

**Charter Township of Ironwood
Special Meeting / Budget Workshop
October 18, 2017**

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

Roll Call: Supervisor Steve Boyd, Treasurer Maria Graser and Clerk Mary Segalin

Trustees: Kevin Lyons, Bev Michaels, Marlene Saari, Bernie Brunello

Absent: None

Also Present: Peggy Krohn, Sharon Hallberg, LeRoy Johnson

Public Comment: A citizen had concerns over questions being unanswered. The citizen felt the answers received to the prior questions were intimidating and further questions were not going to be able to be asked at board meetings. The citizen questioned the need for a fulltime Township Secretary/Deputy Treasurer and a part-time Deputy Clerk. Supervisor Boyd stating he wants the public to ask questions and it was never his intent to intimidate any member of the audience for their public comments.

Old Business: The General Fund proposed budget was discussed. Changes in the Health Insurance were discussed as other options are available. The renewal will take effective Jan. 1, 2018.

It was the consensus of the Board to check into dropping the pension benefits for trustees starting January 1, 2018 also. Segalin will be sending the Pension administrator questions in writing and bring the answers to the next meeting.

The Township Assessors current contract was discussed. Mr. Hardie is on a month to month contract at this time. The question was asked what level of Assessor the Township needs.

Public comment (3 min. limit): A citizen stated they agreed with what was brought up under the first public comment tonight. They would like the Board to consider some of the changes that were mentioned tonight.

The next Budget Workshop is scheduled for November 6th, 2017 at 5:30 pm.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Brunello supported by Graser to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 pm. Motion carried.

Steve Boyd, Supervisor

Mary Segalin, Clerk