

**Charter Township of Ironwood
Regular Meeting
March 26, 2018**

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

Roll Call: Clerk Mary Segalin, Treasurer Maria Graser

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

Absent: Supervisor, Steve Boyd

Also Present: Scott Carlson-Fire Chief, Ron Jacobson, Sandy Lahtinen, Joe Rohde, Kim Pelkola, Brenda Angus, LeRoy Johnson, and Joe Kravetz.

A motion was made by Graser supported by Brunello to allow Trustee Lyons to chair the meeting, as Boyd is absent. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Amendments to Agenda: Communications: 2017 Parks and Forestry Report. New Business: Change April 23, 2018 meeting date not the April 9th date. A motion was made by Brunello supported by Michaels to accept the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Public Comment: (3 min. limit-agenda items only) A citizen thanked the Board for chip sealing that was done last fall on Welch Creek/Oak Hill Lane roads. Another citizen asked what the guidelines are for an employee to be eligible for the pension plan. Trustee Lyons stated those guidelines are for employees only, not elected officials.

Minutes: A motion was made by Saari supported by Brunello to accept the minutes from March 12, 2018 as presented. Motion carried.

Bills and Salaries: General Fund-43555-43583-Totaling \$14,116.77, Water Fund-8842-8844-Totaling \$31,896.20, Wastewater Fund- 1803 & 1804- Totaling \$3,308.18

Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Brunello supported by Michaels to accept the bills and salaries as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Appearances: None

Old Business: The Township Spring Cleanup is tentatively set for June 9, 2018. Saari will check with the Transfer Station to see if this date is available. Lyons requested a list of acceptable/non acceptable items for the cleanup from the Transfer Station.

A motion was made Brunello supported by Graser to allow the hiring of Merritt's Housekeeping to clean and sanitize the offices which includes- duct cleaning, steam clean carpets, and sanitizing surfaces. Motion carried on a roll call vote. Brunello, Graser, Segalin, Saari and Michaels voting yes, Lyons voted nay.

Communications: The 2017 Parks and Forestry report is available at the office. A motion was made by Brunello supported by Segalin to allow the amount of \$3,148.89 from the Parks and

Forestry committee to go into the general fund to help with the future park renovations. Motion carried.

New Business: A motion was made by Graser supported by Brunello to adopt Resolution 2018-2- General Fund Budget Amendment. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

The April 23, 2018 Regular Board Meeting was requested to be changed to April 30, 2018 due to the absence of three officials for the MTA Conference. A motion was made by Brunello supported by Saari to accept the meeting date change. Motion carried.

A new Water Line Locator is being requested for up to \$3,000.00, as the Township's current Locator is 30 plus years old and cannot be repaired any longer. It was discussed that the funds will be shared between the Sewer Fund and Water Fund. There will have to be a budget amendment for the water fund to add funds under equipment. It is tabled until the budget amendment is approved.

Reports:

Supervisor: Supervisor notes read by Lyons:

Meetings Attended: Board of Review meetings

Road Issues: None since the last meeting

Issues from previous meeting:

- 1) I was asked to provide details on the county rec plan as it applies to the Township. The rec plan for Gogebic County can be accessed at www.wuppd.org for the full plan which is over 70 pages long. Aspects of it that relate specifically to Ironwood township are as follows:
 - a) It begins with a detailed description of each area
 - b) Next is an inventory of all specific recreational sites.
 - a. Little Girls Point. Stresses the increased use and access, has many detailed maps. Concerns include erosion control, and only some of the sites meet accessibility standards.
 - b. Powers Rd Recreation Area: Approximately 30 miles of trails exist here, with the idea of them eventually connecting to the regional trails in both states. About 5 miles are designed as hunter walking trails, with the rest dedicated to non-motorized, ATV/ORV, and equestrian. None of the trails are rated as handicap accessible. The proposal included development of ORV accessible primitive campsites.
 - c. A small portion of the Iron Belle trail is located in the township. It is considered accessible.
 - d. Copper Peak. We are still waiting for final approval from the state to fund the expansion into a year around training facility. If approved, this would have

enormous economic consequences for the township. There are plans to expand trail and camping opportunities within the copper peak footprint.

- c) There is lengthy discussion of trail development, some of which is included in the township.
 - d) The long term capital improvement plan proposes improvements to trails on Powers Road and improvements in the restroom facilities at Little Girls Point.
 - e) The results of an extensive survey are discussed in detail in regards to demographics and usage.
- 2) Guys had no problem with bringing in Merritt Cleaning as far as the contract goes.
 - 3) Questions on Merritt's Cleaning Service
 - a) How far into the ducts do they clean? All the way from Opening to source
 - b) Are the carpets steam cleaned? Yes
 - c) What other specialized equipment or supplies are used? They have a variety of specialized equipment and cleaning solutions we do not possess, because of economy of scale.

Other:

1) Guys were informed not to use personal money for township needs. If the business does not have an account with us, they are to use an Official's credit card, or as a last resort, the elected township official should go to the place of business to complete the transaction.

Treasurer: Graser reminded citizens to read the back of their utility bill- concerning the policy on late fees. A motion was made by Saari supported by Segalin to place Feb. 2018 Treasurer's Report on file. Motion carried.

Clerk: Clerk vs. Treasurer Bank Reconciliations was presented. Segalin reports that there were 13 red door shut off notices sent for nonpayment of utility billing.

Trustees:

- Michaels, nothing to report.
- Saari attended a Gogebic Range Solid Waste meeting and will be checking with them in regards to the new Spring Clean Up date.
- Brunello, nothing to report.
- Lyons attended a PAUD meeting and they are going to be revisiting the Articles of Incorporation for PAUD with a special meeting to be held in the near future.

Fire Department: Chief Carlson presented the board with an estimate for a new door lock system for the fire department garage door as the locks are now failing. The estimate is for \$1,500, with the Fire Department installing the locks themselves as a cost savings. It is tabled until the next meeting.

Closed Session: None

Public Comment: (3 minute limit) A citizen reminded the board of the upcoming Bessemer library contract expiring soon. She also recognized the Bessemer Library for

doing a great job for the Township citizens of their services. Another citizen commented she did not think the Carnegie Library was a school library.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Brunello supported by Graser to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 pm. Motion carried.

Kevin Lyons, Trustee/Co-Chairperson

Mary Segalin, Clerk