

**Charter Township of Ironwood
Regular Meeting
April 8, 2019**

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

Roll Call: Clerk Mary Segalin, Treasurer Maria Graser

Trustees: Bev Michaels, Bernie Brunello, Kevin Lyons

Absent: Steven Boyd- Supervisor, Marlene Saari- Trustee

A moment of silence was observed in honor of the passing of Supervisor Steven Boyd.

A motion was made by Segalin supported by Brunello to allow Lyons to chair the meeting due to the death of Supervisor Boyd. Motion carried.

Also Present: Joe Rohde, Ron Jacobson, LeRoy Johnson, Sandy Lahtinen, Scott Carlson- Fire Chief, George Kivi, Kathy Maki, Darrin Kimbler, Brenda Angus, John Garske, Lee-Ann Garske and Dennis Liftin.

Amendments to Agenda: Communications: McDonald/Jacobs letter concerning insurance matters. A motion was made by Michaels supported by Brunello to accept the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Public Comment: (3 minute limits)

Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Brunello supported by Michaels to accept the minutes as presented from the Regular Meeting on March 25, 2019. Motion carried.

Bills and Salaries: General Fund-44705-44757- \$18,633.94, Water Fund- #8972-8982- \$88,178.30, Wastewater Fund- 1872- \$10,809.76.

A motion was made by Brunello supported by Michaels to accept the bills and salaries as presented, with the exception of check number 44756- to 4-H for plat books, this needs to be paid by the T&A acct. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Appearances: Bob Tervonen presented the board with a plan to replace the water lines on Country Club Rd, approximately 900 feet, to the Elk and Hound restaurant. The lines will run 7' deep. A motion was made by Brunello supported by Segalin to allow the City of Ironwood to install the 1 ½" copper water line on Country Club Rd this summer at no cost to the Township. The Township will be responsible for the water meter and water line repairs after the project is complete. The Township will also be receiving the water sales from that line . Motion carried.

Old Business: Ruotsala Construction had drawn up three roof designs for the Township gym roof repairs. The board discussed which design would be most beneficial. The board decided Plan -1 would be best- truss design for the needs of the Township. The deductible is only \$500 with our insurance. A motion was made by Brunello supported by Graser to approve design P-1. Motion carried.

According to the Township's Emergency Management Committee recommendations, Ordinance 21 needs some changes to reflect the Fire Numbers updates and how they will be installed. It is

tabled until the next meeting when the board has the entire Ordinance 21 and the changes for review.

Communications: The board discussed a shelter for the Lake Rd Spring. Forslund Building Supply is willing to sell the materials at their cost, which will be approximately \$832. Brunello stated it should have a pitched roof not a peaked roof for safety reasons. Lyons asked if it is in the Parks & Recreation budget to allow this expenditure. The matter is tabled at this time until more information on liability is received. The board also questions our needs to get an estimate on clay for the ballfield first.

A motion was made by Graser supported by Segalin to allow the METRO ACT to be signed allowing an extension for 5 years to AT&T, access to the Township Right-of-ways. Motion carried.

The C2AE letter was discussed concerning the infiltration of rain water and snow run-off to infiltrate the sewer systems. The board will also check to see if residents were notified of illegal use of sump pump drainage into the sewer system. This change will possibly need an Ordinance update.

There was no action taken on the WUPPDR Commission letter.

A letter from Brett Imwalle regarding ordinance enforcement.

The UPCAP audit for Milltrace Apartments as received as required by contract.

A letter from attorney Mark McDonald concerning insurance was reviewed.

A motion was made by Brunello supported by Graser to place all correspondence on file. Motion carried.

New Business: Copper Peak requested a resolution allowing a charitable gaming license approval by the board for the annual Red Bull 400. A motion was made by Brunello supported by Michaels to adopt Resolution 2019-001 Copper Peak Charitable Gaming License. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Reports:

Supervisor: None

Treasurer: Attended the annual MTA conference. Segalin, Saari and Graser presented the group with a lecture on Township fraud issues with Michelle McHale from Plante Moran. They had very positive feedback and were asked to present again at next year's MTA conference. Graser also attended the special PAUD meeting.

Clerk: A motion was made by Brunello supported by Graser to place the Feb. 2019 financials on file. Motion carried.

Trustees:

Michaels: None

Saari: Absent

Brunello: Gogebic Iron Wastewater Facility hired Jeff Wasley as new plant manager.

Lyons: PAUD meeting. Seeking new PAUD administration- the only two interviews were no-shows. They will be advertising again. The job info and applications will be available at the Township building or at the Bessemer Township offices for people who are interested.

Fire Dept.: Chief Carlson reported that 2 firefighters will be resigning from the Department and two new volunteers will be added. It was asked that Carlson present their names for approval at the next board meeting.

Closed Session: None

Public Comment: Several citizens had comments about: If the Lake Rd shelter should be paid by Township funds vs. donations, how to proceed with replacing the Supervisor Boyd after his passing. New fire numbers and availability of 2018 plats books. Two citizens wondered why we were closed last Friday, April 5, 2019, thought it was opportunistic of staff in doing so. They wondered why the deputies couldn't work on that day. The Friday closure was posted on the website and the doors of the Township office in remembrance of the passing of Supervisor Boyd. Concerns were expressed about enticing citizens to use the water from the Lake Rd spring if there is a shelter built around it due to the liability of the Township. Several citizens gave thanks to the officials for continuing on and doing a great job despite the Supervisors' passing.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Brunello supported by Graser to adjourn the meeting at 6:23 pm. Motion carried.

Kevin Lyons, Trustee/Acting Chair

Mary Segalin, Clerk