

**Charter Township of Ironwood
Regular Meeting
December 18, 2017**

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

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

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

Absent:

Also Present: Joe Rohde, LeRoy Johnson, Kim Pelkola, Scott Carlson-Fire Chief, Darrin Kimbler.

Public Comment: None

Amendments to Agenda:

New Business:

- Schedule Special meeting (Budget Amendments)
- Fire Chief requests

Communications:

- Plante Moran billing update
- Hearing update for January 3, 2018 @ 3:30 pm

Closed session: None for this meeting

A motion was made by Segalin supported by Lyons to accept the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Minutes: A motion was made by Brunello supported by Saari to accept the minutes from December 6, 2017. Motion carried.

Bills and Salaries: A motion was made by Saari and supported by Brunello to accept the bills and salaries as presented in the all funds. Motion carried on a roll call vote. All ayes.

Appearances: None

Old Business: The second half of the policy manual was presented for the board to review. An updated Plante Moran bill was presented, to be placed on file. No action was taken.

Communications: The Zoning log for November was presented.

The DEQ had sent a request to Boyd stating that the Twp. was in violation of not completing water studies. Turns out it was in error, and is corrected. It was further discussed that the Zoning administrator acts on written complaints, except for grass violations.

The final pre-trial conference is scheduled for Jan. 3, 2018 at 3:30 pm for People vs. Jyl Olson-DeRosso.

New Business: A Deputy Treasurer was hired- Joanne Carlson. Her position is part time with a budget of \$8,700 per year. A motion was made by Saari supported by Brunello to accept the Deputy Treasurer appointment and budgeted amount for wages. Motion carried on a roll call vote. All Ayes.

Boyd appointed LeRoy Johnson as his Deputy Supervisor, for \$150 per year. A motion was made by Brunello supported by Michaels to accept Johnson as Deputy Supervisor, budgeted amount \$150 per year. Motion carried on a roll call vote. All Ayes.

Boyd reported that he received 4 applicants for the on-call maintenance person. He will be conducting interviews on Wednesday Dec. 20, 2017.

A motion was made by Lyons supported by Saari to adopt Resolution 2017-35 Budget amendments. Motion carried on a roll call vote. All Ayes.

It was further discussed by Segalin-she had spoken with the Township auditor-Gus Ahonen- he advised holding a special meeting for additional Budget Amendments for 2017. She ask that a special meeting to be scheduled for Dec. 29, 2017 at 1 pm. A motion was made by Brunello supported by Michaels to accept the special meeting time. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Carlson is requested a budget amendment for an additional \$7,000. He stated the fire dept. needs new turn out gear-at least 6 sets at the cost of \$14,000. A motion was made by Saari supported by Michaels to accept his request. Motion carried on a roll call vote. All Ayes.

Boyd will be requesting bids for a furnace for the maintenance garage. A motion was made by Lyons supported by Brunello. Motion carried.

Reports:

Supervisor: 12-18-17 Supervisor Comments

Meetings: Board of Reveiw, County Board of Commissioners, met with City of Ironwood officials about potential issues on the new water main going in

Roads: In response to concerns about plowing, the Road Commissioner stated that the roads are plowed starting at 3 AM if there is overnight snow, or 6 AM on a regular day. They plow whenever the snow is greater than 2". I had several calls last Friday about Icy conditions on Lake Road. I called the road commissioner and that afternoon they sanded the road.

Previous Meeting: Bi-weekly Checks: This was discussed with all employees and anyone getting a check. Universally, it is preferred that the present system be maintained.

Direct Deposit: This is something that can be done on an individual basis at no cost to us if so desired. This is an individual employee's decision.

Other: Gave a court deposition which went well according to our attorney and the prosecutor. Began evaluations with all current employees. The furnace in the garage across the street is failing and emitting exhaust into the garage itself because the system is failing. This will need to be addressed during the budget amendment meeting at the end of the year.

Treasurer: None

Clerk: The November 2017 financial reports were presented on all funds.

Trustees: Saa0+ri stated that the PC Master Plan surveys have been mailed.

Fire Department: The annual elections of officers were held. There were no changes in positions. A motion was made by Boyd supported by Brunello to accept the 2018 Fire Dept. roster.

A motion was made by Segalin supported by Saari to accept Shane Condon to the the Fire Dept.

Chief Carlson reported that they had 3 fire calls this past month. The annual Christmas for Kids event was a huge success.

Public Comment: (3 minute limits) none

Closed Session: None

Adjournment: A motion was made by Brunello supported by Michaels to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 pm. Motion carried.

Steve Boyd, Supervisor

Mary Segalin, Clerk