

**Charter Township of Ironwood
Special Meeting / Public Hearing
Monday November 25, 2019**

Call to Order: 4:30 pm Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Trustees: Bernie Brunello, Marlene Saari

Absent: Bev Michaels, Kevin Lyons

Also Present: LeRoy Johnson, Sandy Lahtinen, Brenda Angus

A motion was made by Brunello supported by Saari to open the General Appropriations Public Hearing at 4:32 pm. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Public Comment on proposed 2020 budgets:

A citizen had asked about the increase in salaries. Simmons stated there had not been any raises for the elected officials in 2016, 2017, 2018 or 2019. He also stated that he had a briefing with Gus Ahonen, Township Auditor; it appears there are no significant deficiencies found for 2017. A question was also raised about the elected official's hours and putting in full time hours. Simmons replied that the worry is not about the hours in the office as long as the work is getting done, which the work is getting done. Another question was asked about the elected officials voting on their own raises. Simmons explained, as the Township does by Resolution, the Township law states it is up to the board as a whole to vote on these items. Another citizen had asked what the Zoning/Planning Commission salary line item is for. Simmons stated the wages include LeRoy Johnson, Zoning Administrator, Planning Commission board members and Zoning Board of Appeals board members wages.

Official/ Trustee comments on proposed 2020 budgets:

Brunello- No comments

Saari- No comments

Lyons- Absent

Michaels- Absent

Simmons had stated that the Budget is a planning tool. It is hard to determine what will happen months from now, but the budget is a guideline to follow.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Brunello supported by Segalin to close the General Appropriations Public Hearing at 4:54 pm. Motion carried.

James Simmons, Supervisor

Mary Segalin, Clerk