

**Charter Township of Ironwood
Regular Meeting
December 10, 2018**

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

Roll Call: Supervisor Steve Boyd, Clerk Mary Segalin

Trustees: Marlene Saari, Bev Michaels, Bernie Brunello

Absent: Treasurer Maria Graser, (add) Trustee Lyons

Also Present: Joe Rohde, Ron Jacobson, LeRoy Johnson, Kelsey Roble, Peggy Krohn and Rudy Grbavacich

Amendments to Agenda: Old Business: Change the Budget Hearing to a Budget Workshop. New Business: Appointments to Board of Review, Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals boards. A motion was made by Brunello supported by Michaels to accept the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Public Comment: (3 minute limit). None

Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Saari supported by Michaels to accept the minutes from the Special Meeting/ Budget Hearing from November 26, 2018 as presented. Motion carried. A motion was made by Michaels supported by Brunello to accept the minutes from the Regular Meeting on November 26, 2018. Motion carried.

Bills and Salaries: General Fund-44358-44401- \$42,586.80, Water Fund- 8934-8936-\$4,777.75, Wastewater Fund- 1849-1850- \$11,626.51.
A motion was made by Saari supported by Brunello to accept the bills and salaries as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Appearances: None

Old Business: The next Budget Workshop is scheduled for December 17, 2018 at 4:30 pm. Segalin presented the board with a 3 year budget comparison for their review.

Communications: Gogebic Ontonagon Intermediate School District submitted a bill owed to them from the criminal embezzlement case of taxes owed. Supervisor Boyd spoke to the GOISD in regards to the insurance bonds that we are waiting on for payment.
A motion was made by Segalin supported by Brunello to sign the 2019 Summer Tax Agreement with Gogebic Ontonagon Intermediate School District. Motion carried.

Supervisor Boyd spoke about the two bills regarding gravel pits, SB 1210 and HB 6530, which were withdrawn during legislative session. So no action is being required.

New Business: The Gogebic County Road Commission 2019 road breakdown was presented to the board. A motion was made by Segalin supported by Michaels to place on file. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Brunello supported by Saari to adopt Resolution 2018-33- Powderhorn fireworks display on New Years' Eve. Motion carried by a roll call vote with Segalin abstaining.

An additional board appointment is needed to the Powderhorn Utility District, PAUD. Supervisor Boyd recommended Kelsey Roble to the Board. A motion was made by Brunello supported by Michaels to accept this appointment to PAUD. Motion carried.

The Board of Review reappointments are: Foley, Niemi, Rohde with alternates-Kimbler and Lahtinen. A motion was made by Brunello supported by Saari to accept these appointments. Motion carried.

The Zoning Board of Appeals reappointments are: Brunello, Thomas, Lyons, Rohde. An alternate is needed yet. A motion was made by Segalin supported by Saari to accept these appointments. Motion carried.

The Planning Commission reappointments are: Hofstede and Kimbler. A motion was made by Michaels supported by Brunello to accept the reappointments as presented. Motion carried.

**Reports:
Supervisor:**

Meetings Attended: Wastewater, Wellhead Protection, County Board, Road Commission

Road Issues: Long term road commission projects (these do NOT require a township contribution)

2019: On Lake Road, 2.75 miles of paving up to the bridge at Little Girls Point. Black River Rd 1.5 miles redo road up to the harbor.

2020: Lake Rd from Little girls point half way to the Wisconsin border.

2021: Lake Rd rest of road to Wisconsin Border. If they can, they want to get to the section of Airport Rd going west from Lake Rd.

Previous meeting issues: Broadband status: GogebicRange.net has good coverage except for Little Girls Point area to the Lake Road Spring. This may be resolved late spring when the Iron County Tower comes on line. Now they put a 10-15' mast on a house to get reception. They put a small tower on Mt Zion. Costs range from \$45-60-75 per month plus a \$99 install charge. No Contracts, just each month as you want. Contact # is 906-842-3394

Northern Michigan University: Working with City of Ironwood to get a tower at Mount Zion. Issue is they want to put a very high tower that the city does not want. NMU feels they are making progress; City of Ironwood appears to think there is not a workable compromise. Contact is Eric Smith 906-227-1314

In regards to a Compensation Commission: Boyd talked to MTA, they recommended Ad Hoc Committee compared to a standing committee. About 2-4% of Townships use some type of Commission, the rest do it as we do since whatever method is used, it still comes back to the Township Board approving it or not.

Other: Amount for gravel has been increased from \$25,000 to \$39,350. Need suggestions for gravel projects and major maintenance work (culvert replacements, ditching, etc.). Expected

costs to completely redo roads are estimated to be about \$185,000 per mile. To chip sealing is about \$22,000 per mile. Please check our website for more information.

Auditor has assured us and the state that the 2015 audit will be completed by the end of the week.

Treasurer: Absent

Clerk: A Gogebic Range Water Authority 3 year monthly usage comparison was presented to the Board.

Trustees:

Brunello- GRWA is searching for a new Plant Manager. He also did a Road Inspection with the new Road Commission Manager Barry Bolich.

Lyons- None

Michaels- A Township citizen had complained that the front door of the office was locked when they tried to come and pay their bill, and later in the afternoon, tried calling the office but nobody answered. Boyd stated that the front door lock has been changed to a different one, but still has issues with locking.

Saari- None

Fire Department: None

Public Comment: (3 minute limit) A citizen thanked Boyd for checking into the Broadband system issues, and stated it should be on every agenda until it is resolved. He also stated he'd like to be on the Compensation Committee. He also stated the Budget can be cut much more and urged the board to look at it again.

Another citizen would like to be an alternate on the Zoning Board of Appeals. She would like the board to attend the City of Ironwood meetings as a group in support of the broadband tower on Mt Zion. She would also like to be on the Compensation Committee.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Brunello supported by Michaels to adjourn the meeting at 5:59 pm. Motion carried.

Steve Boyd, Supervisor

Mary Segalin, Clerk