

**Charter Township of Ironwood
Regular Meeting
October 10, 2016**

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

Roll Call: Supervisor Al Baron, Treasurer Jyl Olson-DeRosso, Clerk Mary Segalin

Trustees: Kevin Lyons, Kathy Maki, Bernie Brunello, Steve Boyd

Absent: None

Also Present: Joe Rohde, Scott Carlson-Fire Chief, Marlene Saari Mieloszyk, Kim Pelkola, James Simmons, Ron Jacobson, Adam Graser, Marie Graser, Rich Jenkins, Larry Grimsby, Linda Ellos, Betsy Wesselhoft, Sandy Baron, Deborah Routheaux, Lynne Wersinski.

Public Comment: Mr. Simmons spoke in regards to the presentation that was made by Randy Scott of C2AE Engineering in regards to our Wastewater System User Charge Report at the September 26, 2016 meeting. In his presentation, Mr. Scott reported the Township average water usage was less than other community's in the area by 44%-47%. Mr. Simmons stated he does not understand the reason given for the stopping of the ACH payment program due to bank fees and he would hope that the new incoming Board could take a closer look at renewing the ACH payments for the water, sewer and garbage bills.

Amendments to Agenda:

Communications-Ironwood Carnegie Library correspondence.

Old Business- Hannula Insurance Agency in regards to a Fun Frolic.

A motion was made by Maki supported by DeRosso to accept the agenda as amended.

Motion carried.

Minutes: Regular Meeting September 26, 2016.

Bills and Salaries: General Fund-41771-41825- \$26,658.91, Water Fund-8651-8659-\$25,059.20, Waste Water Fund- 1713-1716- \$9,997.04.

Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Brunello supported by Boyd to accept the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Appearances: None

Old Business: Hannula Insurance Agency recommended the Fun Frolic be held by personal individual or by the Twp. Fire Department for liability reasons.

Discussion was held in regards to the Lake Road Spring being deeded to the Township from the Gogebic County Road Commission. Questions on the opinion from Hannula Insurance Agency regarding the Township "providing we meet all codes" statement in his opinion.

A Motion was made by Boyd supported by DeRosso to sign the required paperwork deeding the Lake Road Spring to the Township provided the County Road Commission install the proper signage, the Twp. provide monthly water testing and we find out the requirement for the well "to be to code for public use" as stated in Hannula's opinion regarding the Township liability.

Motion carried with a roll call vote with Maki voting no.

The Road Commission will be plowing the Lake Road Spring area in this winter. A sign will be placed by the spring “not potable water”. The Township will be testing the spring (1) once monthly to make sure it is safe. A motion was made by Boyd supported by DeRosso. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Butch Saari submitted a letter concerning the garage across the street. He recommended a new roof be allowed to be put on the garage as the building is still in good condition. The Duralast roof will have a 40 year warranty. A motion was made by Segalin supported by Brunello to accept the bid from Nasi Construction for the new Duralast Roof. Motion carried on a roll call vote. Further discussion as held in regards to if there is other repairs that may need to be done if they are discovered during the installation. Supervisor Baron was authorized to make those decisions as long as the expense does not exceed an additional \$1,500.00

Communication: The Ironwood Carnegie Library will be submitting a proposal for library services no later than October 2017. A Motion was made by Segalin supported by Brunello to place the letter on file. Motion carried.

New Business: Clerk Segalin informed the Board on the agenda item of “Public Hearing” for changing Ordinance 37, because the Ordinance is not a Zoning Ordinance we do not have to have a public hearing on the amendments.

Reports:

Supervisor: A Motion made by Brunello supported by Maki to appoint Boyd to the Gogebic Range Water Authority Board after Baron’s term has expired. Motion carried.

Treasurer: The Road Commission and Coleman Engineering held a meeting informing the Township citizens of the storm damage and the progress made so far. The Road Commission will be posting daily updates on their website.

Clerk: The State Auditor has started reviewing our 2015 Water and Sewer receivables and has requested additional information as she is going along. The Auditor will be notifying the Board if her time will go over the 80 hours approved.

Trustees: MTA will be establishing a policy on the newly passed Medical Marijuana Law for the Townships.

Fire Department: None

Public Comment: (3 minute limit): Mr. Simmons stated he hope the findings from the Mich Dept of Treasury will be available as soon as they complete their work.. Lynne Wersinski introduced herself to the board as the new Carnegie Library Director, and thanked the board for the opportunity to submit a proposal for services.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Brunello supported by Segalin to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 pm. Motion carried.

Alan Baron, Supervisor

Mary Segalin, Clerk