

**Charter Township of Ironwood
Regular Meeting
February 12, 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: Scott Carlson-Fire Chief, LeRoy Johnson, Joe Rohde, George Kivi, Ginger Kivisto, and Sandy Lahtinen.

Amendments to Agenda: New Business: Green Timber Sales Contract, Library Committee. A motion was made by Lyons supported by Brunello to accept the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Public Comment: (3 min. limit-agenda items only) A citizen was wondering why tonight's agenda was not on the website on Friday.

Minutes: Regular Meeting January 22, 2018. A motion was made by Brunello supported by Saari to accept the Regular minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Bills and Salaries: General Fund-43391-43466- Totaling \$48,331.86, Water Fund-8829-8834- Totaling \$8,356.16, Wastewater Fund- 1793-1795- Totaling \$10,618.52.

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

Appearances: None

Old Business: The final personnel policy manual was presented to the board. A motion was made by Brunello supported by Michaels to adopt the Policy Manual. Motion carried.

Communications: A motion was made by Lyons supported by Michaels to place the all communications on file. Motion carried.

The mediation update for Pending Legal Case is scheduled for March. 27, 2018.

Boyd sent out the Coleman Engineering; City of Ironwood Water pipeline replacement maps to citizens it will affect.

A motion was made by Brunello supported by Segalin to pay the Plante Moran audit bill. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

New Business: A motion was made Segalin supported by Lyons to adopt Resolution 2018-1- Tax Collection refund/ payments. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Discussion was held in regard to landlord complaining that our Utility Deposit Policy for rental property's is too high. A motion was made by Saari supported by Michaels to maintain the current deposit policy for rental units under Ordinance 24 as presented. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Brunello supported by Segalin to enter into the Green Timber Tree Farm Group contract for an estimated \$105,640, after commissions, they will be logging at Lost Lake in the spring of 2018. The logging will not affect the Lost Lake Park. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

With the contract with the Bessemer Library approaching a renewal, the Township Library Committee appointments are as follows: Boyd, Lyons, and Brunello.

Reports:

Supervisor: 1-12-18 Supervisor Comments

Meetings: Policy Committee, County Board of Commissioners, Wastewater Committee, Brownfield,

Roads: I have sent 4 letters to Mr. Pionk since the last meeting on a variety of issues and have not received any responses as of yet. I called today and was informed he will be out of the office for the rest of the week.

Previous Meetings issues: Signs for winter parking. How many, what cost? NO response from the Road Commissioner yet.

Smoking Policy: This is addressed on Page 16 of the policy manual.

Other:

- 1) Brownfield has successfully received and is processing a grant to convert an abandoned building in the Bessemer industrial park to a new business. Explain what the grant does and does not do.
- 2) UPCAP called and asked for our original blueprints for Milltrace as they are beginning their plans for summer upgrades. With their initial work started, they are on target with their plans to begin work this summer.

Treasurer: The 2017 Utility breakdown showed more money was collected than billed. The last day to pay taxes, without penalty, is February 14, 2018. The Treasurer's Office hours will be 8am-5pm on that day.

Clerk: None

Trustees: Michaels reminded everyone of the upcoming Frost Fest being held Feb. 24, 2018 from 10am-2pm.

Fire Department: The Fire Dept. had 1 fire call this past month. A motion was made by Brunello supported by Graser to allow a new firefighter, John Minotte, to the roster. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

A motion was made by Brunello supported by Segalin to donate 43 sets of retired bunker gear to a less fortunate fire department or departments. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Brunello supported by Michaels to enter into closed session at 6:27 pm. Motion carried.

Closed session: Pending Legal Issues with attorney McDonald

A motion was made by Graser supported by Brunello to go out of closed session at 6:50 pm. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Segalin supported by Michaels to go back into open session at 6:51 pm. Motion carried.

Public Comment: (3 minute limit)

Adjournment: A motion was made by Lyons supported by Graser to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 pm. Motion carried.

Steve Boyd, Supervisor

Mary Segalin, Clerk