

**Charter Township of Ironwood  
Regular Meeting  
May 14, 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:** Sandy Lahtinen, Ron Jacobson, Joe Rohde, Kim Pelkola, Fire Chief- Scott Carlson, Sandy Edyvean, Megan Edyvean, Linda Ellos and Peggy Krohn.

**Amendments to Agenda:** Treasurer: Treasurer's Report, Clerk: Bank Reconciliation Report, Clerk vs Treasurer for April 2018.

A motion was made by Lyons supported by Michaels to accept the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

**Public Comment: (3 minute limit).** A citizen had mentioned that she was not listed as an audience member at the last meeting.

**Consent Agenda:**

- **Minutes:** A correction of the minutes to include: Job posting for seasonal worker, dates of employment will be from May 14, 2018 until September 30, 2018.
- Graser attended the MTA conf. in Traverse City not Lansing. A motion was made Brunello supported by Saari to accept the minutes as amended. Motion carried.
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**Bills and Salaries:** General Fund-43692-43741- Totaling \$24,832.35, Water Fund-8857-8864- Totaling \$29,351.57, Wastewater Fund- 1810-1814- Totaling \$10,912.38.

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

**Appearances:** None

**Old Business:** The clay needed for the baseball field at the Sunset Park is tabled until the next meeting. A budget amendment will be needed to allow for the cost of the clay.

Beacon ambulance is still seeking support for the area municipalities. It could possibly go to a county wide millage. An option for funding our share is to allocate a portion of the stumpage monies we are projected to receive this fiscal year. A motion was made by Segalin supported by Brunello to support Beacon ambulance request for a one (1) time contribution for the remainder of 2018 operations in the amount of \$13,850. Motion carried on a roll call vote-5-2, with Michaels and Lyons voting nay. Motion carried.

**Communications:** The State of Michigan F-65 Report request, GRWA monthly water use comparison and Charter Communications Internet Discounts and who qualify. A motion by Lyons supported by Graser to place all communications on file. Motion carried.

**New Business:** The roads and bridges fund were discuss. There are monies left from 2017 fiscal millage carried over into this fiscal year 2018. The balance for roads is approximately \$83,000. A motion was made by Brunello supported by Boyd to allow Boyd to sign the Makela, Pollack & Ahonen engagement letters for 2016 & 2017 audits. Motion carried on a 6-1 roll call vote with Graser voting no.

A motion was made by Segalin supported by Brunello to sign a 4 year agreement for the American Red Cross to use the Township building as an emergency shelter. Motion carried on a roll call vote, contingent upon the Township's attorney approval.

A motion was made by Brunello supported by Saari to approve a new cemetery rule consisting of: The sextons of the Twp. cemetery must measure for the head stone placement prior to it's placement. There will be a fee of \$100 if the placement is set wrong and we have to move the stone.

Reports:

Supervisor:

Meetings Attended: Restitution court hearing, PAUD emergency meeting, Special meeting for audit presentation, wastewater meeting, meeting with charter reps, Red Cross, wastewater negotiations, GRWA, and Beacon ambulance meeting

Road Issues: We will be going out this week to do an initial survey of the roads. Costs are higher for roads due to explosion in Superior

Other: Met with Red Cross representatives to finalize use of this building as a crisis center, extended the time for applications for part time summer work, Received approval for the tire drop-off to be held on June 4-15. There will be a maximum of 10 tires per person, details to follow. Meet with library committee afterwards to set a meeting date to discuss bidding of contracts.

**Treasurer:** The April 2018 Treasurer's report is presented. Graser also stated the Economic Development CD's are going to mature the end of May 2018. A motion was made by Lyons supported by Michaels to allow Graser to cash them and to put the monies in the Special Grants Fund. Motion carried.

**Clerk:** The monthly balanced bank reconciliation between the Clerk and Treasurer was presented. Cemetery flowers are now allowed to be placed on grave sites.

**Trustees:**

- Trustee Michaels reported she attended the restitution hearing at the court house in the embezzlement case.
- Trustee Saari asked who was cutting trees under the power line because it looks terrible.
- Trustee Brunello reported the contract negotiations are still going on at the wastewater plant. The GRWA needed 3 new water meters at a cost of \$10,000 each.
- Trustee Lyons had nothing to report.

**Fire Department:** The Fire Dept. had 1 fire call in April.

**Closed Session:** None

**Public Comment: (3 minute limit)** A citizen asked why the sentencing hearing was cancelled for today, May 14. Mr. Boyd advised the citizen to contact the prosecutor's office for further details, as he was unable to comment at this time. A citizen asked what are the total legal fees and auditors fees in the court case and if they were granted in the restitution order. A taxpayer stated she was told our township attorney had made derogatory comments about her as she was entering the last meeting. Mr. Boyd stated he will contact our attorney in this matter.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Brunello supported by Graser to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 pm. Motion carried.

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**Steve Boyd, Supervisor**

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**Mary Segalin, Clerk**