

**Charter Township of Ironwood
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, May 28, 2019**

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

Roll Call: Supervisor James Simmons, Clerk Mary Segalin, Treasurer Maria Graser

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Joe Rohde, LeRoy Johnson, Sandy Lahtinen, George Kivi, , Dale & Mary Carlson, Kelsey Roble, Cindy Simmons, Laurie Soltis, Scott Carlson-Fire Chief, Phil Strong & Barry Bolich-Road Commission, Gus Ahonen- Auditor and Attorney Mark McDonald.

Public Comment: (3 minute limits) A citizen questioned if the minutes from the last two meetings were in accordance with the Open Meetings Act when the board went into closed session. The Board needs to be specific in why the board is going into closed session. The citizen asked that the minutes reflects those changes.

Amendments to Agenda: New Business: Supervisor Salary for 2019. A motion was made by Saari supported by Lyons to accept the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Brunello supported by Michaels to accept the minutes as presented from the Regular Meeting on April 22, 2019. Motion carried.

Bills and Salaries: General Fund-44882-44913- Total \$22,710.01, Water Fund- #8995-8998- Total \$19,732.06, Wastewater Fund- 1880- Total \$1,951.42. A motion was made by Brunello supported by Saari to accept the bills and salaries as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Appearances: Gus Ahonen presented the final draft of the 2015 audit to the board. He outlined it in a 2-page report. He stated there was a water fund discrepancy, a CD was cashed in and opened in a new bank by the former Treasurer without board approval. The audit final opinion for 2015 was an adverse opinion. Lyons asked why the embezzlement wasn't caught earlier- Ahonen responded with –the Treasurer was sole signer on all of her accounts and he was given false documentation at the time he was conducting the audits. Saari asked when the remainder of the audits would be completed. Ahonen stated he would be starting them the third week of June, 2019. A motion was made by Segalin supported by Graser to place the 2015 Audit on file. Motion carried.

Barry Bolich from the Gogebic County Road Commission presented a proposal for road repairs on Spring Lane. The Township's share of repairs will be \$90,000, which is on line with our budget for this year. A 5-year road plan was also discussed. A motion made by Brunello supported by Lyons to approve such cost and repairs and to sign the contract with the Road Commission. Motion carried on a roll call vote. The Road committee will meet soon to work on a 5-year road plan for the Township.

Old Business: Some questions came up about the sewer hookup on Mt Zion Drive at the new Fitting home constructed by Gogebic Community College. The questions being if Mr. Fitting had to hook up to the new sewer line or can he put in a septic system. Supervisor Simmons will get an opinion from Attorney McDonald and a letter will be drafted with his findings.

Discussion was held in regards to the new clay for the baseball field at Sunset Park. The board decided to just do regular maintenance at the field this year, no replacement of the clay.

Lange Enterprises is not willing to split the cost of the fire numbers into a two year period due to the price of steel. A motion made by Segalin supported by Brunello to order enough fire numbers and poles for this year as the budget allows. The remaining fire numbers will be addressed next year. Motion carried.

The board discussed the list of the foreclosed properties that are now in possession of Gogebic County. The Township had first rights to those properties if we decided we wanted to purchase any. A motion was made by Simmons supported by Lyons not to purchase any of the properties at this time. Motion carried.

There is nothing new to report on the Broadband internet at this time, the subject will remain on the agenda.

Information from MTA was given to the board in regards to Michigan's Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act (MRTMA) initiative. The board asked for a legal opinion from Attorney McDonald on how to proceed.

The proposals for LED lighting were tabled until next meeting.

Communications: A motion was made by Saari supported by Michaels to place the Forest Management Information on file. Motion carried.

New Business: A motion was made by Brunello supported by Michaels to adopt Resolution 2019-005 Pension Plan Amendment. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

A motion was made by Segalin supported by Michaels to place on file the 2018 Gogebic Range Water Authority water quality report. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Segalin supported by Michaels to accept Mr. Simmons letter recognizing a reduction in the salary for the Supervisor's position to be \$1.00 for the remainder of 2019. Motion carried.

