

Charter Township of Ironwood
Special Meeting-Public Hearing
5:00 p.m. December 26, 2006

At 5:00 p.m. Supervisor Rick Estola called the meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance, and roll call was taken

PRESENT: Supervisor Rick Estola, Treasurer Jyl Olson, Clerk Gayla Salmi.
TRUSTEES: Marilyn Partyka, John Suutala, Frank Genisot, Bernie Brunello.

ALSO PRESENT: Frank Rolniak, Kathy Rooni, Michael Rooni, Mr. Sharp from the Daily Globe.

A motion was made by Ms. Salmi supported by Mr. Brunello to open the public hearing. The motion was carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Estola presented the General Fund budget and opened the meeting up for questions. Discussions were held regarding several line items in the budget. Several questions were asked by the audience, such as:

1. What is C.O.L.A. : Cost Of Living Adjustment.
2. Why was there a salary category and a wage category under each activity: The secretaries wage is under wage, the officials are salary.
3. Why did some line item (like health insurance) expenses go down: Due to changes in family size. Also the secretary Health insurance was included under these categories. Also the Trustees relinquished their insurance coverage.
4. Why did the income for Lost Lake logging go down: Because the industry is in a downswing and it doesn't pay to sell wood for less.
5. Why is the secretary's wage in each activity: Because each activity bears the cost of having a secretary. So her wages and health insurance is under each activity. This is new in the budget, as in prior years it was not split out of each activity.
6. Why did the mileage rate rise from .39c to .45¢? due to rising cost of fuel, and the IRS rules allow .45¢.
7. Why do you have Attorney 1 and Attorney 2? At a time in the past we had two attorneys working on water utility issues. This was to identify which was working on the different projects.
8. Who are the attorneys? The Township attorney is Mark McDonald.

Hearing no other questions Supervisor Estola asked if the Trustee board would like to consider the RESOLUTION #62 General Appropriations, #63 Salaries, and #64 Rates and Charges.

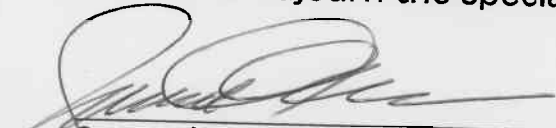
A motion was made by Mr. Brunello supported by Mr. Genisot to adopt Resolution #62 General Appropriations Resolution with a correction in the mileage rate from .39c to .45c.. The motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

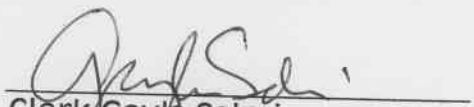
A motion was made by Ms. Olson supported by Ms. Salmi to adopt Resolution #63 Salaries. The motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

A motion was made by Mrs. Partyka supported by Mr. Genisot to adopt Resolution #64 Rates and Charges. The motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

At 5:37 p.m. a motion was made by Ms. Salmi supported by Mr. Genisot to re-convien the special meeting. The motion carried on a unanimuous roll call vote.

At 5:38 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Brunello supported by Mr. Suutala to adjourn the Special Meeting. The motion carried.


Supervisor Rick Estola


Clerk Gayla Salmi