

**Charter Township of Ironwood
Special Meeting / Budget Workshop
September 27, 2017**

Call to Order: 6:00 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: Brenda Aili- Angus, Sandy Lahtinen, Kelli Stanczak, Peggy Krohn, Lauri Soltis, and Kathy Maki.

Public Comment: Several citizens had comments/questions concerning the budget and elected officials statutory duties, health insurance costs, pensions, the hiring of seasonal employee and secretary duties.

Old Business: Lyons suggested they look at what our health care costs are going to increase for 2018 in relation to the Hard Cap and if the Township can afford to continue opting out of the 80/20 cost sharing for insurance. A question was asked as far as the water/sewer utility billing being done by the GRWA instead of the Township. Boyd stated he spoke to Jean Verbos , GRWA Administrator, and the cost to our Township residents whom are on the water/sewer system would be a significant amount more than \$8,500 we currently being paid to do the billing to the Treasurer and Clerks offices. It was suggested looking into possibly having a different rate of pension contributions for the elected officials.

Public comment (3 min. limit): A citizen commented regarding additional revenues should be going into Roads & Bridges. Health care costs are too high and the employee's monthly contribution is too low. A citizen commented the township does not need a fulltime secretary, that it should be a part time position.

The next Budget Workshop is scheduled for October 18th at 5:30 pm.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Brunello supported by Graser to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm. Motion carried.

Steve Boyd, Supervisor

Mary Segalin, Clerk