

**Charter Township of Ironwood
Regular Meeting
January 14, 2019**

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

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

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Joe Rohde, Ron Jacobson, Sandy Lahtinen, George Kivi, Attorney Mark McDonald, LeRoy Johnson, Vicki Nelson, Ginger Kivisto, Scott Carlson- Fire Chief.

Amendments to Agenda: Communications: Add UPCAP correspondence regarding Milltrace Apartments updates. Reports: Fire Chief to give his report before consent agenda as he has to leave the meeting. A motion was made by Brunello supported by Graser to accept the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Public Comment: (3 minute limit). A citizen asked if the gym and the Airport Park pavilion are the same rates to rent for residents vs. non- residents. Segalin stated that the rates are the same.

Fire Department: Chief Carlson reported zero fires for the month of December. Christmas for Kids was a success- approximately 180 kids attended. The Fire Dept. received 2 portable ponds and approximately \$30,000 worth of gear from the Iron Mountain Fire Dept.

Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Brunello supported by Michaels to accept the minutes as presented from the Special Meeting on Dec. 17, 2018, the Regular Meeting on Dec. 17, 2018 and the Special Meeting on Dec. 27, 2018. Motion carried.

Bills and Salaries: General Fund-44432-44509- \$47,993.90, Water Fund- 8941-8951- \$45,966.65, Wastewater Fund- 1853-1857- \$13,508.02.

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

Appearances: None

Old Business: The Salary Compensation Commission vs. Ad Hoc Salary Committee were discussed. A motion was made by Brunello supported by Michaels not to form a Salary Compensation Commission at this time. Motion carried on a roll call vote with Saari opposing.

Communications: The Annual Summer Tax Resolution- Ironwood Area Schools, Tokio Marine Insurance, Spectrum Charter TV, and the letter from UPCAP, Milltrace Apartments, explaining the delay in construction, a motion by Lyons and supported by Segalin for all communications placed on file. Motion carried.

New Business: Boyd reported the Lost Lake gate will be closed for the remainder of the winter due to someone had been plowing the road, which is causing damage to the road. The Township

has had to repair the road with gravel every spring, which is costly. The gate will be open as soon as the road restrictions are over. Citizens can still access Lost Lake with a snowmobile to ice fish. A motion was made by Brunello supported by Michaels to allow the gate to remain closed for the remainder of winter season. Motion carried.

Reports:

Supervisor:

Meetings Attended: Powderhorn Area Utility District, County Board of Commissioners, Gogebic Range Water Authority, Wellhead Protection, Marijuana Committee, Gogebic County Road Commission

Items from last Board Meeting:

- Communications with our Auditor regarding uncompleted audits.
- Mark Hannula, from Hannula Insurance Agency, will be out of the office but plans to attend the Feb 11, 2019 meeting to discuss our current insurance policy and how the claims are being looked at.
- Boyd asked for direction in requesting all communication between City of Ironwood and Northern Michigan University regarding broadband connection. A FOIA request was suggested.
- Others: Thanks to all who made phone calls or otherwise contacted their representatives about some bills that were being rushed thru in the recent lame-duck session.

Treasurer: Graser stated the Frost Fest date is set for February 23, 2019 (10-2), a Fire Department fundraiser.

A motion was made by Brunello supported by Saari to accept the Township Spring Cleanup date as June 8, 2019 (8-12) as the maintenance men have spring burials due in May. Motion carried.

Clerk: Segalin requested authorization for the purchase of waterproof reflective pants for the part-time employee. A motion was made by Brunello supported by Saari to allow such purchase. Motion carried.

Segalin also requested new exterior entry doors as the doors on the building are unsafe. Boyd stated the Capital Improvement Committee will be meeting in the near future to discuss this.

Trustees:

Brunello- Meeting attended: Wastewater Meeting and Gogebic Range Water Authority

Lyons- Upcoming Powderhorn Area Utility District Meeting on January 16.

Michaels- None

Saari- Requested a Capital Improvement Committee meeting.

Public Comment: (3 minute limits) several citizens voiced their concerns about the recreational marijuana committee-it has been decided that there will be 11 citizens on the committee.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Brunello supported by Graser to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 pm. Motion carried.

Steve Boyd, Supervisor

Mary Segalin, Clerk