

**Charter Township of Ironwood
Special Meeting
May 14, 1008**

At 4:00 p.m. Super visor 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: Frank Genisot, John Suutala, & Bernie Brunello.

Absent : Marilyn Partyka.

Also present: Leroy Kangas, Gerald Olson, Clarence Fredrickson, Dolores Stevens, Eugene Stevens, and Michael Roonie.

Purpose of Special meeting:

To consider setting up a special assessment district for future water system Improvement projects.

Mr.Estola introduced Mr. Randy Scott, and Mr. Chuck Lawson engineers from Wilcox Engineering. They are engineers for GRWA- and our project.

Mr. Scott briefly reviewed the project, noting that we have a 48% grant and a 52% loan match on this \$5,000,000 project, which will link us up with water from the GRWA line meeting at Grand View Hospital. Noted that Wal-mart would be exempt from the special assessment, because they paid 100% for their own water line from Jackson Road up front. He also noted that the water tank at Grand View Hospital has been delayed because of land & legal issues, which are being taken care of now.

The Special Assessment is for the upfront soft costs such as legal and engineering. An estimated \$325,000 will be needed to get the project underway, and over three years could be collected. Average assessment for a 100 foot front footage would be around \$705 divided in 3 equal payments of around \$235 per year. To collect the monies as per special assessment, will eliminate the financing costs over 40 years of \$700,000 on a \$325,000 loan. SO this is the most economical way to get the project underway, and not pay interest on the money.

A map of the proposed special assessment district was shown, covering from the Wal-mart water main site east along U.S. 2 to Grand View Hospital; West Jackson Road, all of Margaret Street, Lake Road from Margaret St. North to Wildwood Apartments, Sunset Road and others. There are adjustments to be made to the original plan where there are or are not water customers present. They will work on that in the next month or so. Ms. Olson asked that Bond Attorney Don Keim, be checked with regarding East Jackson Road and the college to be added to assessment roll. Mr. Scott agreed to address these issues with Mr. Keim.

Mr. Scott felt our next step would be to compile the special assessment district. He noted that Kim Mattson, Township Assistant and Deputy Treasurer, had basically set up the Powderhorn Special Assessment District, and would be capable of setting this one up. Upon completion of the roll, we would have to have another meeting to set a public hearing regarding the district, which would inform of cost and roll. A second hearing would be held for additional information.

Mr. Scott thought the first assessment would be collected in December 2008, and that the project would be bid out in the fall of 2008, construction would begin in the spring of 2009. The project would begin on the Lake Road portion of the project, in order to cooperate with the Gogebic County Road Commission which received a grant to reconstruct Lake Road, our project saving money, and preparing the road for the County to resurface saving them money.

A motion was offered by Mr. Brunello supported by Mr. Suutala to assign Kim Mattson to compile the special assessment roll, working with GRWA administrator, and engineers, addressing changes as they occur.

The motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Mr. Genisot, Mr Suutla, Mr. Brunello, Mr. Estola, Ms. Olson, Ms. Salmi.

NAYS: NONE,

ABSENT: Marilyn Partyka.

There are funds available for low income families to upgrade the water service line and connect to the water main-through USDA- local representative Jim Jackson. The upgrade to copper is required on these types of projects.

Adjournment:At 4:55 p.m. a motion was offered by Mr. Suutala supported by Ms. Olson to adjourn the special meeting. The motion carried.

Rick Estola, Supervisor,

Gayla Salmi, Clerk