

## Charter Township of Ironwood Regular Meeting March 24, 2008

At 4:00 p.m. Supervisor Estola called the meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance and roll call was taken.

Present: Supervisor Rick Estola, Treasurer Jyl Olson, and Clerk Gayla Salmi.

Trustees: Marilyn Partyka, Bernie Brunello, John Suutala, and Frank Genisot.

Also present: Chuck Williams, Lou Bonagura, Arvo Toolanen, Michael Rooni.

Public comment: None.

### Amendments to Agenda:

Communications: letter from Kit Malloy- library.

New business: Election Workers.

A motion was offered by Mr. Suutala supported by Mrs. Partyka to accept the amendments to agenda. The motion carried.

### Consent agenda:

Minutes : Special meeting March 10, 2008; regular meeting March 10, 2008.

General fund vouchers: 29463 – 29495 totaling \$8995.17.

Water fund vouchers: 7569 – 7574 totaling \$16431.22.

Waste water fund: none.

A motion was offered by Mr. Genisot supported by Mr. Suutala to accept the consent agenda as presented. The motion carried.

### Reports

Fire Department: Chuck Williams reported on engine 94- will not draft water- needs a \$300. pump test.

GRWA: Ms. Salmi reported that Engineer Randy Scott was contacted by USDA regarding additional grant/loan money coming available – for those projects that are further in the process of applying. The GRWA board authorized Mr. Scott to make the necessary updates to the Ironwood Township application for phase two of the water project and submit it for this money- under the farm bill.

### Communications:

- March 10, 2008- Wal-mart congratulations - \$75.00.
- March 10,2008- Thomas DeCarlo- A motion was offered by Mr. Genisot supported by Mrs. Partyka to approve the request to sell flowers at the Wal-Mart location in May. The motion carried. A letter will be sent to Mr. DeCarlo.
- March 14, 2008- Letter requesting a donation. A motion was offered by Mr. Genisot supported by Mr. Suutala To send a letter declining to make a donation – this would be considered an unlawful expenditure. The motion carried.
- March 18, 2008- Ironwood Carnegie Library – contract proposal.

Attorney Mark McDonald noted that the Michigan Compiled Law MCL 397.214 does not allow for an additional dollar contribution to the Library. If a contract with the Ironwood Carnegie Library, allowable funding is as follows:

1. By a vote of the people- levying a tax not to exceed 2 mills of its state equalized valuation,
2. use of money from the municipality's general fund, **OR**
3. with money received under Act No. 59 of the Public Acts of 1964 (Distribution of Penal Fines to Public Library).

Mr. McDonald noted that the law does not allow for a combination of any of these types of funding. The township board may enter a contract with the library using the Penal fines, **OR** up to 2 mills of the S.E.V. ( with a vote of the people), **OR** General fund monies.

10% of the constituents would have to petition to have a ballot vote. It is his recommendation that the Township adhere to the law as stated. He will follow up with a letter addressed to the board of trustees.

A motion was offered by Mr. Suutala supported by Mrs. Partyka to for a Library committee of Rick Estola, Jyl Olson, and Gayla Salmi, to finalize the contract negotiations.

### New Business:

A motion was offered by Mrs. Partyka supported by Mr. Suutala authorizing the clerk to hire 3 to 4 election inspectors for the upcoming May 6, 2008 school election. The motion carried.

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Old Business:

The changing of the personal policy to reflect the ability of an employee to run for political office while maintaining employment status at the township was discussed. Attorney Mark McDonald wanted to research the issue more before giving an opinion. The board tabled the issue until an opinion could be obtained.

Public Comment: Mike Roonie was not supportive of additional funding for the library. He also was concerned about the soils ordinance. He was directed to the public hearing of the planning commission regarding the soils ordinance which will be held on April 2, 2008.

Adjournment:

At 4:25 p.m. a motion was offered by Mr. Suutala supported by Ms. Salmi to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried.