

**Charter Township of Ironwood  
Regular Meeting  
Monday June 24, 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, Marlene Saari

**Absent:** Kevin Lyons

**Also Present:** Joe Rohde, LeRoy Johnson, Scott Carlson-Fire Chief, Ron Jacobson, Kim Pelkola, Lynne Wiercinski, Geri Tuma, Jim Schmitz, Sandy Lahtinen, Melissa Lupino and Brittany Blaszak.

**Public Comment: (3 minute limits)** A citizen ( a member on the Recreational marijuana committee) is disappointed by not being contacted by the new Supervisor concerning the proposed Ordinance (57). He said that marijuana would only benefit the Twp- Jobs, pain control etc.

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

**Consent Agenda:** A motion was made by Brunello supported by Michaels to accept the minutes as amended from the Regular Meeting on June 10, 2019. Motion carried.

**Bills and Salaries:** General Fund-#44952-44979- \$28,996.90, Water Fund- #9003- \$462.86, Wastewater Fund- #1884-1885- \$1,426.30. A motion was made by Saari supported by Brunello to accept the bills and salaries as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

**Appearances:** None

**Old Business:** Two quotes for the new LED lighting was presented. A motion was made by Segalin supported by Brunello to accept the lowest bid of \$1640.00 with a rebate of \$842.25. Motion carried. With the MTA guidance, the Township has decided to remain neutral on the recreational marijuana ordinance until more information is available.

A motion was made by Brunello supported by Segalin to allow the purchase of a lift station lid, at the price of \$2,732.00 from the Sewer Fund. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

The contract of purchasing the township fire numbers has been signed. Graser will order 1,100 this year, to be delivered in 6-8 weeks along with the posts. The remaining signs and posts will be put into next fiscal year's budget. Discussion was held in regards to the lighted stop signs for the corner of Airport Rd/Lake Rd and Jackson Rd/Lake Rd. There is a little extra money in the budget left for the lighted stop signs to be purchased. The lighted stop signs will be on the next agenda to be further discussed and pricing presented.

**Communications:** A notice from the Gogebic County Road Commission was presented on the Lake Road repairs. The repairs will continue for 3-4 weeks.

Walmart is asking for lower taxes from the Michigan Tax Tribunal. Attorney McDonald has been given the information. A motion made by Brunello supported by Graser to place communications on file. Motion carried.

**New Business:** Ironwood Carnegie Library submitted a bid of \$6,999 plus penal fines. Bessemer Public library submitted a bid of only penal fines as a cost to the Township. A motion was made by Brunello supported by Michaels to enter into a one year contract with the Bessemer Public Library. Motion carried on a 5 to 1 roll call vote with Graser voting no.

A motion was made by Saari supported by Graser to adopt Resolution 2019-007- naming Jim Simmons as the new FOIA coordinator. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

A motion was made by Brunello supported by Segalin to allow the Township to purchase a metal detector for the Water Dept. at a cost of \$775. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

A motion was made by Brunello supported by Michaels to support the introduction of Ordinance 57- Prohibition of Commercial Marijuana Establishments, per Township citizens in the last election. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Due to the improper bonding by the County Treasurers of the former Treasurer Jyl Renee Olson DeRosso, the insurance company won't settle with the Township in all that is owed. Attorney McDonald supports the Township in starting legal action against the County. A motion made by Simmons supported by Graser to allow McDonald to start legal action. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

## **Reports:**

**Supervisor:** Simmons reported that the gym roof repair will cost approximately \$235,000 in which the insurance company will cover except for a \$500 deductible. The work is to begin in July by Ruotsala Construction and last approximately 6 weeks.

Simmons spoke with Tim Lynott of the Copperwood Project and he reported until the price of copper comes up, construction is halted on the project.

The Gogebic County Road Commission will be finalizing the culvert and blacktopping on Spring Lane in the second or third week of July 2019. Also, sometime in July, the Road Commission will assist in the Township's 5 year road plan.

The 2016 audit will be finalized soon according to Ahonen.

There is nothing new to report on Broadband for the Township.

Cvengros will be maintaining the baseball field this summer season.

Coleman Engineering was in charge of the GCC sewer hookup on Greenbush St. Simmons reported both tap fees were paid on the two new homes on that line.

Simmons tentatively would like to attend a supervisor retreat in Lower Michigan in July.

Simmons attended a Well head protection meeting at the City of Ironwood.

A Capital improvement committee meeting will be set up soon.

**Treasurer:** The taxes will be out by July 1, 2019. Graser and Segalin have been working on getting the proper fire numbers assigned for the township. As previously stated, the contract was signed and the fire numbers will be ordered soon.

**Clerk:** The May 2019 financial reports for all funds were presented to the board for their review. Segalin would like to attend the MTA Clerk's retreat in July. Segalin stated she was appointed to fill the term of the District 1 MTA representative for the counties of Gogebic, Ontonagon, Keweenaw and Houghton by the MTA Board of Directors. Segalin stated she will be attending an upcoming meeting in Lansing.

**Trustees:**

Michaels: None

Saari: Stated the Gogebic Range Solid Waste Authority took in 17 tons of garbage from the Township clean up. Saari would also like to attend the MTA Planning and Zoning retreat in July.

Brunello: Will be attending a Gogebic Range Water Authority meeting and the Gogebic Iron Wastewater meeting.

Lyons: Absent.

**Fire Dept.:** Chief Carlson stated the Fire Dept. garage has a leaky roof. Wondering if Nasi Construction can come and check it and to see if it's still under warranty.

**Public Comment:** Lynne W. of the Carnegie library stated she is disappointed in the Township's decision on which library to enter into a contract with. The Township residents will have to pay \$30 a year to be able to access the library or \$15 for 6 months. A citizen had voiced his concern over the Marijuana Ordinance – prohibiting a marijuana business from opening in the Township.

**Closed Session:** None

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Brunello supported by Graser to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 pm. Motion carried.

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**Jim Simmons, Supervisor**

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**Mary Segalin, Clerk**