

**Charter Township of Ironwood
Regular Meeting
August 13, 2018**

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: Sandy Lahtinen, Joe Rohde, Fire Chief-Scott Carlson, Ron Jacobson, LeRoy Johnson, Kim Pelkola, Peggy Krohn, Sharon Hallberg, Randy Scott, Ginger Kivisto, and George Kivi.

Amendments to Agenda: None. A motion was made by Brunello supported by Graser to accept the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Public Comment: (3 minute limit). None

Consent Agenda: A correction of an approved motion for the Fire Dept. to attend the Gogebic County fair was added to the July 23, 2018 minutes. A motion was made by Brunello supported by Michaels to accept the minutes as amended. Motion carried.

Bills and Salaries: General Fund-43960-44054 - \$51,111.87, Water Fund- 8889- 8893- \$6,637.71, Wastewater Fund- 1829 & 1831- \$11,666.68 , with Voucher # 1830 being withheld due to questioning the increased amount due to the Gogebic Iron Wastewater Authority's monthly bill.

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

Appearances: Randy Scott recommended the Township recheck their revenues vs. expenditures in the sewer budget to see if what we are collecting is adequate. He also recommends saving money for the long term. The recommended sewer rate increase, from our SAW grant findings, may not be necessary due to past circumstances.

Old Business: Supervisor Boyd recommended Sandy Lahtinen to be re-appointed to the Planning Commission. A motion was made by Lyons supported by Michaels to accept this appointment. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Boyd supported by Graser for Segalin to abstain from voting on the revised PAUD's Articles of Incorporation. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Saari supported by Lyons to accept the revised PAUD's Articles of Incorporation. Motion carried with Segalin abstaining.

Communications: Green Timber sale bid, GRWA water rate resolution, and GRWA monthly water usage report. A motion was made by Lyons supported by Saari to place all communications on file. Motion carried.

New Business: A motion was made by Brunello supported by Lyons to adopt Resolution 2018-9 Renewal of Road Millage proposal to go on the ballot in November 2018. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

A motion was made by Saari supported by Segalin to adopt Resolution 2018-10 Support of Ojibway facility. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Boyd will obtain costs concerning a possible sidewalk in the front of the Township offices. He will report back to the board at the next board meeting.

A Special Meeting/Budget workshop is scheduled for August 27, 2018 at 4:30 pm, just before the regular board meeting, to discuss the 2019 Budget.

Boyd and Lyons terms are up as of September 2018 on the PAUD board. A motion was made by Brunello supported by Michaels to re-appoint Boyd and Lyons for another term. Motion carried. A motion was made by Boyd supported by Saari to appoint Michaels and Graser as alternates to the PAUD board.

Reports:

Supervisor:

Meetings attended: County Board of Commissioners, GRWA, and Wellhead Protection. Also attended the UP Summit MTA conference in Escanaba where I attended a variety of workshops and seminars and a Road Commission meeting.

Road Issues:

- Lake Road from Partridge to the spring will be undergoing renovation this week. After that, work will begin on Vanderhagen and Section 12 roads. Gravel work was done on Moore Rd, Niemi Lane and Heikkala Rd. Additional work will be done if more money becomes available this season. An increase of \$10,000 for gravel is proposed for next year along with possible reevaluation of formula used to more accurately reflect population and amount of gravel roads.

Previous Issues:

- LED Lighting- Received one quote, still waiting on local vendors.
- I was asked to check on empty airport deicer containers for our guys to use on the truck for water to pressurize for cleaning. They have two they would donate if we need...about 150/200 gallons each. Our maintenance guys are checking into it.
- No significant movement yet at Mill Trace Apartments remodel.
- Fire Numbers- Requested price quotes from 2 companies, should have something tangible to report by the next meeting. Requesting half one sided and half two sided.
- Sunset baseball field- Waiting for a firm commitment from a couple other communities fields to see if we can pool our money for a better deal. Coach Cvengros is keeping me informed.

Announce firefighter awards at the recent UP firefighters Tournament

- Louie Somero: UP Firefighter of the Year
- Tom Hampston: Longevity award
- Scott Carlson: Michigan state fire association public service award

At county board meeting, language was approved to put the ambulance funding issue on the ballot; asking for up to 1 mil for 3 years. This would raise about \$523,000 per year.

UP Summerfest Art fair this scheduled for Saturday, August 18, at the Airport Park, 10-3. Thanks to Rose Barbacovi for doing a great deal of work organizing this event.

Treasurer: None

Clerk: The Primary election held on August 7, 2018 went smoothly. Segalin reported she also attended the UP Summit in Harris, MI. It was a very worthwhile meeting.

Trustees: Brunello reported that the Bessemer water project is running behind schedule. GI Wastewater – they are checking the cables and boilers at the plant for damage from last heavy rain fall.

Michaels- Nothing to report.

Saari-Also attended the MTA UP summit in Harris, MI. It was an excellent conference. She stated there are specific grants available that the Parks and Rec Committee can apply for even without a current audit.

Lyons- There is a PAUD meeting on Wednesday.

Fire Department: Chief Carlson said they had 6 fire calls this past month.

Public Comment: (3 minute limit)

Citizens questioned the status of the insurance bond payment, millage rate for upcoming year, committee assignment protocols and social media issues.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Brunello supported by Graser to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 pm. Motion carried.

Steve Boyd, Supervisor

Mary Segalin, Clerk