

Charter Township of Ironwood  
Regular Meeting  
January 12, 2009

**At 5:00 p.m.** Supervisor Mattson called the meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:** Kim Mattson Supervisor, Treasurer Jyl Olson, Clerk Gayla Salmi.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** A constituent offered information about our union contract and the pension fund.

**AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA:**

Addition to general fund vouchers: 8 Fire fighters payroll.

Addition to communications: Letter from Copper Peak Inc.

Addition to Old business: creation of a road committee.

Correct meeting schedule.

A motion was offered by Ms. Olson supported by Mr. Brunello to accept the agenda as amended.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Minutes : Regular meeting December 22, 2008.

General Fund Vouchers: 30455 -30573 totaling \$56,450.97.

Water Fund Vouchers: 7690- 7696 totaling \$13,035.97.

Waste Water Vouchers: 1099 – 1101 totaling \$10,275.39.

A motion was made by Mr. Brunello supported by Mr. Boyd to accept the consent agenda as presented. The motion carried.

**REPORTS:**

- Vince Babcock of Employee Benefits Agency, Inc. reviewed prospective insurance plan designs for Ironwood Township. He noted that his company works with Gogebic Iron Waste Water Authority, City of Ironwood, Gogebic County. The theory of the program is to reduce premiums by changing to a lower plan, and self funding the deductibles. The Employee Benefits Agency, Inc. would stay within the negotiated level of benefit as provided. He explained that this is not merely an insurance quote, that he would develop three insurance designs for our township. This takes time and effort, furthermore it is required that at a minimum an authorization to obtain information would be needed. After some discussion a motion was made by Mr. Brunello supported by Ms. Olson to authorize the clerk to sign the change in Agent of Record to Employee Benefit Agency Inc. effective immediately. The motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

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**REPORTS (continued)**

- Supervisor Mattson noted that the water break and contamination threat are no longer in effect.  
She also noted that the City Manager has made an offer on behalf of the Pat O'Donnell Civic Center \$7,500. water bill. The City would credit half of the \$7,500. If we would be responsible for the remainder. The Township has already agreed to reduce the \$20,000 bill by \$12,500. The City Commission would meet on the proposal at tonight's meeting, and we would receive a formal proposal.
- Orvana is proposing a public forum on March 6<sup>th</sup> on the proposed mine.
- GRWA- the Ironwood Township water system improvement project will be out for bids in March.
- Planning Commission- Mr. Boyd reported the planning commission wants to get the Soils Removal Ordinance to be forwarded to the Board. A joint meeting of the Planning Commission and the Township Board will be scheduled.

- Fire Department- Jamie Piete the new Fire Chief introduced himself and gave a quick review of fire department.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Gymnasium floor- A quote was received from Gina Pallin on the gymnasium floor. The blue paint has been slowly chipping off and Ms. Pallin has attempted to find a solution/cause. She found the paint was probably not good, as the white paint is still in good condition. The cost to sand and re seal the floor 8 years ago was \$9,945. Due to the issues with the blue paint she has agreed to subtract \$3,000. for a proposal of \$6,945. A motion was offered by Mr. Brunello supported by Mr. Fredrickson to accept the proposal of \$6,945. The motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Supervisor Mattson noted the need to create a Road Committee. Mr. Fredrickson, and Mr. Brunello offered to be on this committee. The board asked that Mr. John Garske of Coleman Engineering would assist the committee. He will meet with them and bring a proposal for his services to the board.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Received:

GOISD- Summer tax collection agreement. A motion was made by Mr. Boyd supported by Ms. Olson to authorize signatures on agreement. The motion carried.

Western up Heritage trail network

The Car Doctor. Engine 94 maintenance report.

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**COMMUNICATIONS (continued)**

For authorization to send:

Wal-Mart Re: garbage disposal.

A motion was offered by Ms. Olson supported by Ms. Salmi to authorize signatures on the Wal-Mart letter. The motion carried.

A motion was made to move the meeting of January 26, 2008 to January 23, 2008.

At 6:00 p.m. a motion was offered by Mr. Brunello supported by Mr. Fredrickson to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried.

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Supervisor Kim Mattson

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Clerk Gayla Salmi