

**Charter Township of Ironwood**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Monday, November 9, 2020**  
**Time: 5:30 pm**  
**Teleconference meeting**  
**Call: (701) 802-5250**  
**Access Code: 714999#**

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

**Roll Call:** James Simmons- Supervisor, Maria Graser- Treasurer, Mary Segalin- Clerk

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

**Absent:** None

**Also Present:** LeRoy Johnson- Zoning admin., Brenda Aili- Angus, Jay Kangas, Adam Graser.

**Public Comment: (3-minute limit)** A citizen stated she attended the last meeting but her name was not listed in the minutes, they will be added.

**Amendments to Agenda:** Old business: revision of the Township's COVID preparedness plan. A motion was made by Brunello supported by Michaels to accept the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

**Consent Agenda:** A motion was made by Saari supported by Brunello to accept the minutes as from the Regular Meeting, as amended, October 26, 2020. Motion carried.

**Bills and Salaries:** General Fund-46501-46540, EFT 59-62-\$39,545.43, Water Fund-#9148-9150- \$9,741.90, Wastewater Fund- #1972- \$11,681.83, Tax Fund - #8463-8483- \$17,866.65. A motion was made by Saari supported by Brunello to accept the bills and salaries as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

**Appearances:** None

**Old Business:** The updated COVID preparedness plan will include the MDHHS ruling- Offices need to work remotely if possible. As of Oct. 14, 2020 MiOSHA, prohibits in-house office work and must work remotely if possible. There will be contact tracing efforts set forth. Here at the office we will have a sign in sheet for anyone who enters the building. All in-person staff will fill out a daily health screening sheet.

**Communications:** None

**New Business:** Simmons asked the board to please consider raising the part-time employee's wage, Jeff Anderson, as he has done an excellent job for the Township. He is dependable, lives close by, and is very knowledgeable concerning his job requirements. A motion was made by Segalin supported by Michaels to allow the wage to be increased from \$10 to \$12 per hr, effective today. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

**Reports:**

**Supervisor:** Tonight is my last meeting as Ironwood Township Supervisor. It has been an honor to serve the citizens for the past 18 months following the passing of Steve Boyd. My intention was always to only serve Steve's remaining time and return to retirement. Steve was a good, honest man and a friend to all. His presence is deeply missed in our Township.

I look forward to Mr. Jay Kangas taking over as Supervisor on November 20<sup>th</sup> and I will assist where needed. I wish Jay the very best as he takes on the new endeavor.

I want to thank Mr. LeRoy Johnson for his hard work and service to our Township. To say he is an asset is truly a vast understatement. LeRoy's knowledge covering governing laws and regulations has helped me immensely over the last year and a half. We are very fortunate to have him.

It has been a pleasure working with Maria and Mary. I have witnessed firsthand all of their attention to detail which has resulted in three financial audits with no deficiencies. I can deeply appreciate this achievement after working in accounting for over 30 years.

I thank our outgoing board members, Marlene (4years), Bev (4 years), Bernie (20 years). Thank you very much for service to the Township and for the hours you spent away from your friends and family. It has been a pleasure working with you. I enjoyed working with Bernie on our road plan and I don't think there is a person in the Township who knows more about our roads than Bernie.

Thank you to Mark McDonald for all of his hard work in helping the township through the legal spiderweb related to the embezzlement. Thank you for all of your late nights and weekends over the last four years. The Township owes you a debt of gratitude.

Thank you to Mr. Tom Novascone for all of your hard work that added to our taxable value in the Township. I appreciate all of the hours you spend here on the weekends. We are fortunate to have you on our team.

And a special thanks to Butch Saari. I have learned a lot about the building inspection and approval process. There is always rhyme and reason behind every approval or rejection.

Thank you to everyone responsible for making our Township a better place from our firefighters to our staff and election workers. The people who run the world are the ones who show up.

In other discussion, the fire sign replacement has slowed down for a couple of different reasons, a combination of COVID and personnel. The truth is, we could use some extra help. I would suggest that we approach the fire department and see if any of our firefighters are interested in being hired to work on this task.

**Treasurer:** The delinquent garbage and utility bills were added to the tax roll. I have had no payments or correspondence from the owners of the Trailer park.

**Clerk:** The Township election went very smoothly. We had 1453 voters. A new computer was purchased for the Fire Dept. in which Al Estola has set up, also he will be installing a few new cameras for surveillance of the office. The storage vehicles belonging to the fire dept. need to be evaluated and discussed at a future meeting to see if they can be sold to free up some space for the Township. A list of excess vehicles will be presented at the next board meeting.

**Trustees:**

Michaels- Nothing to report

Saari- Attended MTA Chapter mtg.

Brunello- Nothing to report

Lyons- The fire numbers were discussed at purchasing, needing extra help for installation.

All trustees had thanked the Township for allowing them to serve on the board and to wish the oncoming board members luck in the new endeavors.

**Fire Dept.:** No representation again.

**Public comment:** Jay Kangas wanted to thank the outgoing boards members for their years of service.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Brunello supported by Michaels to adjourn the meeting at 5:54pm. Motion carried.

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James Simmons, Supervisor

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Mary Segalin, Clerk