

**Charter Township of Ironwood
Regular Meeting
March 25, 2019**

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

Roll Call: Clerk Mary Segalin, Treasurer Maria Graser

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

Absent: Steven Boyd, Supervisor

A motion was made by Segalin supported by Graser to allow Lyons to chair the meeting in Boyd's absence. Motion carried.

Also Present: Joe Rohde, Ron Jacobson, LeRoy Johnson, Ginger Kivisto, George Kivi, Peggy Krohn, James Schmitz, Brenda Angus, Mary Czerniak, Sandy Lahtinen, Cathy Flory, Attorney Mark McDonald and Scott Carlson- Fire Chief.

Amendments to Agenda: Move Fire Dept. report under Amendments as the Fire Chief has to leave the meeting early. New Business: Lake Road Spring Shelter. A motion was made by Brunello supported by Michaels to accept the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Fire Department: A motion was made by Brunello supported by Saari to grant Chief Carlson permission to bring 18 air bottles to Marenisco for hydrostatic testing at a cost of \$499.50, which will come out of their equipment budget. Motion carried on a roll call vote. Carlson was reminded by Lyons to bring invoices to the board for approval prior to purchasing in the future. The invoice of over \$500 was approved for payment to Fuzzy Antler for hats and shirts for the Fire Dept.

Public Comment: (3 minute limits) Citizen (1) had complained her FOIA request had to be resubmitted, took too long to receive, and had to pay for the request. Citizen (2) inquired about ordinances pertaining to plowing a shared double driveway. Citizen (3) reported on the cannabis industry and farming issues. Citizen (4) updated the Board on the committee decision and stated a business looking to come here has decided to go to the Houghton area instead.

Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Brunello supported by Saari to accept the minutes as presented from the Regular Meeting on March 11, 2019. Motion carried.

Bills and Salaries: General Fund-44676-44704- \$21,256.96, Water Fund- #8970-8971- \$811.00, Wastewater Fund- 1870-1871- \$2,079.36.

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

Appearances: None

Old Business: Acting Supervisor Johnson met with Bob Murphy- Union Rep. and Nick Basso to discuss PAUD maintenance issues. Johnson is requesting maintenance records for review. They will meet again when all of the township maintenance workers can be present, with a better

understanding of what the duties entail. PAUD will reimburse the Township for wages for time spent by our employees when working on PAUD maintenance issues.

Emergency Committee met- There will be a few minor changes that need to be done to Ordinance #21, the Fire Number Ordinance. The committee will report to the board at the next meeting of those changes and to introduce the Ordinance. A motion was made by Brunello supported by Michaels to allow the Township to solicit bids for the fire numbers. Motion carried.

Communications: A motion was made by Saari supported by Graser to place on file- Joe Sibley's letter concerning Marijuana business, Attorney McDonald - letters to Ironwood Area School and Nick Jacobs- concerning monies being owed, AMAR report on Assessing and 2018 City of Ironwood Water Report. Motion carried.

New Business: Ruotsala Construction submitted to the Board 3 different roof repair options for the gym roof damages. The insurance company will need to know which option the Township would want. It will be up to the insurance company adjuster to make the final decision on the coverage. After the last meeting, the roof has been cleared of snow, trusses were inspected by Engineer Paul Buchko and Ruotsala Construction put in supports so there is no imminent danger of the roof collapse.

Lake Road spring shelter was discussed. Lyons asked for clarification concerning the supplies and more information on what was discussed in the past. Butch Saari may have a list of materials and plans of the shelter that will be presented at the next meeting.

Reports:

Supervisor: Acting Supervisor Johnson thanked Segalin and Graser for their aid and support in his new role.

Treasurer: A citizen had requested a "blind driveway" sign to be posted on Vanderhagen rd. The road commission was contacted- they said the Township needs to pay for the signs- estimated \$250 and they will come and install the sign at no cost. Attorney McDonald stated that the homeowner should be responsible for paying for the signs. A motion was made by Brunello supported by Segalin to have the homeowner pay for the sign if needed. Motion carried on a roll call vote. All ayes except Lyons-no.

Clerk: A motion was made by Graser supported by Saari to place January 2019 Financials Reports for all funds on file. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Brunello supported by Michaels to place the Clerk vs. Treasurer January 2019 bank balances on file. Motion carried.

Trustees:

Michaels: None

Saari: Attended the Solid Waste meeting. Asked when the audit will be finalized- Segalin said hopefully by the next meeting. She also asked if there were many cancellations for gym use due to the gym condition- Graser said were 2 parties scheduled and everyday sporting use.

Brunello: Attended a GRWA and Wastewater meeting.

Lyons: PAUD meeting. Seeking new PAUD administration- they are scheduling interview for March 25, 2019.

Closed Session: None

Public Comment: Citizen (1) has stated she is against Johnson being Deputy Supervisor while Boyd is out due to illness. Says he is unprofessional. She suggested the board check with MTA to see if Johnson is qualified for this appointment.

Citizen (2) asked why the Township doesn't have to place the gym roof repairs out for bids.

Citizen (3) has stated that the marijuana committee voted, with 4 yes votes, 1 no vote and 2 do nothing votes for having a medical marijuana facility in our Township.

Citizen (4) had asked about using preventative measures for snow removal for the gym roof in the future.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Brunello supported by Graser to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 pm. Motion carried.

Kevin Lyons, Trustee/Acting Chair

Mary Segalin, Clerk