

**Charter Township of Ironwood
Regular Meeting
April 22, 2019**

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

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

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

Absent:

A motion was made by Segalin supported by Brunello to allow Lyons to chair the meeting due to the vacancy of the Supervisor. Motion carried.

Also Present: Joe Rohde, Ron Jacobson, LeRoy Johnson, Sandy Lahtinen, Scott Carlson- Fire Chief, George Kivi, Kathy Maki, Darrin Kimbler, Brenda Angus, Kathy Erickson, Allen Erickson, Ginger Kivisto, Brett Imwalle, Adam Graser, Jay Kangas, Richard Jenkins and Attorney Mark McDonald.

Amendments to Agenda: Old Business: PAUD Office Location, New Business: Res. 2019-002 Poverty Exemption, Res. 2019-003-Waive Penalty Affidavit and move Closed session after last Public comment due to a Closed Session. A motion was made by Brunello accepted by Graser to accept the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Public Comment: (3 minute limits) A citizen commented on a sewer backup in his basement during the last storm. This is the 14th time this has happened since new road was put in on Sunset Road, also what we are going to do about the sump pumps being drained into the sewer system. A citizen asked what the procedure on hiring supervisor and if are we going to post in newspaper and on website. Another citizen asked if the Township is still looking into high speed broadband. A letter was read by Brett Imwalle concerning a mechanical permit needed for a heating appliance next to his property, in which he says is a violation of the zoning ordinance.

Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Brunello supported by Michaels to accept the minutes as presented from the Regular Meeting on April 8, 2019. Motion carried.

Bills and Salaries: General Fund-44758-44794- \$37,395.25, Water Fund- #8983-8989- \$28,714.68, Wastewater Fund- 1873-1875- \$2,262.77.

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

Appearances: None

Old Business: The board discussed the sewer infiltration problems in the Township. Johnson requested all Ordinances pertaining to this problem be looked at to be combined and form one new Ordinance. Segalin will prepare them for the next meeting.

The Baseball field clay for the Sunset Road Park was discussed. It is tabled until next meeting due to budget matters and wetness of the field.

The PAUD office will be located inside the Township building in the near future. Previously, Supervisor Boyd agreed they could move in with a \$50 per month lease. A motion was made by Saari supported by Graser to allow the lease. Motion carried on a roll call vote. All ayes.

Communications: A motion was made by Brunello supported by Michaels to place the Masterplan of the Township of Wakefield and a letter from Mark McDonald (township attorney) concerning Gogebic Co. Forestry & Parks committee-2018 PILT, on file. Motion carried.

New Business: The First reading of Ordinance #56-Amendment to Ord. #21 was reviewed. The changes reflect the Fire numbers and who may install them. This new Ordinance will be presented for adoption at the May 13, 2019 regular board meeting.

The Supervisor vacancy was discussed. The only qualifications are that person has to be a resident and registered voter in the Township. They would fill the remainder of this term which is November 19, 2020. The Township has forty-five days to fill this vacancy. A motion was made by Saari supported by Michaels to publish an Ad in the Daily Globe x 5 days for this position and posting on the website. Letters of interest shall be submitted by end of business day, April 29th. Motion carried on a roll call vote with 5 Ayes with Brunello voting Nay.

Due to the Supervisor position being vacant, the Supervisor serves on several boards outside of the Township Board and/or attended meeting on our behalf. All of those positions are being filled by the alternates except the Gogebic County Board as attendee and MTA as attendee. This position attends the MTA meeting and reports on the County Board activities. Saari volunteered to attend these board meetings temporarily. A motion was made by Segalin supported by Graser to accept this temporary appointment. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Segalin supported by Graser to adopt Resolution 2019-002 Poverty Exemption. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

A motion made by Saari supported by Brunello to adopt Resolution 2019-003 Waive penalties of property affidavits. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Reports:

Supervisor: None

Treasurer: A motion made by Segalin supported by Brunello to place the Treasurer's March 2019 report on file. Motion carried. Graser stated that the 2018 Park/Forestry report is available at the office for review, if anyone is interested.

Clerk: A motion was made by Michaels supported by Graser to place March 2019 Bank Balances on file. Motion carried.

Trustees:

Michaels: Requested the non-partisan resolution to be added to next meeting's agenda-per MTA recommendation.

Saari: Saari reported that the Transfer station is requested the residents of the Township adhere to the garbage bag weight limits of #35 lbs. max. Also a citizen stated in our Ordinance it is a #50 lb. weight limit. Saari was going to check on the limit with transfer station.

Brunello: Attended a Wastewater meeting. There will be a retirement party for Mark Bowman on April 26, 2019 at 8:00 am if anyone wants to attend.

Lyons: PAUD Board will be conducting the new administrator interviews this week.

Fire Dept.: Chief Carlson reported on two fires for the month of March 2019. A motion was made by Brunello supported by Segalin to allow Amy Condon and Adam Graser to be added to the Fire Department roster effective immediately. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Several citizens had comments about: The supervisor position and how the candidate should be selected on qualifying attributes not on popularity, agenda items that fall off the agenda from one meeting to the next, concerns the County Treasurer will be withholding payment for delinquent taxes and the Board needs to listen to our maintenance men and what their needs are in order to do their job effectively.

Closed Session: A motion was made by Brunello supported by Segalin to enter into closed session at 6:26 pm. Motion carried. A motion was made by Lyons supported by Graser to go back into open session at 7:11 pm. Motion carried.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Lyons supported by Graser to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 pm. Motion carried.

Kevin Lyons, Trustee/Acting Chair

Mary Segalin, Clerk