

**Charter Township of Ironwood
Regular Meeting
April 30, 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, LeRoy Johnson, Fire Chief, Scott Carlson, Dan Siirila, Linda Ellos, Mike Carey-State Senate Candidate, and Jim Lorensen, Paula Chermshire.

Amendments to Agenda: New Business: Special Meeting Date. Appearances: Jim Lorensen- Beacon Ambulance presentation.

A motion was made by Brunello supported by Segalin to accept the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Public Comment: (3 minute limit). None

Consent Agenda:

Minutes: A correction of the minutes to include: under Treasurer's report- processing fees of a minimum of 3% for bill pay online. A motion was made by Segalin supported by Lyons to accept the minutes from April 9, 2018 as amended. Motion carried.

Bills and Salaries: General Fund-43636-43691- Totaling \$49,854.68, Water Fund-8850-8856- Totaling \$49,642.04, Wastewater Fund- 1809- Totaling \$1,745.08.

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: Mike Carey made a presentation for his campaign for State Senate. His economic plan is to promote, preserve, and protect the U.P. The Board thanked Mr. Carey for his time.

Jim Lorensen presented future issues with the local Beacon Ambulance service. They are working under a \$225,000 deficit right now due to lack of insurances, increased costs, staffing issues, and declining revenues. Mr. Lorensen proposed that a county wide mileage may be the answer to funding the ambulance service shortfalls. No action was taken.

Old Business: A motion was made by Brunello supported by Graser to allow the Fire Dept. to purchase a door key fob lock for \$1,600 with installation being done by a member of the fire department at no additional cost. Motion carried.

Communications: Milltrace Financial statements were presented to satisfy their requirements to getting the tax pilot. The mBank Ford truck loan is paid in full. A motion made by Graser supported by Lyons to place both on file. Motion carried.

New Business: A motion was made by Segalin supported by Brunello to allow Segalin to place an ad in the Daily Globe for a seasonal worker. Starting May 1, 2018 and ending Sept 30, 2018. The deadline for applications being accepted will be May 10, 2018. The job is to start on May 14, 2018-30 hrs. Per week at \$10 per hr. Motion carried.
There will be a Special Meeting on May 2, 2018 at 6:30 pm-Plante Moran to present their forensic audit findings.

Reports:

Supervisor:

Meetings Attended: Meeting to discuss ambulance service coverage held at Grandview, meeting with Bessemer and Ironwood library heads to discuss options, went to a Carnegie library board meeting, PAUD meeting, A Wastewater budget meeting and a Wastewater negotiating session over the new employee contract. Attended MTA annual meeting in Traverse City, where I attended seminars on obtaining grants, designing capital improvement plans, retirement plans, collective bargaining negotiations, a Q and A on township issues, road funding, and funding improvements.

Road Issues: none until road restrictions are lifted and we begin the new PAZER program.

Issues from the last meeting: Purchasing the line locator-Mike indicated that other companies making this product do not offer the guarantees this company does, or the same high quality. The current one has been used since 1992, for example. He is getting bids.

Other: Attended a meeting to determine the near and long range funding for a county ambulance service. The status of legal proceedings.

Treasurer: Treasurer Graser had attended MTA conference in ~~Lansing~~-Traverse City

Clerk: Segalin presented March 2018 Financial Statements. A motion was made by Brunello supported by Michaels to place them on file. Motion carried. Reminder to everyone about placing flowers at the cemetery after May 14, 2018 and flowers can only be in pots. Clerk Segalin requesting additional signage at the cemetery to reflect this.

Trustees:

- Trustee Michaels had nothing to report.
- Trustee Saari reminded everyone of the June 9, 2018 spring clean-up at the Township Hall parking lot. Items that are not accepted are posted on the website. Saari also attended the Planning Commission Public Hearing in regards to the gravel pit permits for this season. All gravel pit permits were approved.
- Trustee Brunello reported the Gogebic Range Water Authority ran over budget on engineering costs for water line project in Bessemer. Gogebic Iron Waste water contract negotiations were held and a proposed a 3% wage increase for employees was requested.
- Trustee Lyons stated that there will be a special meeting for Powderhorn Area Utility District Board (PAUD) on May 1, 2018 to review bylaws and articles of incorporation.

Fire Department: The Fire Dept. had 3 assistant calls in March. Thanked the board for lock approval.

Closed Session: None

Public Comment: (3 minute limit) A citizen wondered if Green Timber had started logging the timber from Lost Lake and if it will affect using the lake at all. Boyd stated Green Timber has started marking the trees as it is still wet. It should not affect the use of the lake.

Another citizen had thanked the Township maintenance workers for their prompt marking of the water and sewer lines at Milltrace Apartments

Adjournment: A motion was made by Brunello supported by Graser to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 pm. Motion carried.

Steve Boyd, Supervisor

Mary Segalin, Clerk