Reports:

Supervisor: Simmons stated it has been an honor to be selected for the Township Supervisor. The first two weeks have been getting acclimated to the new environment of the job. He has taken a couple trips to the field with Mike and Nick on a tour of the sewer system. An insurance adjustor was here looking at the gym roof damages. Mr. Simmons stated he has been making contacts with individuals in the County introducing himself and is looking forward to having beneficial relationships.

Treasurer: Graser has checked into the cost of illuminated solar stop signs to purchase for the the intersection of Lake Rd and Airport and for Jackson Rd and Lake Rd. She will inquire with the Road Commission if we were to purchase the signs will they install them. The cost is \$1,400 per sign.

Clerk: Segalin reported that there were 20 shut off notices for water payments due this month and spring burials are starting this month at Sunset Acres. The listing of the Committees and Boards was presented the board for review due to the new Supervisor appointment. The new appointments are as follows:

All Committees: Supervisor James J. Simmons, Jr.

Wastewater Authority: Mary Segalin-Member and James J. Simmons, Jr.-Alternate

Gogebic Range Water Authority: James J. Simmons Jr., Member

Powderhorn Area Utility District: Maria Graser-Member and James J. Simmons, Jr-Alternate

Gogebic County Rep/MTA: James J. Simmons, Jr-Member and Marlene Saari-Alternate

A motion was made by Lyons supported by Brunello to accept the Committee and Board assignments as presented. Motion carried.

Trustees:

Michaels: None

Saari: None

Brunello: None

Lyons: None

Fire Dept.: Chief Carlson reported they had 3 fire calls in April 2019.

Public Comment: A citizen asked when the gym roof repairs are done that they make sure the gym floor is protected from getting damaged. A citizen cited AG opinion 7238 in regards to decreasing the salary of the Supervisor. It states the salary may not be decreased unless the responsibilities are decreased. Supervisor Simmons will look into this matter with the MTA and our attorney. A citizen also asked about getting the BS&A Accounting package instead of using Quickbooks, and planned for in next year budget.

Closed Session: A motion was made by Saari supported by Brunello to enter into closed session to discuss a zoning litigation and pending bond issues with Attorney Mark McDonald at 6:55 pm. Motion carried. A motion was made by Graser supported by Michaels to go back into open session at 7:10 pm. Motion carried

Adjournment: A motion was made by Brunello supported by Graser to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 pm. Motion carried.

James Simmons, Supervisor

Mary Segalin, Clerk

Charter Township of Ironwood

Resolution #2019-005

Pension Plan Amendment

I hereby certify that the following is a true copy of the resolution duly adopted by the Employer at a meeting held on May 28, 2019 at which a quorum was present and acting throughout.

WHEREAS, The Employer has previously adopted the CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF IRONWOOD PENSION PLAN hereinafter called the Former Plan and Trust effective as of January 1, 1970 and then amended August 23, 2001 to be the Benefit Administration Inc., Prototype Plan and Trust, effective as of July 1, 2001.

WHEREAS, The Employer desires to amend and restate the Benefit Administration Inc. Prototype Plan and Trust in total;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved, that the Employer hereby amends and restates the former plan under the terms of the Nationwide Retirement Innovator Advantage Plan effective January 1, 2019.

RESOLVED, that the Employer hereby designates the following individuals or institution as Trustees:

Name: Mary Segalin and James J. Simmons, Jr.

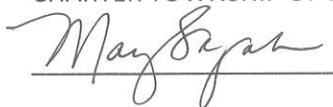
RESOLVED, that the Employer is hereby named the Plan Administrator under the terms of the Plan Document.

RESOLVED, that the proper officers or representatives of the Employer are hereby authorized and directed to execute and Adoption Agreement setting forth the terms and conditions of the Employers amended and restated Plan.

RESOLVED, that the Employer is hereby authorized and directed to pay to the Trustee under the Employer's Plan, such sum or sums in accordance with the terms of terms of said Plan from year to year until otherwise directed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand on this 28th day of May, 2019. A motion was made by Brunello supported by Michaels to adopt Resolution 2019-005. Motion carried on a roll call vote- All ayes.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF IRONWOOD



CLERK

DATE: 5-28-2019



SUPERVISOR

DATE: 28 May 2019