

**Charter Township of Ironwood  
Regular Meeting  
Monday July 22, 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:** Joe Rohde, Scott Carlson-Fire Chief, Ron Jacobson, LeRoy Johnson and George Kivi

**Public Comment: (3 minute limits)** None

**Amendments to Agenda:** New Business: Timber Sale Contract, Townhall-Doors and windows. Communications: Citizen letter about being added to garbage roll. Old Business: Imwalle vs. Ironwood Township-Court Decision. A motion was made by Brunello supported by Saari to accept the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

**Consent Agenda:** A motion was made by Michaels supported by Graser to accept the minutes as presented from the Regular Meeting on July 8, 2019. Motion carried.

**Bills and Salaries:** General Fund-#45032-45066- \$150,257.25, Water Fund- #9013-9016- \$23,702.48, Wastewater Fund- #1887-1889- \$12,340.58. A motion was made by Michaels supported by Lyons to accept the bills and salaries as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

**Appearances:** None

**Old Business:** The Committee and Board appointments list was presented to the board. Two corrections were made: Segalin will be an alternate on the Capital Improvement Committee; Lyons will be an alternate on the Emergency Committee.

**Communications:** The F-65 Notice of Delinquency was presented to the board, Simmons adding that he's hoping to have 2016, 2017, 2018 audits done by the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, September 30

The board discussed putting an ad in the Resource guide, to advertise the Township at a cost of \$240. The board collectively voted no.

A citizen had sent a letter to the board concerning being added to the garbage roll even though they don't utilize the garbage pickup service. The Township ordinance states that if you own a habitable home with electric, water/ sewer then you are to be on the garbage roll. The added properties are not however, being charged back pay, only current. Over 100 properties have been added to the garbage roll.

In the Imwalle vs. Ironwood Township case- it was ordered by the Judge for Imwalle to pay \$200 fee to have his case reviewed by the Zoning Board of Appeals if he so desires. He declined

to pay the fee, over his concern of his neighbor's stove pipe too low. The case is closed according to Judge Pope.

A motion was made by Segalin supported by Graser to place all communications on file. Motion carried.

**New Business:** The Capital Improvement Committee met, it was suggested that the Board approve purchasing windows and doors for the Township hall at a cost of \$2,500. A motion was made by Brunello supported by Michaels to allow the windows and doors to be ordered and installed by our maintenance staff. Motion carried on a roll call vote. All ayes.

A motion was made by Lyons supported by Segalin to allow Simmons to abstain from voting on the contract between Green Timber/ Keweenaw Land Association. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Segalin supported by Brunello to allow Simmons to sign the Green Timber Sale Contract, which means approximately \$130,000 in revenue for the Township, ending December, 2021, using the Lost Lake parcel. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

### **Reports:**

**Supervisor:** The Supervisor, Clerk and Treasurer met with the County on July 10, 2019, concerning the pending lawsuit over the improper bonding of the former Treasurer. The two offices will be having weekly communications over this issue. The lawsuit is on HOLD for now.

The 5 year road plan is still being finalized.

The Capital Improvement Committee met and will be meeting again in the near future.

**Treasurer:** The lighted stop signs were ordered and should be arriving in 2 weeks. The Road Commission has offered their assistance in where to place them.

**Clerk:** Had 5 red door tags/water shut offs. Segalin asked the board for support with a family not wanting to pay \$200 for a weekend burial of an urn. The citizen stated it was dug on Friday. But the Ordinance states anything dug after 3:00 pm on weekdays or anytime on weekends is the fee for a weekend rate. The Board agreed it should be the weekend rate of \$200, not \$100. A motion was made by Brunello supported by Simmons to support the rate. Motion carried on a roll call vote. Lyons, Saari-No, Brunello, Simmons, Graser, Michaels, Segalin-Yes

**Trustees:** Brunello- Attended a Gogebic Range Water Authority Meeting

Lyons- Attended a Powderhorn Area Utility District Meeting

Michaels: Attended Capital Improvement Meeting

Saari- Attended a Planning and Zoning retreat-MTA, Gogebic Range Solid Waste Authority Meeting, Planning Commission Meeting and Capital Improvement Committee Meeting

**Fire Dept.:** Simmons stated that he is contacting Nasi Roofing concerning repair of the Fire Department roof that is leaking.

**Public Comment:** None

**Closed Session:** None

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Brunello supported by Segalin to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 pm. Motion carried.

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**James Simmons, Supervisor**

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**Mary Segalin, Clerk**