

**Charter Township of Ironwood
Regular Meeting
May 9, 2016**

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

Roll Call: Supervisor Al Baron, Treasurer Jyl Olson-DeRosso, Clerk Mary Segalin

Trustees: Kevin Lyons, Kathy Maki, Bernie Brunello, Steve Boyd

Absent: None

Also Present: Lynn Coron-Deputy Clerk, Joe Rohde, Scott Carlson-Fire Chief, Kim Pelkola, Ron Jacobson, Darrin Kimbler, Kevin Schneller –RECON Media, Laura Bethany Thomas, Joseph Kravetz, Robert Kleimola, Paul Tilton, Keith Beckman.

Public Comment: A citizen wondered about the how to file a complaint procedure in the Township. He was urged by Baron to call the office to follow up on any complaint made. The complaint was about a street light burnt out for approximately a month now, Xcel Energy was notified several times in regards to the outage. The Township had also aided him by also calling Xcel Energy, even though street lights are not under our control.

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

Consent Agenda: A motion was made by DeRosso supported by Boyd to accept the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Appearances: None

Old Business: The Website Committee met and recommended the township not renew the RECON Media contract for the website and email services as previously voted on at the April 25, 2016 meeting. A motion was made by Brunello supported by Boyd to give 30 day notice to cancel the current contract effective June 9, 2016. A roll call vote was taken and Maki, Boyd, DeRosso, Brunello, Segalin & Baron voted YES and Lyons voted NO. The motion carried. The Board authorized the office staff to coordinate a new website and email accounts with godaddy.com for a less expensive option.

The Township Improvement Committee recommended replacing both doors to the main office, and blacktop a new mail building entrance with an ADA parking lot on the west side of building. Baron was asked to put the blacktop improvement out to bid as soon as possible. A motion was made by Maki supported by Lyons to accept these improvements and get bids on the blacktopping for the next meeting on May 23, 2016. Motion carried.

Approval was given by the board to the 2016 Road Plan with the Gogebic County Road Commission consisting of repairing Vanderhagen Rd, Oak Hill Lane/ Welch Creek Lane and Lookout Lane. Paying and third of the Copper Peak Rd. A motion was made by DeRosso supported by Brunello to accept the Road Commission proposal. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Communication: None

New Business: The Personnel Committee will meet to discuss the policy and procedures for non-elected official meeting wage. They will present their findings at the next meeting. A motion was made by Brunello supported by DeRosso for that committee to have a meeting. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Segalin supported by Brunello to allow a one page survey from the UP Planning and Development region to go out with the tax bills, as they made a request with the Gogebic County Treasurer.

A motion was made by Brunello supported by Maki to authorize Baron to hire two seasonal employees for the summer season. Motion carried.

Reports:

Supervisor: Baron suggested the 2005 Chevy Pickup truck with plow be placed out on bid for the sale of the truck. A motion was made by Brunello supported by DeRosso to advertise the sale by bid. Bids are due back to the Clerk by Friday, May 20th, 2016. Motion carried.

Treasurer: DeRosso reported 21 shut off notices for Water/Sewer delinquent bills were sent out with the last Water/Sewer bills. All 21 accounts have been paid in full or partial. DeRosso presented the March 31, 2016 cash balances. The newsletter will be sent out this week.

Clerk: Quarterly financial statements were presented to the board for the first quarter of January thru March 2016 for General Fund and Water & Sewer Funds. Segalin was able to get the dates of the Townships Liability and Workers Comp Insurances to correspond the Townships fiscal year end December 31, 2016 with our agent the Hannula Agency. This will help with budgeting practices.

Trustees: Boyd reported that the Planning Commission Public Hearing that was set for May 19, 2016 has been cancelled and a new date will be recommended at the Special Meeting of the Planning Commission on May 19, 2016.

Fire Department: Fire Chief Carlson reported that the formerly known Firebells are now in the process of reforming to a new group the Firefoxes. A new nonprofit group is starting up again to help the Fire Department with fundraising activities. At the advice of MTA, Segalin reported the Fire Department cannot help the new group with startup costs. The Firefoxes will meet again June 12, 2016 at 6:00 pm to discuss reorganizing again and to see if there is enough community interest.

Public Comment: (3 minute limit): A citizen questioned why Copper Peak Road is set for repairs on the road commission listing. Baron stated it will be graveling is going to be done on the opposite side of the landing road with a 1/3 being paid by the County Road Commission, 1/3 by the Township and 1/3 by Copper Peak.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Brunello supported by DeRosso to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 pm. Motion carried.

Alan Baron, Supervisor

Mary Segalin, Clerk