

Charter Township of Ironwood
Regular Meeting
December 8, 2008

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

PRESENT: Supervisor Kim Mattson, Clerk Gayla Salmi, Treasurer Jyl Olson.

TRUSTEES: Steve Boyd, Bernie Brunello, Bob Fredrickson, Kathy Maki.

ALSO PRESENT: Lou Bonagura, Arvo Toolanen, Chris Winchowski, James T. Simmons Jr. Grant Dieck, John R. Garske, Kathy Rooni, Mickey Roonie.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (None agenda items).

Mr. Simmons voiced his concerns about the budget process. Mr. Winchowski voiced his concern regarding a special meeting held on December 2, 2008 and insurance costs.

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA:

General fund vouchers 30415- 30422 totaling \$858.51.

Communications: received regarding FOIA request.

Orvana press release.

A motion was offered by Mr. Brunello supported Mr. Fredrickson to accept the amendments to agenda. The motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes: regular meeting November 24, 2008, special meeting December 2, 2008.

General fund vouchers 30363 through 30422 totaling \$30,033.71.

Water fund vouchers 7676 through 7680 totaling \$1,348.75.

Waster Water fund 1093 through 1096 totaling \$8,560.02.

A motion was offered by Ms. Olson supported by Mr. Fredrickson to accept the consent agenda as presented. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

- Waste Water- Mr. Brunello reported that currently the receipts from waste that comes from private haulers is divided amongst the employees and paid into their retirement fund. Current year is \$23,200.
- Solid Waste- No meeting.
- GRWA- No meeting.
- PAUD- No meeting.
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- PLANNING COMMISSION- Mr. Boyd reported the recent meeting was more of an orientation meeting, The gravel pits and mining ordinance are issues which need to be dealt with. The planning commission would like to have a joint meeting with the township board.
- PARKS & REC- No meeting.
- FIRE DEPT. None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Received:

1. Hannula agency- savings on Accident Fund Insurance- check for \$352.16.
2. James Simmons- FOIA requests.
3. Will Andreson – Next generation meeting invitation.
4. Donna Scorce- Gogebic County EDC.
5. Mark McDonald- FIOA request response.
6. ORVANA – Press release.

A motion was made by Ms. Salmi supported by Ms. Olson to accept the communications, and place them on file. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Change of time of regular monthly meeting from 4:00 p.m. to ? A motion was offered by Mr. Brunello to change the time to 4:30 p.m. and failed for lack of support. A discussion was held for

6:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. for a trial period of 6 months. A motion was offered by Mr. Brunello supported by Ms. Olson to change the time to 5:00 p.m. beginning the first regular to be held on January 12, 2009. The motion carried as follows:
Ayes: Brunello, Fredrickson, Mattson, Olson.
Nays: Maki, Boyd, Salmi.

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OLD BUSINESS:

Attorney Mark McDonald reviewed the status of the Mobile Home back taxes and utility billing. It was noted that the utilities could not have been shut off as the water line is owned and operated by the owners of the mobile home court, and tenants had paid the rent which included the utility bill. The whole mobile home court would have to be turned off. Attorney McDonald recommended a civil suit against the current owner(s) as the County District Attorney did not feel it would be a case that his office would pursue. A motion was made by Mr. Brunello supported by Mr. Fredrickson authorizing Attorney McDonald to pursue the civil collection suit. The motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 5:00 p.m. a motion was offered by Mr. Brunello supported by Mr. Fredrickson to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried.

Kim Mattson, Supervisor

Gayla Salmi, Clerk