

**Charter Township of Ironwood  
Regular Meeting  
March 11, 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, Steve Thomas, Ginger Kivisto, George Kivi, Peggy Krohn, Eve Cottier, Kelly Cottier, James Schmitz, John Wyssling, Brenda Angus, and Roger Kolehmainen.

**Amendments to Agenda:** New Business: Clarification of Deputy Supervisor. A motion was made by Saari supported by Brunello to accept the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

**Public Comment: (3 minute limits)** A citizen (1) stated she was denied the FOIA request she submitted from the Township Attorney, Mark McDonald, due to too much personal information on the W-2 forms requested. She has requested again the monies earned for each employee, not personal information. A citizen (2) had stated that he thinks the Township should attempt to pay on monies owed to the school districts and not wait for the insurance bond money for the embezzlement by former Treasurer Olson-DeRosso. He stated the public entities that are due the money from the Township should file suit for it. A citizen (3) stated he was on the Township Marijuana committee. He said it was estimated by 2022 there will be over 500,000 new jobs in Michigan due to the marijuana industry. Northern Michigan University and Lake Superior State University have a curriculum of biology and cannabis chemistry courses to create jobs. John Wyssling of the Real Estate Store asked for land division and separate tax id numbers for a parcel of land his seller wanted to split into two parcels. Dave Hardie, Township Assessor, stated that the property can't have two parcel id numbers until after Dec. 31, 2019, since you cannot split a property in the middle of a tax year.

**Consent Agenda:** A motion was made by Brunello supported by Michaels to accept the minutes as corrected from the Regular Meeting on February 25, 2019. Motion carried.

**Bills and Salaries:** General Fund-44624-44675-\$71,331.80, Water Fund- #89665-8969-\$39,371.88, Wastewater Fund- 1866-1869- \$11,747.31.

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

**Appearances:** None

**Old Business:** Graser reported on the fire numbers. She stated the Township needs approximately \$33,000 for the new fire numbers. The Township has budgeted \$28,000 for them in this years budget. The sheriff stated he would like them all to be on posts not the individual

houses. The ordinance states that a contractor must install them, not our maintenance men. This will be looked into further.

The deadline for the PAUD maintenance position needs to be filled by March 20, 2019. The union rep. Bob Murphy will be meeting with the Deputy Supervisor and the maintenance men this week to discuss.

N. Dave Hardie will be retiring as the township's assessor on June 30, 2019. A motion made by Lyons supported by Michaels to approve of Graser soliciting bids for this position. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

**Communications:** A motion was made by Saari supported by Michaels to place the letter by Rick Estola concerning marijuana on file. Motion carried.

**New Business:** The City of ironwood is requesting, at the City's expense, a new copper line running from Ayer St. to Walmart. Bob Tervonen will be invited to attend the next board meeting to clarify before the Board will take action.

A job description of Deputy Supervisor was handed out to the board as Boyd is being absent due to illness. LeRoy Johnson will be filling in temporarily.

**Reports:**

**Supervisor:** Chairperson Lyons had no report at this time.

**Treasurer:** Due to falling frost line, some customers were asked to "let run" their water to prevent water line freezing. A sewer credit was requested and granted according to the ordinance.

Graser presented the 2018 Tax Distribution report and January's 2019 report to the board for their review. **The meeting was interrupted by customers playing basketball in the gym- They saw a crack in the ceiling beams and heard them split. The meeting was adjourned and the building was evacuated.**

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Segalin supported by Brunello to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 pm. Motion carried.

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**Kevin Lyons, Trustee**

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**Mary Segalin, Clerk**