

**Charter Township of Ironwood
Regular Meeting
Monday, September 23, 2019**

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

Roll Call: Jim Simmons-Supervisor, Mary Segalin-Clerk, Maria Graser-Treasurer

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Scott Carlson-Fire Chief, LeRoy Johnson- Zoning Administrator, George Kivi, Ron Jacobson, Harvey Hulstrom, Peggy Krohn, Brenda Aili- Angus.

Public Comment: (3 minute limits) Simmons is asking the Township Attorney about creating a possible LLC so the Township may deed the Lake Rd Spring to the LLC and the Township will not be responsible. A citizen complained about the culverts on Lake Rd not being done, the Twp. board will send a letter requesting the Road Commission to address the situation of drainage problems. Citizens had questioned if the board knew about the yard disposal site East on Airport Rd and if it a legal dumping site. A citizen questioned if the Airport Rd. flashing stop sign will be relocated closer to the corner of Airport and Lake Road.

Amendments to Agenda: None.

Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Brunello supported by Lyons to accept the minutes as presented from the Regular Meeting on September 9, 2019. Motion carried.

Bills and Salaries: General Fund-#45249-45286- \$48,291.02, Water Fund- #9031-9034- \$55,245.10, Wastewater Fund- #1899-1902- \$13,538.20. A motion was made by Lyons supported by Michaels to accept the bills and salaries as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote. All ayes.

Appearances: Brandon Tauer reported on the safety of Lake Road traffic south of Sunset Road in regards to the speed limits and the passing lanes. After discussion, a motion was made by Saari supported by Graser to allow Simmons to send a letter to the Gogebic County Road Commission to inquire about making changes to Lake Rd. traffic. According to the Michigan Vehicle Code, it is determined between the Rd. Comm., State Police, and the Township Board to regulate such traffic laws. Motion carried.

Old Business: One application was submitted for the on- call maintenance position. A motion was made by Brunello supported by Lyons to hire Jeff Anderson to be the seasonal, on-call maintenance worker for up to 24 hours a week. Motion carried.
The board reminded citizens to fill out the online survey concerning broadband. The survey is on the Gogebic County website. It will be ending Sept. 30, 2019.

Communications: A motion was made by Lyons supported by Graser to place the Agreement to be a co-plaintiff in litigation against the Bonding Company on file. Motion carried.

New Business: A motion was made by Saari supported by Michaels to adopt Resolution 2019-008- General Fund Budget Amendment. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Reports:

Supervisor:

1. Attended GRWA meeting. There was some discussion about the City of Ironwood possibly buying some water to dilute the magnesium levels. The idea was not well received.
2. We had a site visit from Tom Lindeman from MTA participating plan. We are due for an ISO rating review within the next month. Right now our rating is 5.5.
3. The Fire Dept. roof will be installed in October of this year.
4. Next budget workshop will be Oct. 15, 2019 at 4:30 pm.
5. I will be talking to Attorney McDonald about making the ownership of the Lake Rd spring a LLC and deeding to an organization.

Treasurer: The fire numbers and posts have been delivered and are stored at this time. Summer taxes were due on Sept. 16th, any delinquent utilities and special assessments will be placed on the winter tax roll on Oct. 31st, 2019. The representative of the 2020 Census contacted Graser- to encourage the Township residents to fill out the census forms.

Clerk: The GRWA monthly usage chart is for the board to review. The August 2019 financials were presented to the board for their review also.

Trustees:

Brunello- Attended a Wastewater meeting.

Lyons- Attended a PAUD meeting

Michaels- None

Saari- Attended a GRSWA meeting. Wants the board to review and update the Garbage ordinances.

Fire Dept.: Scott Carlson Fire Chief complained of Ruotsala Construction workers parking too close to the Fire Dept. garage, in case of emergency. Simmons will request them to move.

Public Comment: Comments were made about using a member card at Midland in order to access the discounts on fuel. A citizen requested an address change on their taxes. A citizen suggested changing the elected official's hours to part-time and deputies are unnecessary. A citizen requested guidance for applying for the LLC for the Lake Road spring.

Closed Session: None

Adjournment: A motion was made by Brunello supported by Graser to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 pm. Motion carried.

James Simmons, Supervisor

Mary Segalin, Clerk