

**Charter Township of Ironwood  
Regular Meeting  
Monday, October 28, 2019**

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

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

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

**Absent:** None

**Also Present:** Joe Rohde, LeRoy Johnson- Zoning Administrator, Ron Johnson, Gary Olkonen, Sandy Lahtinen, George Kivi and Mark McDonald- Township Attorney.

**Public Comment: (3 minute limits)** A citizen asked if the agenda could be amended to include animal ~~endangerment~~. Abuse/ neglect and/or abandonment.

**Amendments to Agenda:** Appearances: Sandy Lahtinen- animal endangerment. A motion was made by Michaels supported by Graser to accept the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

**Consent Agenda:** A motion was made by Brunello supported by Saari to accept the minutes as presented from the Regular Meeting and Special meeting from October 15, 2019. Motion carried.

**Bills and Salaries:** General Fund-#45357-45390- \$18,194.26, Water Fund- #9045 & 9046- \$492.39, Wastewater Fund- #1905 & 1906- \$2,126.41. A motion was made by Brunello supported by Lyons to accept the bills and salaries as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote. All ayes.

**Appearances:** Sandy Lahtinen commented on cats running at large and wondering if she could have the board's support to attend the Gogebic County board meeting to ask for stricter laws or ordinances on this issue.

**Old Business:** A motion was made by Brunello supported by Graser to approve the gym painting and sound system improvements, at a cost of \$7,800 to repaint and repair walls and \$3,693.87 for the sound system. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Johnson and Saari will continue to work on the Garbage Ordinance and will present it to the board in the near future.

**Communications:** Ironwood Township fire hydrant flushing will be November 18th thru the 22nd this year. A motion was made by Graser supported by Brunello to place on file.

**New Business:** None

## **Reports:**

**Supervisor:** Sent a letter to Senator McBroom opposing SB 431. Attorney McDonald suggests locating the deed for the Lake Rd. Spring and investigating it see if it can be deeded to someone else to clear the Township in any liability for its use. Nasi roofing will be here next week to work replacing the Fire Dept. roof. Simmons met with the Gogebic County Road Commission discussing 2020 road plans. Further work on Vanderhagen Road will be the priority next year. MDOT is communicating with Simmons about Lake Rd traffic. Simmons attended an MTA meeting in Houghton.

**Treasurer:** Graser presented her September 2019 Treasurer's report. She attended the MTA meeting in Houghton. The Treasurer's office computer needs replacing by January 2020 as it is operating on windows 2007 and cannot be updated. The replacement computer will cost approximately \$1,300.

**Clerk:** Attended the MTA meeting in Houghton. Segalin presented the Clerk vs. Treasurer September 2019 Bank Balances. Segalin reported there were only one red door tag this month and the citizen came in and paid before it had to be shut off.

## **Trustees:**

Michaels-Reported she will be missing the meetings in November due to having surgery.

Saari-Attended Solid Waste, Capital Improvement Committee, Planning Commission bill be reviewing the Zoning Ordinance. Saari questioned when the Union negotiations will start and would like the Board to have input in the negotiations.

Brunello- Attended a Waste Water Meeting-Wastewater Authority is still having infiltration problems.

Lyons-Attended a PAUD mtg. Commented on the large tax sale at Powdermill Condos properties.

**Fire Dept.:** Simmons will meet with the Fire Chief soon to discuss getting rid of the unused vehicles that the Fire Dept. has on the side of the building and in the Township's storage facilities.

**Public Comment:** ~~None~~-A citizen had asked the board if the gym renovation was put out on bids.

**Closed Session:** None

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Graser supported by Brunello to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 pm. Motion carried.

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**James Simmons, Supervisor**

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**Mary Segalin, Clerk**