

**Charter Township of Ironwood
Regular Meeting
November 26, 2018**

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

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

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Emily Burchell, Eric Fitting, Ron Jacobson, James Simmons Jr., Sandy Lahtinen, Mark McDonald, Joe Rohde, Leroy Johnson, Rudy Grbavcich, Sharon Hallberg, Peggy Krohn, Brenda Aili-Angus and Scott Carlson, Fire Chief

Amendments to Agenda: New business: Only Resolution 2018-32 to be considered today, all other resolutions on agenda are postponed. Allow the Fire Chief to give his report at the start of the meeting as he has to leave the meeting early.

Fire Department: Fire Chief Carlson said they had one mutual aid fire call in November. On Nov. 5, 2018 the Fire Dept. received approximately \$50,000 worth of Fire equipment from the Iron Mountain Fire Department. Chief Carlson asked for approval for the use of the gym for Christmas for Kids fundraiser. A motion was made by Lyons supported by Michaels to allow the gym use. Motion carried.

Public Comment: (3 minute limit). A citizen had asked if the Township was considering selling Lost Lake to pay for the funds that we owe other municipalities. Boyd stated the Township is not looking to sell off any assets at this time.

A citizen had asked about the Broadband and if it's coming to the Township. Boyd will check into this, and report at the next meeting. Another citizen had asked why there aren't any people from the Township on any of the Township working committees. She would like the committees to be better advertised.

Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Saari supported by Lyons to accept the minutes from the Regular Meeting November 13, 2018 as presented. Motion carried.

Bills and Salaries: General Fund-44334-44357- \$13,653.66, Water Fund- 8928-8933- \$35,539.87, Wastewater Fund- 1848- \$1,765.35.

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: Emily Burchell came to discuss a sewer fee Gogebic Community College is asking them to contribute to a sewer line that the College is installing for their new home that is being built on Mt. Zion Drive. The College is asking them to contribute \$9,600 towards the installation of the sewer line. She asked if possible the Township would give them a credit on their future sewer bills in that amount. The Building Trades program from the college will be completing the home in 2019. Boyd suggested she come in at 1:00 pm on Tuesday to discuss the matter further.

Old Business: None

Communications: None

New Business: A motion was made by Brunello supported by Saari to adopt Resolution 2018-32 General Fund Budget Amendment. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Reports:

Supervisor:

Meetings: Road Commission Supervisors Meeting

Other Issues: We had a request to make a monetary donation to the Marenisco lawsuit regarding the closing of the prison. Our attorney has advised that we do not; as there is no statutory ruling that gives us the right to make this contribution since we are not a named party in the lawsuit, nor was it instigated by our Township.

Our insurance agent informed me that the initial \$125,000 performance bond will be paid shortly.

I called Rex from Green Timber in regards to an article in last Wednesdays Daily Globe where Iron County had 12 bids on various timber parcels. I suggested they contact Iron County for potential leads in timber sales. He will be calling them this week to see if there is any interest. I suggested to the Road Commission that money for gravel roads be distributed with a formula that takes into account relative number of miles in each township. So they are dropping the fixed amount from \$25,000 to \$20,000, but the increase on road miles will make a substantial positive difference, we don't know that number yet. Next week we will be doing a drive around for large projects.

Treasurer: Winter Taxes will be going out in the mail by Dec. 1, 2018 which are being processed in house for a savings to the Township.

Clerk: A motion was made by Graser supported by Saari to place October 2018 financials for all funds on file. Motion carried.

Trustees:

Brunello- Attended a Gogebic Range Water Authority meeting which will be replacing the Manager in April 2019.

Lyons- Attended a Powderhorn Area Utility District meeting

Michaels- None

Saari- Attended a Gogebic Range Solid Waste Authority meeting.

Public Comment: (3 minute limit) A citizen had wondered when the next PAZER plan will be done.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Brunello supported by Graser to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 pm. Motion carried.

Steve Boyd, Supervisor

Mary Segalin, Clerk