

**Charter Township of Ironwood
Regular Meeting
April 17, 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, Bernie Brunello, Marlene Saari

Absent: None

Also Present: Scott Carlson-Fire Chief, Lynn Coron- Deputy Clerk, Joe Rohde, Kim Pelkola, Rich Jenkins, Mark McDonald (Twp. Atty), Sandy Lahtinen, Rick Aird (UPCAP), Randy Scott (Saw Grant), Darren Pionk.

Public Comment: A citizen was wondering why the seasonal employee job description asks for willingness to learn GIS computer program, and wondered if they really need to know this system. The citizen was also asking why we were hiring one employee vs. two which was done in the past, and why the current employees take their vacations at the end of the year. Boyd stated, the seasonal employee does not have to know the GIS software program, but if the need arose that they would be willing to learn it. Boyd also states that it is a cost saving for the Township to hire one seasonal employee and the Summer Youth program may be sending HS students to help. Boyd also stated when our current employees take their vacations it is at their own discretion according to their contract.

Amendments to Agenda: New Business: Lake Rd. Paving project & Hiring Seasonal Employee Closed session after last Public Comment and Resolution 2017-5 Amendment under New Business.

Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Brunello supported by Segalin to accept the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Minutes: Regular Meeting March 27, 2017. A motion was made by Brunello supported by Michaels to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Bills and Salaries: General Fund-42402- 42483- \$50,201.13, Water Fund-8714-8726- \$73,232.14, Waste Water Fund- 1747-1748-\$10,129.32. A motion was made by Brunello supported by Segalin to accept the bills and salaries as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Appearances: Rick Aird from UPCAP requested to amend the PILT Ordinance #54. They would like to extend the in lieu of tax payments for up to 15 years vs. the 5 years originally agreed upon in the Ordinance. They will be submitting the paperwork for the rehab monies and will hopefully be granted it. But if they don't, at least the PILT extension would aid in the rehabbing Milltrace Apartments. Aird was requested to resubmit the rehab project list to the Township Board and to Mr. McDonald, our Attorney. A motion was made Lyons supported by Brunello to discuss the results at the first board meeting in May 2017. Motion carried.

Old Business: Darren Pionk, from the Gogebic County Road Commission, asked if the Township board is willing to share in the cost of gap paving between the new eighteen culverts on Lake Rd. from the storm damage in 2016, or to just leave those areas with the current road surface. It was discussed by the board and was decided the Board will continue with their original five year road plan and have the Road Commission patch pave over the culverts. By continuing with the road plan, Section 12 Road will get the much needed paving as schedule. A motion was made by Brunello supported by Segalin to accept this schedule. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

The Seasonal Employee applications were discussed. A motion was made by Boyd supported by Graser for Segalin to abstain from voting. Motion carried. There were 5 applicants submitted. Boyd reported Robert Segalin was the most qualified, with his computers skills and his past employment with the Township as last year's Seasonal Employee. Our current maintenance crews were in total agreement of rehiring Mr. Segalin. Boyd contacted MTA as far as there being a conflict of interest for him being hired as he is the son of our current Clerk. Boyd reported he found it not to be a conflict of interest. A motion was made by Brunello supported by Michaels to hire Robert Segalin for the Seasonal Employee position starting May 1 thru October 1, 2017. Motion carried on a roll call vote, with Clerk Segalin abstaining.

Communications: A motion was made by Lyons supported by Graser to accept the transfer of ownership of the liquor license for the Pub & Grub, located on Black River Road, with no objections and to place on file. Motion carried.

New Business: Effective May 31st, 2017, a motion was made by Brunello supported by Segalin to increase sewer rates as presented by Randy Scott (C2AE- SAW Grant). It will be increased by .50 per month, as mandated by the State. Motion carried on a roll vote. A motion was made by Lyons supported by Saari to authorize Boyd to sign the SAW Grant project completion letter. Motion carried on a roll call vote. A motion was made by Segalin supported by Lyons for Boyd to sign the final amendment and to sign draw request #27 to complete the project. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Boyd will contact Verbos concerning Gus Forslund's well variance request. A motion was made by Lyons supported by Graser to table this request until the next meeting to get more information from the Township Ordinance for hooking up. Motion carried.

Segalin reports the Township's water usage has increased significantly over the past few months. Our Maintenance crew has been aware of the increased usage and is continuing to try and locate the problem. Boyd will be contacting Tervonen at the City of Ironwood to inquire about getting a leak detection service to assist. Boyd will report back at the next meeting.

A motion was made by Lyons supported by Brunello to amend Resolution 2017-5 –to reflect trustees receiving meeting wage for conference days. Elected officials are to receive meeting wage on non -work days only. Motion carried on a roll call vote. 6 yes and Segalin voting no.

Supervisor: Reported he attended an excellent MTA conference.

Treasurer: Graser reports that 54 garbage customers will be added to garbage roll.

Clerk: A change in the meeting date with Nationwide Insurance in regards to our new pension plan is going to be on Tuesday, April 18, 2017. Charter Communications sent a notification in regards to adding 4 channels to the current tier of programming.

Trustees: None

Fire Department: Chief Carlson reports that there was one chimney fire this month. The department also had ladder training and pipeline training.

Public Comment: (3 minute limit): None

Closed Session: A motion was made by Segalin supported by Saari to enter into Closed Session at 7:30 pm concerning the State Audit Report Status. Motion carried.

A motion made by Brunello supported by Segalin to resume regular meeting at 7:40 PM. Motion carried.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Brunello supported by Graser to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 pm. Motion carried.

Steve Boyd, Supervisor

Mary Segalin, Clerk