

**Charter Township of Ironwood
Regular Meeting
September 22, 2008**

At 4:00 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Supervisor Rick Estola, the pledge of allegiance was said.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:None.

AMENDMENTS OT AGENDA:

General Fund Vouchers:

Ck# 30119- 30123 \$497.69.

Water fund Vouchers: 7647 \$33.19.

Old Business: Amendment to Resolution 2008-6 Municipal building equipment use. A motion was offered by Mr. Brunello supported by Mr. Suutala to amend the agenda. The motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes : Regular meeting- September 8, 2008. September 8, 2008 Public Hearing.

General Fund Vouchers: 30067 through 30118 totaling \$38,769.15.

Water Fund Vouchers: 7635 through 7645 totaling \$39,108.68.

Waste Water Fund Vouchers: 1080 through 1081 totaling \$8,491.83.

A motion was offered by Mr. Brunello supported by Mrs. Partyka accepting the consent agenda as presented. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Trailer Court -Attorney Mark McDonald discussed the trailer court issue giving options. He also noted that there has been no response from the two land contract owners. The utilities are being kept current.

Option one: Criminal actions by last owner, embezzlement, and fraud. Suggest an investigation be conducted by Gogebic County Sheriff.

Option two: Civil lawsuit which will cost the township. Entail legal owner and two land contract owners.

Delinquent taxes of 2005 and 2006 come up for the March 31, 2009 taxes. They owe \$1,200 in specific tax. If they don't pay the license to conduct business will be pulled.

A motion was made by Mr. Genisot supported by Mr. Suutala to have supervisor contact the Sheriff Department to request an investigation. The motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

Orbana Mine – Mr Estola noted that there is an informational meeting in October in both Ironwood and Wakefield Townships.

Planning Commission- Mr. Genisot noted that the soils ordinance has been passed by the planning commission and now the Township needs to publish it. Mr. Kuklenski was at last meeting requesting a conditional use permit for the armory.

National Park Service- Ms. Olson noted that a meeting by the National Park Service was being Held from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m. on September 24, 2008.

Panosso's sewage- a credit of 4000 gallons was approved by the board.

Mr. Nikula –garbage- the unit is uninhabitable, would like to remove from garbage assessment. A motion was offered by Ms. Salmi supported by Mrs Partyka to remove assessment.

Financial reports: Clerk review the financial reports.

NEW BUSINESS:

New Gogebic County Economic Development Commission, Director Donna Scorse reviewed items that she is working on. Wetland banking is a critical area of concern. The EDC meeting is Thursday 4:00 p.m. if any one would like to attend.

(New business continued)

November 4, 2008 Election – workers need to be hired. A motion was offered by Mr. Genisot supported by Mr. Brunello to hire 8 workers for the election. The motion carried.

GRWA-Water Rate Resolution: # 2008 –11. A motion was offered by Mr. Genisot supported by Ms. Olson to approve Resolution 2008-11 GRWA water rate resolution, which reflects the recent rate increase from the City of Ironwood. The motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

PAUD- Expiring terms. Mr. Estola's term will expire. A motion was offered by Mr. Brunello supported by Mr. Suutala to appoint Kim Mattson to replace Rick Estola. The motion carried.

Secretary/Deputy Treasurer position will be opening up when Kim moves to Supervisor. A motion was offered by Mr. Genisot supported by Mr. Brunello to advertise the position in local news paper. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Amend Resolution 2008- 6 Adding word Example- types of gymnasium usage. A motion was offered by Mrs. Partyka supported by Mr. Suutala to accept the amendment. The motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Assessor - letter received from Mr. LaGrew resigning as assessor. A motion was offered by Mr. Suutala supported by Mr. Genisot accepting resignation and to contact Mr. Dave Hardie regarding what to do with the incomplete assessments and how to resolve them. The motion carried.

Local 992 AFSCME AFL-CIO – letter of understanding.

Nick Basso -Letter requesting closed session re: above issue.

At 4:41 p.m. a motion was offered by Mr. Brunello supported by Ms. Olson to enter closed session regarding union negotiations, as per employee request. The motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

At 5: 47 p.m. a motion was offered by Ms. Olson supported by Mrs. Partyka to re-convene the regular meeting. The motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

A motion was offered by Mr. Brunello supported by Mr. Genisot to allow \$1.00 per hour increase. The motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

At 4:50 p.m a motion was offered by Mr. Brunello supported by Ms. Olson to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried.

Rick Estola Supervisor

Gayla Salmi Clerk