

**Charter Township of Ironwood
Regular Meeting
February 26, 2018**

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

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

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Scott Carlson-Fire Chief, LeRoy Johnson, Ron Jacobson, Kim Pelkola, Harvey Hulstrom, Ginger Kivisto and Sandy Lahtinen.

Amendments to Agenda: Communications: Water Leak- City of Ironwood and Water Leak at Ironwood Estates. A motion was made by Lyons supported by Segalin to accept the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Public Comment: (3 min. limit-agenda items only) A Planning Commission member attended the County Recreational ~~Plan meeting~~ public hearing held at the Courthouse in Bessemer. The member suggested we look at the Township utilize part of their plan in our Recreation Plan. Mr. Boyd thanked the member for attending.

Minutes: Regular Meeting February 12, 2018. A motion was made by Brunello supported by Saari to accept the Regular minutes as presented. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Segalin supported by Lyons to accept the closed session minutes from February 12, 2018. Motion carried.

Bills and Salaries: General Fund-43467-43496- Totaling \$28,967.94, Water Fund-8835-8838- Totaling \$25,679.18, Wastewater Fund- 1796 & 1797- Totaling \$4,058.28

Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Brunello supported by Michaels to accept the bills and salaries as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Appearances: None

Old Business: A motion was made by Brunello supported by Saari to allow the Township to purchase six (6) Winter Parking Signs at \$45 each. The Road Commission offered to install the signs for the time period in which the parking restrictions will be enforced. Motion carried.

Communications: Highland Copper and MDOT will be covering the expense of the expansion of County Rd 519 for the Highland Copper facilities.

The City of Ironwood said they have a leak in the old water main. Only four (4) residents on Northstar Rd. will be affected by the water being shut off to make the necessary repairs.

The Ironwood Estates (Trailer Park) is requesting a sewer credit due to a huge leak in their water distribution system within the Trailer Park. After discussion, the Board is denying the request

due to the leak was reported to the Trailer Park months previous and no attempts have been to repair the leak until recently.

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

New Business: The 2018 Veterans Counsel is requesting an annual payment of support for our area veterans. The amount requested is \$5,028. The board approved \$5,000 which is what was budgeted approved. A motion made by Lyons supported by Brunello to pay only \$5,000 to the Veterans counsel. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Mr. Hulstrom addressed the board concerning a wind shelter for the spring on Lake Rd. He will be asking for donations for the materials. Out Township maintenance personal can assist in building the shelter. Boyd will check will our building inspector to see what is necessary to build it to code.

A motion was made by Saari supported by Brunello to allow Boyd to explore ideas of how the Township can aid in the Powderhorn Area Utility District's payroll administration. Motion carried.

Reports:

Supervisor:

Meetings: County Board, PAUD, Road Commission

Roads: Had a lengthy conversation with Mr. Pionk. We discussed many of the small areas that need attention, and confirmed that the priorities this season are to finish section 12 and deal with the Vanderhagen swamp street. We also confirmed that we will do a PASER run to establish conditions as soon as weather permits. Also, there was a bill approved by the state house this week giving a one-time boost of 175 million to roads in additional funding. This bill now goes to the senate

Previous Meeting Questions: news on broadband towers-Gogebic Range.net is in final discussions to erect their equipment on a 70 foot tower. If all is successful, they are hopeful to begin construction sometime this year. NMU proposal is on hold due to the size of the tower. Their original proposal called for a 50 foot tower, now their tech people says it must be a 190 foot tower. They are going back to their tech people for a solution.

Other: You may have heard there is a bill before the legislature requiring removal of all lead on lateral lines, the cost to be borne by the townships. Fortunately, any remaining lead lines or joints were eliminated in the last upgrade.

It was brought to our attention that the basketball hoops and foam protectors for the backboards in the gym have deteriorated over the past 20+ years to the point where the duct tape used for the past 10 years is no longer functioning. The hoops are no longer able to hold the nets all the way around, and since these were put in before the current flexible hoops existed, whenever anyone dunks or holds the rim, it produces additional stresses on the wall where the frame is attached.

The specialized foam protectors cost \$240 each, totaling \$480. The basketball rims cost \$260 each, totaling \$520. We are seeing an ever increasing use of the gym for basketball usage so this need has become acute. This will come from the townhall maintenance line item in the budget.

Treasurer: The 2017 tax season is coming to an end.

Clerk: There were 9 water shut off notices sent out, they are due on March 2, 2018.

Trustees: Michaels reported on Frost Fest 2018. She said there was nice turn out. Saari wants to know if there is enough in the Township's budget to hold a Spring and Fall cleanup this year.

Fire Department: Chief Carlson thanked the volunteers for helping with the Frost Fest.

Closed session: None

Public Comment: (3 minute limit) None

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

Steve Boyd, Supervisor

Mary Segalin, Clerk