

**Charter Township of Ironwood
Regular Meeting
May 25, 2017**

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

Roll Call: Supervisor Steve Boyd, Treasurer Maria Graser and Clerk Mary Segalin

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Lynn Coron- Deputy Clerk, Scott Carlson-Fire Chief, Peggy Krohn, Kelly Stanzak, Kathy Maki, Joe Rohde, Andrea Mesich, Andy Mesich, Claire Mesich, Darrin Kimbler, Adam Graser, Lauren & Mike Soltis, George Kivi, Camilla Pisco, Doreen Raykovich, Ginger Kivisto, Kenneth Kivisto, James Simmons, Jessie & Joey Vaughn, Mark McDonald- Township Attorney.

Supervisor comment: 1. I know many of you are here to comment, ask questions, and get answers to the recent news reports. I need to explain before we start that because this is a pending and active investigation, we are limited to our responses. When we say we cannot respond because this is a pending case, it is because: An incomplete or inaccurate figure publically stated could result in that issue being thrown out as evidence. If public statements are made, but the person is found innocent on that charge, I could be sued for libel. Excess publicity could result in a change of venue. If you want to get more answers or comments than what we can provide here, you should contact Nick Jacobs in the prosecutor's office, as he is the spokesperson for the case.

2. In this meeting, I know people are understandably angry. But I will not allow profane or inappropriate language to be used or personal attacks of any kind against board members. Comments should be addressed to the Chair.

3. Public comment sections are just that, comments. This is not the forum for question and answers. I will stay after the meeting is concluded and will be happy to discuss any issue with you at that time, to the limits of what was outlined earlier.

4. A soon as this case is successfully concluded, it is my intention to have a public meeting where I can show all evidence, fully explain a timeline of events, and have all reports and documents available to the public that are allowed. At that time, I will be able to fully answer questions. I am very proud of the hard work done by all members of this board in these difficult times and I look forward to sharing that with you.

Public Comment: None.

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

Agenda:

Minutes: Regular Meeting May 8, 2017. A motion was made by Brunello supported by Graser to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Bills and Salaries: General Fund-42575- 42621- \$40,644.17, Water Fund-8737- 8739- \$930.21, Waste Water Fund- 1757-1758- \$43,644.31. A motion was made by Lyons supported by Saari to accept the bills and salaries as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Appearances: None

Old Business: Letter to Gov. Snyder –Mining bill passed.

Communications:

Charter Communications Channel Changes

Senate Bill 144

Green Timber Tree Farm Group

A motion was made by Lyons supported by Segalin to place all information letters on file.

Motion carried.

New Business: None

Reports:

Supervisor: The inspection of water lines will begin the week of July 17th, with the assistance of the City of Ironwood.

The new PAZER Report is being developed – it prioritizes conditions and repairs of the roads, traffic etc.

There has been interest in the use of the baseball field so Boyd will have a sign- up sheet at the office for various leagues to sign in when they want to play.

Boyd reported the Spring Clean-up was a success. As of June 1, 2017 the recycling bins at the Twp. office will only accept paper and cardboard materials.

Treasurer: ACH is up and running. If anyone would like their water/garbage payments to come out of their checking account-it is advised to come in and fill out a information sheet, or go online and download the form and return it to the Treasurer.

Clerk: The union contract is up as of July 2017. Negotiations are in progress.

Trustees: Saari had requested the Spring on Lake Road to be tested.

Fire Department: The annual road side clean-up went well. The Fire Department collected 12 garbage bags of trash. Chief Carlson requested he and Mike Nelson being added to the Fire Departments checking accts, for the second signature requirement. Chief Carlson is also working with the Red Cross in possibly getting smoke detectors for Township residents-free of charge. If approved we will have a signup sheet at the Township Office for residents in need.

Public Comment: (3 minute limit) A citizen had thanked the board for their hard work and dedication to the Township. Many citizens had various questions and comments to the Board concerning the recent legal action against the former Treasurer. Boyd, under legal advice, could not comment on many questions. But did say, taxes will not be raised

as a result of this issue. The State Audit will be presented for approval at the June 12, 2017 Board Meeting.

Closed Session: A motion was made by Lyons supported by Brunello to enter into Closed Session at 6:30 pm to discuss legal matters with Attorney Mark McDonald. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Lyons supported by Segalin to go out of closed session and to reconvene open session at 7:12 pm.

A motion was made by Graser supported by Michaels to pursue civil litigation against the former Treasurer Jyl Olson-DeRosso for claims resulting from the ongoing investigation. Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

A motion was made by Brunello supported by Graser to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 pm. Motion carried.

Steve Boyd, Supervisor

Mary Segalin, Clerk