

**Charter Township of Ironwood
Regular Meeting
November 13, 2017**

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

Roll Call: Supervisor Steve Boyd and Treasurer Maria Graser

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

Absent: Mary Segalin, Clerk

Also Present: Scott Carlson-Fire Chief, Joe Rohde, Kim Pelkola, Peggy Krohn, Darrin Kimbler, Ron Jacobson, Linda Ellos, George Kivi, LeRoy Johnson, Ginger Kivisto, and Lynn Coron, Deputy Clerk

Public Comment: Agenda Items Only- None

Amendments to Agenda: Communications: Fire Dept. Policies/Insurance Company. A motion was made by Brunello supported by Michaels to accept the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Minutes: A motion was made by Michaels supported by Saari to accept the minutes as amended from October 23, 2017. Motion carried.

Bills and Salaries: A motion was made by Brunello and supported by Graser to accept the bills and salaries as presented in the all funds, except for Gogebic County Road Commission #43179 need to find out who is responsible for road repair from water leak on lower Sunset Road. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Appearances: None

Old Business: GRWA water usage report was presented for the thru October 2017. The usage has been consistently lower since the water leak repair.

UPCAP requested an Ordinance change for Milltrace Apartments and the PILOT that they are currently receiving. Discussion was held in regards to Ordinance 55 will replacing Ordinance 54 concerning UPCAP (Milltrace), spelling out required improvements, renovations and a timeline. The new Ordinance 55 will be introduced at the next regular Board meeting.

The board was presented with first ½ of the recommended updated Policy and Procedure Manual from the Policy Committee. The board is asked to review and make corrections where necessary, it will be discussed at the next meeting. Boyd also included 3 pages of the job performance evaluation, which will be implemented by years end and every year thereafter.

Communications: The Michigan Township Participating Plan (ins. Co.) for the Fire Dept. has issued new guidelines. The new guidelines are the Fire Department members are to get annual physicals and their driving records need to be reviewed annually.

New Business: Lake Road Spring water tested positive for coliform and negative for e coli. It is advised not to drink the water. The Planning Commission will be conducting a survey about medical marijuana, which is required to get public input on the Master Plan survey.

An update on the Zoning Administrator log for October 2017 was presented.

A motion made by Lyons supported by Brunello to adopt Resolution 2017-19 General Fund amendments. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

A motion was made by Lyons supported by Graser to adopt Resolution 2017-20 Street Light Assessments. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

The board discussed the use of the Twp. Hall basement for classes for groups. Boyd will check to see if it needs to be ADA approved and what the charge will be per event.

Reports:

Supervisor:

Meetings attended: Policy committee meetings, County Board, Budget, GRWA, MTA, and Wastewater Authority.

Roads: All major projects completed. I talked with the road commissioner on Friday about the PAZER project, and due to the unexpected early snow cover, we will have to delay this until the roads are clear and frost is gone, probably in May of 2018. This is actually a good thing, as we will be able to gauge the condition at that time looking forward, and this would include any unexpected damage to roads during this upcoming winter. He did indicate that the initial focus will be finishing Section 12 Road to Sunset, and dealing with the entire stretch of lower Vanderhagen that is prone to flooding.

Previous meeting questions:

Other: We will be scheduling the public hearing for the 2018 budget for 5:00, November 27th, just prior to our regular meeting. The grant for disposal of waste tires was submitted, we have not had a response yet.

Treasurer: Graser presented the board with the Treasurer report, balances on all funds.

Clerk: The September 2017 –all funds financial reports were presented to the board, also October 2017 General Fund financial report. A motion made by Lyons and supported by Brunello to place financial reports on file. Motion carried.

Trustees: No report

Fire Department: Chief Carlson reported the Fire Dept. had 4 fire calls in October. Carlson asked permission to use the gym for the Annual Christmas for Kids event which will be held on Dec. 16, 2017 starting at 9:30 am. A motion was made by Brunello supported by Graser to grant permission. Motion carried.

Chief Carlson also gave to the board new guidelines from the PAR Plan Ins. Company, presented earlier under Communications, for the Fire Dept. members. Two new rules are: Annual physicals for all members and driving record information.

Public Comment: (3 minute limits) A citizen wondered about the Planning Commission survey and what it entails. Kimbler, Planning Commission member, stated the survey is only for land use issues. A citizen had asked about when the Budget hearing will be held. It is scheduled for Nov. 27, 2017 at 5:00 pm in the Township Board Room.

Closed Session: None

Adjournment: A motion was made by Brunello supported by Graser to adjourn at 6:13 pm. Motion carried.

Steve Boyd, Supervisor

Mary Segalin, Clerk