

**Charter Township of Ironwood
Budget Workshop/Special Meeting
September 6, 2017**

Call to Order: 2:00 pm Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Trustees: Kevin Lyons (arrived late), Bev Michaels, Marlene Saari, Bernie Brunello

Absent: None

Also Present: Peggy Krone, Sandy Lahtinen, Brenda Angus, Kelli Stanszak, Laurie Soltis, and Sharon Hallberg.

Public Comment: A citizen questioned if it was legal to have both insurance and in lieu of offered. Also, wondering why the Clerk and Treasurer and their deputies are getting paid for utilities- said it is illegal for being paid double for the same job. It was suggested that the office be closed for one day per week, since the officials only have to work 32 hrs. Per week but are getting paid for 40. Another citizen had stated that the secretary and deputy clerk are not needed in the office due to computers making things much faster and easier. Citizens are not happy with the pension plan- said too much is being paid-10%.ACH fees should be paid by individual wanting ACH- not the Twp. citizens. Citizens said that the Township is being overtaxed because the General Fund balance is so high. Citizens were also wondering what the garbage wages are for, police contract costs and if the Deputy clerk gets paid for attending meetings. Complaints were voiced of the Deputy Treasurer/ Secretary leaving before 4:30pm..

The health insurance costs need to be looked at. Another citizen was wondering why the seasonal employee position wasn't advertised and if the time study is done yet on the seasonal employee. Another citizen had concerns over Skyway Rd. and Vanderhagen Rds. conditions.

Amendments to agenda: None

New Business: The General fund was discussed. Water Fund is 31,000 over budget due to bad water leak. It is fixed now so the budget should be in balance. Sewer Fund was discussed.

Public comment (3 min. limit): Citizens asked questions about the Township assessor- saying it's too high, need to bid for a cheaper one, questions arose on how much each official is bonded for, it was stated that there are too many people working in the offices.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Brunello supported by Graser to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm. Motion carried.

Steve Boyd, Supervisor

Mary Segalin, Clerk