

**Charter Township of Ironwood
Regular Meeting
August 14, 2017**

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

Roll Call: Supervisor Steve Boyd and Clerk Mary Segalin

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

Absent: Maria Graser Treasurer

Also Present: Lynn Coron- Deputy Clerk, Scott Carlson-Fire Chief, Joe Rohde, George Kivi, Ginger Kivisto, Sandy Lahtinen, Kim Pelkola, Ron Jacobson, Jim Simmons, Linda Ellos, Laurie Soltis, Larry Rovelsky, Rich Jenkins.

Public Comment: A citizen commented on how inconvenient but important the meeting held last Friday was concerning culvert replacement on Lake Rd. The Road Commission was granted one million dollars for repairs due to the storm in 2016. A citizen had asked about her road repair on Lake Rd.- it was advised by Boyd to contact the Road Commission with her concerns.

Amendments to Agenda: Appearances: James Simmons- cancel. New Business: New gym rental policy changes, Veterans Contribution letter.

Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Brunello supported by Segalin to accept the consent agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Minutes: A motion was made by Brunello supported by Michaels to accept the July 24, 2017 minutes as amended. Motion carried. A motion was made by Michaels supported by Segalin to accept the closed session minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Bills and Salaries: General Fund-42805-42885- \$62,741.25, Water Fund – 8763-8767- \$6,913.24, Waste Water Fund- 1767- 1770- \$10,606.44. A motion was made by Saari supported by Lyons to accept the bills and salaries as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote. Graser absent.

Appearances: None

Old Business: The Union contract was discussed. Boyd reports there are just a few minor language changes, added the secretary job description, Deputy treasurer position is not included in the contract, 50 cent an hr. wage increase for the employees. Boyd noted there are no changes in the retirement or health benefits pkg. A motion was made by Brunello supported by Boyd to accept the Union contract as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Communications: A motion was made by Lyons supported by Brunello to place the Gog. Co, Brownfield redevelopment letter on file – they are requesting \$1000 to support adding a director position, but will be discuss in detail as soon as the information is clearer, it was also discussed that the Township should have more than one representative on that board. The Plante Moran Forensic Audit fee demands a budget amendment. There will be a budget workshop in the near future to allow for this expense. Gogebic Co. Road Comm.- Act 51 describing funding distribution. Motion carried.

New Business: A sewer credit was discussed for Kapelka as per ordinance- it shall be granted. But it was reported that he had no leaks- it was a malfunction of the meter. It was decided to possibly apply a water use credit also since it was the Township's property malfunction. A motion was made by Lyons supported by Saari. Motion carried. The sunset Park renovations were discussed by the Park and Rec. committee. They approved \$3400 total for repairs- New clay, sand etc. Some monies will come from the DNR grant issued to the Township for this purpose. A motion was made by Lyons supported by Brunello to approve the repairs and cost to the Park. Motion carried.

The Township gym rental policy was discussed. It has been reported that we are missing several keys to the gym, also people were seen playing in the gym over the weekend when they were not reserved to. So the locks will be changed, one key given at a time, must sign the key out, a deposit is required- when the key is returned the deposit will be given back.

The Gogebic County Council of Veterans affairs are seeking support of \$4908.00 for assistance of veterans and their families. A motion was made by Brunello supported by Saari to allow the amount of \$4908 to be disbursed to the Veterans council. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Reports:

Supervisor: Boyd reports that the forensic auditors were here last week for 4 days, making considerable progress.

There is now a tower on Mt. Zion for internet access for a 9 mile radius.

Mukavitz heating will be here Thursday/ Friday to install the furnace in the Gym.

Treasurer: Treasurer's Report for July 31, 2017 was presented.

Clerk: Segalin and Boyd have been working on the 2018 budget. A workshop will be schedule in the near future and announced.

Trustees: Brunello reported that the Solid Waste board approved our contract with them. Saari would like the personnel committee to meet soon to update the policies and procedures.

Fire Department: The FD had one fire call last month. The Gogebic County Fair Board is requesting the Township Fire Dept. assistance during the "Dirt Dash" at the fair Aug. 27, 2017. A motion was made by Brunello supported by Saari to allow the FD to go. Motion carried.

Public Comment: (3 minute limits) The question was asked about how much the Forensic audit is costing so far- \$33,187.50. The budget workshop time and date will be announced on the website. It was also reported that Bad River will be installing "repeater" towers at a lower cost to help with high speed internet for the North Ironwood.

A citizen had asked about the "time management" study and if its being completed. Boyd suggested she come in to view what has been reported so far.

Closed Session: None

Adjournment: A motion was made by Brunello supported by Michaels to adjourn at 6:12 pm. Motion carried.

Steve Boyd, Supervisor

Mary Segalin, Clerk