

Charter Township of Ironwood
Regular Meeting
January 26, 2009

At 5:00 p.m. Supervisor Mattson called the meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance, and roll call was taken.

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

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

ALSO PRESENT: Randy Scott- Wilcox Engineering, John Garske- Coleman Engineering, Bruce Edyvean- Director Gogebic County Road Commission, Leroy Kangas, Lou Bonagura, Eric Sharp, Kathy Rooni, Michael Rooni, Phil Kucera, Tony Cortez Fire Department.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA:

General fund vouchers:

30601 – 30606 totaling \$4,645.00

Reports: Randy Scott, Wilcox Engineering- Lake Road Sewer Project proposal.

GRSWA: Appointment of alternate to Solid Waste Board.

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

REPORTS:

Randy Scott presented the Lake Road sewer line replacement proposal and corresponding Engineering contract. Noting the Gogebic County Road Commission and GRWA have been coordinating the Lake Road resurfacing project and Lake Road water line replacement project.

Recently, Mr. Scott and Mr. Edyvean had discussed the poor condition of the sewer line and felt it would be efficient to replace the sewer line in lake Road along with the other projects. Mr. Scott agreed. The cost of the project with no grant funding is \$800,000 or \$39,000 loan repayment per year. However, Mr. Scott reported that the new stimulus package coming down from Washington may have grant funding for infrastructure, and has passed the idea by the USDA in Lansing, and it appeared they were not opposed to it. Wilcox Engineering will:

1. Prepare the Preliminary Engineering Report,
2. Prepare a USDA-RD application and submittal materials.
3. Prepare a Draft Engineering Agreement for submittal with the application.

The cost of these submittals is \$7,500.

A motion was made by Mr. Fredrickson supported by Mr. Brunello to approve and authorize signatures on the engineering contract. The motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

o **SUPERVISORS REPORT:**

1. Supervisor Mattson noted the office furnace has not been working properly, Mukavitz Heating has worked on it two times. Currently problem has been resolved.
2. Wal-mart garbage transfer issue has been resolved, Veolia has agreed to bring the garbage to the local transfer station as per ordinance.
3. Wal-mart donated a \$1,500 grant to the township for recreation.
4. The master meter on Mount View is not working parts have been ordered by the city.
5. Written correspondence has been sent to the City of Ironwood regarding the Jackson Road fire hydrants that are still frozen from the water crisis a couple of weeks ago.
6. A 4 inch water line broke on Monday January 19, 2009 our men & the city repaired the leak.

o **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer reported on fund balances as of December 31, 2008. A motion was made by Mr. Brunello supported by Ms. Salmi to accept the treasurer's report. The motion carried.

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REPORTS CONTINUED

- o **CLERK'S REPORT:** 2008 year end balances for General Fund, Water Fund, and Wastewater Fund were presented. A motion was made by Mr. Boyd supported by Ms. Mattson to accept the clerk's report. The motion carried.
- o GRWA – none.
- o GIWWA – None.
- o PAUD – Business as usual, some maintenance issue on the grinder pumps
- o GRSWA – Mrs. Maki noted that the meeting was a re-organizational meeting. The GRSWA board appreciated the letter to Wal-mart regarding the dumping at another transfer station. Mrs. Maki asked for an alternate for her on the GRSWA board. A motion was made by Mr. Brunello supported by Mrs. Maki to appoint Mr. Boyd as the alternate. The motion carried.
- o **FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Mr. Cortez reported on a garage fire at the corner of Vanderhagen and North Star. Though this did not make a difference in the outcome of the fire. It was also noted the fire is under investigation for arson.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Board of Review needs an alternate. A motion was made by Mr. Brunello supported by Mrs. Maki to appoint Rick Estola as alternate to Board of review. The motion carried.
2. An update to Rates, Rules and Regulations for Fiscal Year 2009 which includes corrections to mileage rates, meeting attendance fees, lawn mowing fees, and equipment fees. A motion was made by Mr. Brunello supported by Mr. Fredrickson to accept the updated schedule. The motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Ordinance as revised on 1/19/2009 to be set for publication and consideration at the February 9, 2009 regular meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Brunello supported by Mrs. Maki to publish the Soils Ordinance 49 for consideration at the February 9, 2009 regular meeting. The motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. ORVANA mine project- A public forum has been set for March 6, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. at the GCC cafeteria in the Lindquist Center.
2. Gogebic County Veterans Affairs letter. A motion was offered by Mr. Brunello supported by Mr. Fredrickson to accept the correspondence and place it on file. The motion carried.
3. Mark McDonald Re: Civic Center- A motion was made by Ms. Salmi supported by Ms. Mattson to accept the correspondence and place it on file. The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Kangas reported that the sewer line on Lake Road had been video taped when he and Mr. Brunello worked at the Township.

At 5:37 p.m. hearing no other business a motion was offered by Mr. Brunello supported by Mr. Fredrickson to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried.

Kim Mattson Supervisor

Gayla Salmi Clerk