

**Charter Township of Ironwood
Regular Meeting
January 25, 2016**

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

Roll Call: Supervisor Alan Baron , Treasurer Jyl Olson-Derosso, Clerk Mary Segalin

Trustees: Kevin Lyons, Kathy Maki, Bernie Brunello, Steve Boyd

Absent: None

Also Present: Darrin Kimbler, Lynn Coron-Deputy Clerk, Joe Rohde, Kim Pelkola, Ron Jacobson

Public Comment: None

Amendments to Agenda: New Business-Blight elimination program, Old Business-Rukkila/Negro agreement. A motion was made by Brunello supported by DeRosso to accept the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Maki supported by Boyd to accept the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Appearances: None

Old Business: The Township improvement list was discussed. The Twp. Imp. Committee will be meeting Feb. 3 2016 at 5:15pm to discuss putting projects in priorities, cost, estimated time. There is approx. \$9000 in a township improvement fund now. It was further discussed to continue to put monies aside in that acct. for future projects.

A second notice was sent to Mike Foley for the cemetery contract with no response as of yet. The audit proposal from Makela, Pollack and Ahonen was discussed. D. Reid of USDA strongly encouraged the Township to remain with the same auditor due to the issues with our last audit. They know our history and are willing to help out as needed. If we put the audit out for bids- the new auditors are required to do bare minimum and we would have to pay extra for some services. A motion was made by Brunello supported by Segalin to accept the contract with them for 3 years. Motion carried on a roll call vote. All Ayes.

Lyons requested a schedule of what procedures need to be done on a daily, weekly and monthly basis, as discussed with the auditing firm.

Rukkila and Negro submitted their contract. The board agreed to get a new quote with only needing their services twice a year. It will be presented at the next board meeting in February.

Communication: None

New Business: Al's computer estimate of a new security camera was tabled. There may be homeland security grants available to help pay for this.

A motion was made by Brunello supported by Maki to accept the cost of a new computer for the secretary. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Maki supported by Brunello to not publish an ad for the Daily Globe Progress addition. Motion carried.

K Lyons had a list of questions about the financials of the previous audit. He was urged by DeRosso to contact our accountant-Rukkila/Negro with the questions for more detail. It was further discussed transparency is key to a successful relationship between the board and elected officials. Also, if there are any out of the ordinary letters of info that come to the attention of the Supervisor, Clerk, or Treasurer, it be brought to the boards attention also.

DeRosso will discuss with Johnson and Saari about any blight issues they may have and if we have any qualifying properties. A motion was made by Boyd supported by Maki to support the Blight elimination program. Motion carried.

Reports:

Supervisor: A motion was made by Lyons supported by Segalin to allow Sandy L to attend a Board of Review training class in Houghton with expenses not exceeding \$225. Motion carried. The furnace will be installed on Wednesday Jan. 27, 2016 at the township building.

Treasurer: DeRosso presented the Dec. 2015 Bank Balances. A motion was made by Boyd supported by Maki to allow Frost Fest to be on Feb. 27th, 2016 . Motion carried.

Clerk: A motion was made by DeRosso supported by Maki to place Dec. 2015 financial statements on file. Motion carried.

Trustees: Lyons requested we add FOIA request forms to our website for downloading, as he noticed the form was not on there last time he accessed it.

Fire Department: None

Public Comment: (3 minute limit): Kimbler stated the PC master plan is missing a zoning map. And an Ordinance may need to be adopted for wellhead protection.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Brunello supported by Maki to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 pm. Motion carried.

Alan Baron, Supervisor

Mary Segalin, Clerk