

Charter Township of Ironwood  
Special Meeting  
March 31, 2008

**At 9:00 a.m.** Supervisor Estola called the meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance, and roll call was taken.

**ROLL CALL:** Rick Estola Supervisor, Gayla Salmi Clerk , Jyl Olson Treasurer.

**TRUSTEES:** Frank Genisot, John Suutala, and Marilyn Partyka.

**ABSENT:** Bernie Brunello.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Township Attorney Mark McDonald.

**PUBLIC COMMENT: None.**

**PURPOSE:**

Parks and Recreation Plan.

Public Hearing .

Carnegie Library.

Personal Policy changes.

Authorize signatures on Audit contract.

**LIBRARY ISSUE:**

Attorney Mark McDonald gave an opinion on the Library issue, after much discussions with his partners, he felt that we would be allowed to make a contribution and assign penal fines.

The contract amount is not mandatory, nor is the three year contract. After much discussion, a motion was offered by Mr. Genisot, supported by Mr. Suutala to reject the counter offer made by the Library , informing the Library board that the offer that was made stands as is. \$15000. per year with a c.o.l.a. based upon the federal living index set in October. Furthermore giving the library board 10 days to accept the offer, at which point the Township will withdraw the offer made.

The motion carried in a roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Estola, Salmi, Olson, Genisot, Suutala, Partyka.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Brunello.

**PERSONEL POLICY : political office.**

In the opinion Mark McDonald the trustee board has the option and may modify the personal policies as deemed necessary. He felt the current policy and the proposed changes were with in the law.

After a discussion, a motion was offered Olson supported by Mr. Genisot to amend the personal policy as per Attorney McDonald's recommendation as follows:

"employees who become candidates for a Township office will be required to take a leave of absence if an incumbent is running for position being run for... employees who become candidates for a Township office, where incumbent is not running, are not required to take a leave of absence..." .

The motion was carried upon a roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Estola, Olson, Salmi, Partyka, Genisot, and Suutala.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Brunello.

**PARKS AND RECREATION:**

A motion was offered Genisot supported by Mrs. Partyka authorizing the Recreation plan to be forwarded to the Gogebic County Board for approval, , Also, to set a public hearing for April 14, 2008 at 3:30 p.m. to hear comments on the proposed recreation plan. The motion carried upon a roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Estola, Olson, Salmi, Partyka, Suutala, and Genisot.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Brunello.

**RESOLUTION 2008- 3:** Resolution to support Grant application.

A motion was offered by Ms. Olson supported by Ms. Salmi to adopt resolution 2008-3, a resolution to support the submission of the grant application. The motion carried upon a roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Estola, Olson, Salmi, Partyka, Suutala and Genisot.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Brunello.

**AUTHORIZE AND SIGN AUDIT CONTRACT:**

A motion was offered Partyka, supported by Mr. Suutala authorizing signatures on the Audit contract. The motion carried upon a roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Estola, Salmi, Olson, Partyka, Genisot, Suutala.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Brunello.

**PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE.**

At 9:41 a motion was offered by Mr. Genisot supported by Ms. Olson to adjourn the special meeting. The motion carried.

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Rick Estola, Supervisor

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Gayla Salmi, Clerk