

**Charter Township of Ironwood
Regular Meeting
February 13, 2017**

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

Roll Call: Supervisor Steve Boyd, Treasurer Maria Graser, Clerk Mary Segalin

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Scott Carlson-Fire Chief, Kim Pelkola, Sandy Lahtinen, James Simmons, Adam Graser, Lynn Coron- Deputy Clerk, Jean Maki, Darrin Kimbler, Ron Jacobson, Joe Rohde.

Public Comment: None

Amendments to Agenda: None. A motion was made by Brunello supported by Segalin to accept the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

Minutes: Regular Meeting January 9, 2017.

Bills and Salaries: General Fund-42146-42184- \$39,587.37, Water Fund-8688-8696- \$112,582.64, Waste Water Fund- 1732-1736- \$45,452.93

Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Saari supported by Lyons to accept the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Appearances: None

Old Business: Timber Sale Contract extension- A motion was made by Brunello supported by Michaels to extend the contract for an additional \$1000. Motion carried on a roll call vote. Ayes-All, Nays-None

Communications: C2AE Collection system summary was for information only.

New Business: The Jaime Peite Memorial fund was discussed. It was originally set up as a scholarship fund. It is tabled until the next meeting.

An Introduction of Ordinance 48- Municipal Civil Infractions was discussed. The amendment allows for more clarity, defines civil infractions, as to who shall be the enforcement officer.

An Introduction of Ordinance 41- Outdoor burning amendments were discussed-The amendment would define Ord. 41, burning permits issued, with Fire Dept. involvement.

Resolution 2017-4 Credit Card use- Increase the card limits to \$3,500 and add the Clerk, Treasurer, and Supervisor on the cards, not the Secretary as it is presently. The motion was made by Brunello supported by Saari to adopt Resolution 2017-4. Motion carried on a roll call vote. Ayes-All, Nays-None

Resolution 2017-5 Township Rules, Rates, and Regulations. The hours of work were changed for seasonal employees to 30 hrs worked a week. A motion was made by Brunello supported by Graser to adopt Resolution 2017-5. Motion carried on a roll call vote. Ayes-All, Nays-None

Resolution 2017-6 Pension Plan Amendment- Our previous Plan was in non-compliance. They were extremely hard to communicate with as far as changes, etc. The new Pension Plan allows for everyone to be included. A motion was made by Segalin supported by Brunello to adopt Resolution 2017-6. The motion carried on a roll call vote.
Ayes-Boyd, Brunello, Segalin, Graser and Michaels/Nays-Lyons & Saari

An Email Policy will be added to the current Policies and Procedures Manual. A motion was made by Saari and supported by Michaels to accept the policy as presented. Motion carried.

Reports:

Supervisor: Boyd informed the Board of the training for the GIS software will be held on March 8 & 9, 2017. Shoots and Ladders made a substantial payment on their loan from the Special Grants Fund with us and are close to being paid in full. We are still waiting on the State Audit to be finalized. The Gogebic County Road Commission is issuing restrictions will be put in effect on Friday Feb. 17, 2017 due to the warm temperatures.

Treasurer: Graser stated a citizen is complaining that she hasn't been receiving a garbage bill for a very long time and is now asking forgiveness for the past due portion of her bill. Graser will check to see what the Ordinance says about garbage pickup.

Clerk: Segalin informed the Board of the Township Insurance Policy is due for payment and asked for approval to pay the premium. A motion was made by Lyons supported by Graser to pay the insurance premium of \$29,343 to Hannula Insurance Agency. Motion carried on a roll call vote. Ayes-All, Nays-None

Trustees: None

Fire Department: Fire Chief Carlson reported that January was a quiet month. No fire calls. They attended some training-Ice rescue for certification. A motion was made by Segalin supported by Lyons to accept the permanent leave of absence from Barb Allen from the Fire Dept. Motion carried.

Public Comment: (3 minute limit): A citizen has many reservations about Ordinance 41 amendments as introduced. He believes it cause for confusion and miscommunication. Another citizen thanked the Board for allowing her to go to training for Board of Review held in Houghton. Another citizen was wondering why there are pink ribbons on the electrical poles in the Township- It was explained to her that Xcel Energy is replacing them due to fire ant destruction. A citizen had asked why there will be three credit cards in each elected officials name- It was explained – the credit cards are needed to enable more than one person's signature for purchases.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Brunello supported by Graser to adjourn the meeting at 6:29 pm. Motion carried.

Steve Boyd, Supervisor

Mary Segalin, Clerk