

**Charter Township of Ironwood
Regular Meeting
September 12, 2016**

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

Roll Call: Supervisor Al Baron, Treasurer Jyl Olson-DeRosso, Mary Segalin Clerk

Trustees: Kevin Lyons, Kathy Maki, Bernie Brunello, Steve Boyd

Absent: None

Also Present: Lynn Coron-Deputy Clerk, Joe Rohde, Scott Carlson-Fire Chief, Darrin Kimbler, Marlene Saari Mieloszyk, Kim Pelkola, James Simmons, Bev Michaels, Kelly Heidbrier, Mike Holmgren.

Public Comment: None

Amendments to Agenda: Three letters from Dept. of Treasury- Communications
C2AE- New Business
Fire Department Entrance Blacktopping- Old Business

A motion was made by Brunello supported by DeRosso to accept the agenda as amended.
Motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

Minutes: Regular Meeting August 22, 2016, Special meeting August 19, 2016

Bills and Salaries: General Fund-41648-41723-\$32145.40, Water Fund-8646-8648-\$112.22, Waste Water Fund- 1708-1709- \$677.55. A motion was made by DeRosso supported by Maki to accept the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Appearances: None

Old Business: The Fire Hall blacktopping bid from Luppino the square feet was quoted wrong. It was supposed to be \$8,900.00. A motion was made by Segalin supported by Brunello to accept the corrected blacktopping bid from Luppino, which was less than Northwoods Pavings bid. Motion carried on a roll call vote. All Ayes.

Communication: A Motion was made by Maki supported by DeRosso to accept and place on file 3 letters from the Michigan Department of Treasury. Motion carried.

New Business:

Resolution 2016-6 Multi Use Trail Gift of Land from Keweenaw Land Association for Non-Motorized Trail. A motion was made by Boyd supported by Segalin to adopt Resolution 2016-6. Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

Resolution 2016-7 State Disaster Contingency Fund Grant. Baron met with the MSP, it was stated that the Township is getting refunded the total cost of the Township's expense for the

disaster of July 2016. The total cost comes to just under \$1,200 for fuel, Fire Department efforts and Township employee's time. A motion was made by Maki supported by Boyd to accept resolution 2016-7 as presented. Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

Kelly Heidbrier and Mike Holmgren representatives from C2Ae informed the Board they are upgrading their office equipment. The company, C2A2 were wanting to donating two laptops and a wireless printer to the Township. A motion was made by Boyd supported by Maki to accept the generous donation from C2Ae for the equipment. Motion carried. I letter of appreciation was also asked to be sent from the Supervisor.

Reports:

Supervisor: Baron requested permission to seek for bids for the replacement roof on the garage across the street and to seek bids for a straight blade plow for the new Ford truck. A motion was made by Lyons supported by Brunello to advertise for bids to be returned by our next meeting on September 26, 2016. Motion carried.

Treasurer: DeRosso is asking if the board has any information to be added to the newsletter going out this fall, please let her know. DeRosso also reported 23 people participated in the Township wide rummage sales. Residents west of the washed out areas at Little Girls Point due to the July 11, 2016 storm will get a 2 month credit on their garbage bills, due to the inability of our garbage hauler to service their addresses. A motion was made by Brunello supported by Segalin to have a fall clean-up again this year due to multiple requests. The date will be set at a later time, maybe end of September 2016. Motion carried.

Clerk: The board had various questions about the 2nd quarter financial statements. A motion was made by Lyons supported by Boyd to place on file. Motion carried. Segalin and Boyd will be attending a conference in Houghton MI on Oct. 5, 2016. A motion was made by DeRosso supported by Brunello to allow them to go. Motion carried.

Trustees: Boyd reminded the board of the upcoming Planning Commission meeting on Thursday Sept. 15, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. Maki set a Policy meeting for Wednesday September 13, 2016 at 11:00 a.m.

Fire Department: Chief Carlson reported the Fire Department had 6 calls so far this month. The Department raised \$2000 for MS at the Fill the Boot drive. Our Department was selected by Enbridge to receive an award of \$1,750.00 for fire hose nozzle replacement. They are also receiving limited amount of smoke detectors for distribution to Township residents.

Public Comment: (3 minute limit): A citizen asked about the audit. He stated that three weeks ago on August 11, 2016, Supervisor Baron said that the audit was to be done before the end of the week. This turned out to be incorrect. The last word given to the public a couple months ago is that the financial books are off by approximately \$58,000. The citizen asked if there was any positive news about the unreconciled funds. He stating the treasurer does "sloppy" record keeping, which is holding up the audit. The citizen stated that he will continue to be vocal in his demand for a forensic audit of the financial records of our Township. He feels that the Board has an opportunity to exercise its fiduciary responsibility to the Township and to finally impose a higher

standard with better disclosure. Also, for the Board not to act would be viewed by many as malfeasance. Baron recognized the citizen for his comments.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Brunello supported by Maki to adjourn the meeting at 6:07 pm. Motion carried.

Alan Baron, Supervisor

Mary Segalin, Clerk