to it as the weeds are very numerous and complaints about the tall grass for Memorial Day weekend. Another citizen had wondered if the Road Commission can come and fix the culvert on Section 12 Rd., East of Sunset Rd. Boyd stated it will be fixed soon, the Road Commission is aware of it.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Brunello supported by Graser to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 pm. Motion carried.

Steve Boyd, Supervisor

Mary Segalin, Clerk