

Charter Township of Ironwood
Regular Meeting
September 24, 2018

000938

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: Fire Chief Scott Carlson, Ron Jacobson, George Kivi, LeRoy Johnson, Joe Rohde, Sandy Lahtinen and Kelsey Roble.

Amendments to Agenda: Communications: Copperwood information. New Business: Move Copper Peak gaming license to new business- Resolution 2018-14. Old business: PAUD Bylaws. Treasurer: Treasurer's Report. A motion was made by Brunello supported by Graser to accept the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Public Comment: (3 minute limit). A citizen said she heard that the Bridge on M-28 won't be fixed until the Spring of 2019. The citizen requested a letter be sent to the Governor over concerns of the situation.

Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Brunello supported by Michaels to accept the minutes from the Regular Meeting Sept. 10, 2018 as presented. Motion carried. A motion was made by Saari supported by Graser to accept the minutes from the Special Meeting (Budget workshop) on Sept. 10, 2018. Motion carried.

Bills and Salaries: General Fund-44130-44170- \$42,738.94, Water Fund- 8900-8903- \$6,339.43, Wastewater Fund- 1836-1838- \$12,438.70.
A motion was made by Brunello supported by Lyons to accept the bills and salaries as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Appearances: None.

Old Business: The proposed PAUD Article of Incorporation and bylaws were discussed. The PAUD Board should be adopted the changes at their next meeting and then will be presented to our Board for adoption. No action was taken at this time.

Communications: The Gogebic County Fair Board sent a letter to thank the Charter Township of Ironwood Volunteer Firefighters for their support and attendance at the Gogebic County Fair this year.

A Zoning Log was presented to the Board of the Zoning administrators activities for August 2018. Boyd submitted a letter to the Gogebic County Board of Commissioners concerning the tax settlement.

Milltrace Apartments is in need of the architect approval to move forward with renovations on the apartment complex.

600919
A 3 year recap of the roads and bridges expenditures was presented. The PAZER Plan will hopefully be completed soon.

Notice of a Public Hearing on the proposed mining permit and the air quality standards for Copperwood Resources mine by the Department of Environmental Quality project on Oct. 24, 2018 at 6:00 pm was presented. A motion was by Lyons supported by Segalin to place all communications on file. Motion carried.

New Business: A motion was made by Lyons supported by Saari to adopt Resolution 2018-13 opposing Senate Bill 396 concerning road restrictions. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Resolution 2018-14 Copper Peak Inc. - gaming license approval was tabled due to more information needed and for the Township to check with Attorney McDonald. A motion to table this was made by Saari supported by Michaels. Motion carried.

Reports:

Supervisor:

Meetings attended were Ojibway Support Meeting, Gogebic Range Water Authority, Gogebic County Board, Gogebic County Road Commission and Powderhorn Area Utility District.

Roads: Section 12 road paving is now completed and Vanderhagen Road paving will be completed shortly. Boyd received some information on the intersection of Lake /Airport Roads. In addition to what was reported at earlier meetings, there have been 7 accidents there since 2008, none of which involved alcohol, and only one occurred during winter conditions. Most were side swipe or angle hits. In that time there was an almost 5 year period where there were no accidents at all reported.

A thank you to Melissa from Bessemer Public Library, the library computer died and she had a replacement here in 6 hours. Their efforts were very much appreciated!

Treasurer: The August 2018 Treasurer's report was presented. A motion was made by Brunello supported by Segalin to place the report on file. Motion carried.

Clerk: Segalin attended a Solid Waste meeting as an alternate. She reported contract negotiations were still on going. Also an audit presentation for the current audit was made by Deb Bradford from Rukkilia Negro. The August 2018 Clerk vs Treasurer Bank Reconciliations report was presented.

Trustees:

Brunello-Attended the GRWA meeting

Saari- Attended the Township Improvement Committee meeting.

Michaels- Attended a Planning Commission mtg., A citizen had complimented to her on how nice N.Moore street looks with the gravel.

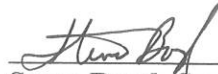
Lyons- Reported that small revisions are being made to PAUD's Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws which will be presented to our Board at a later date.

Fire Department: Fire Chief Carlson asked for permission to hold the annual fun frolic on Oct. 27, 2018 from 1pm-3pm. A motion was made by Brunello supported by Saari to give permission. Motion carried.

Public Comment: (3 minute limit) Kelsey Roble, an Ironwood Township citizen, requested that she would like to be considered for a seat on the PAUD Board when changes in the board seats are open.

001000

Adjournment: A motion was made by Brunello supported by Graser to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 pm. Motion carried.



Steve Boyd, Supervisor



Mary Segalin, Clerk

Resolution 2018-13 Senate Bill 396

Whereas, Roads are the backbone to the social, cultural and economic stability of Gogebic County and the Upper Peninsula; and

Whereas, Senate Bill (SB) 396 (S-5) passed and reported out of the Senate Transportation Committee on September 6, 2018 allows exemptions from seasonal weight restrictions (aka "frost laws") to the forest product industry during the spring thaw when roads are the most vulnerable to damage from heavy loads; and

Whereas, It is a fact in Gogebic County and throughout the northern states that roads become soft in the spring and applying unrestricted 164,000-pound truck loading on soft roads, is fool hardiness that defies common sense and a law allowing such nonsense is poor public policy; and

Whereas, SB 396 also grants exemptions to the forestry industry that will allow the hauling of forest products and transport of equipment on the public road system obtaining proper permits from road authorities at all times of the year; and

Whereas, the provisions of SB 396 WILL result in damage to the public road system' and

Whereas, the provisions of SB 396 WILL negatively impact the traveling public accessing the road system, resulting in burdening road authorities with expensive reactive maintenance repairs and significantly increased taxpayer costs to maintain the public road system; and

Whereas, the provisions in SB 396 and subsequent impacts to the local road system WILL negatively impact the health, safety and welfare of Gogebic County residents and the traveling public; and

Whereas, the Gogebic County Road Commission and the other road commissions throughout the Upper Peninsula work closely with the logging industry to keep the economic vitality of the County and the Upper Peninsula moving by continuously monitoring road conditions and permitting the logging industry to move equipment and material on the roads when the roads can structurally support such loading without negatively impacting the road system and the traveling public;

Therefore, Be it resolved, that the Charter Township of Ironwood hereby STRONGLY opposes SB 396; and

Be it further resolved, that a vote hereon be taken by aye and nay and spread at large on the minutes of this board.

A motion was made by Lyons supported by Segalin to adopt Resolution 2018-13 Opposing Senate Bill 396.

The motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

Ayes: All Nays: None Absent: None

001002

Resolution 2018-13: Certification: I hereby certify that this is a true and accurate copy of the Resolution 2018-13 passed by the Charter Township of Ironwood Trustees at a regular Board Meeting of September 24, 2018. I further certify that the meeting was held in compliance with PA 266 of 1976, being the Open Meetings Act.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mary Segalin", followed by a long horizontal flourish.

Mary Segalin, Clerk