

Charter Township of Ironwood
Regular Meeting
February 9, 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: Planning commissioners: Frank Genisot, Joe Kafczynski, Robert Lynn. Jamie Peite- Fire Chief, John Suutala, Donna Scorse Gogebic Co. EDC, Phil Kuscera.

Public comment: None.

Amendments to agenda:

- **Old business: (move Old business forward on agenda).**
 1. Ordinance 49
 2. Coleman Engineering proposal
- **Bills and Salaries:**
 1. General Fund Vouchers –30661-30676 totaling \$20,709.65
 2. Waste Water Fund Vouchers- 1105 totaling \$7,187.58
- **New Business:**
 1. Appoint planning commissioner
 2. Printer for Clerk's office
 3. Al's Computer- website update proposal
- **Communications:**
 1. Mark McDonald- EDC contribution

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

Consent agenda:

- Minutes- regular meeting January 26, 2009.
- General Fund Vouchers- 30608-30676 totaling \$56539.30.
- Water Fund Vouchers- 7704- Totaling \$99.04.
- Waste Water Vouchers- 1104- 1105 \$7725.65.

A motion was made by Mr. Boyd supported by Ms. Olson to accept the consent agenda as amended. The motion carried.

Old business:

Consider Ordinance 49 – Soils Removal Ordinance. Ms. Mattson noted that Attorney Mark McDonald took exception to recent changes made to the ordinance and recommended that the board did not pass it at this time until the issues are resolved with in the ordinance. A

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Old business (continued)

- motion was made by Ms. Salmi supported by Mr. Brunello to table Ordinance 49, sending it back to the Planning Commission and the Township Attorney for review- requesting that the Chairman of the Planning Commission and the Supervisor meet with the attorney as soon as possible to resolve the outstanding issues. The motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.
- WUPPDR GIS parcel Mapping proposal. A motion was made by Ms. Olson supported by Mr. Brunello accepting proposal for GIS –Parcel Mapping authorizing signatures and half payment. The motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

Reports:

The Supervisor Mattson reported the following:

- Received free software for roads from Michigan Tech University, and has forwarded it on to Coleman Engineering to assist in creating a road plan.
- Coleman Engineering is assisting in writing a grant for parks and recreation for a bike lane on Lake Road, Airport Soccer Park, and Sunset Road Park.
- The Gym floor refinishing is on schedule.

- Supervisor and Clerk have been attending various meetings in the range. City of Ironwood Park and Recreation meeting regarding Miners Heritage Trail, Gogebic County board meeting and Gogebic County EDC meetings.
- A resident requested a street light between Sunset and North Star Roads. Xcel Energy has been contacted for the cost.
- The Township needs a representative on the 911 committee. A motion was made by Mr. Boyd supported by Ms. Olson appointing Mr. Fredrickson as representative. The motion carried.
- GIWWA: Mr. Brunello reported on a seminar attended he and Mr. Fredrickson regarding the stimulus package applications. Mr. Brunello was interested in obtaining funding for the west end Sunset sewer line.
- GRSWMA: Mrs. Maki reported that Jeff from Waste Management contacted her regarding recycling bins to be placed at the township hall at a cost of \$50. each per month bin. A motion was made by Ms. Salmi supported by Mr. Brunello to table the issue until more information is obtained. The motion carried.

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Reports (continued)

- FIRE Department : A request for 10 reconditioned SCBA tanks at a cost of \$6,500. The amount in their budget is \$5,600. A motion was offered by Mr. Brunello supported by Mr. Fredrickson to purchase the SCBA units. The motion carried.
- GOGEBIC County: The county deeded 20 acres of land to Wakefield Township's Renaissance Zone for a new recycling business to purchase.
- TREASURER'S Report:
Last day to pay property taxes without penalty is February 17, 2009, last day to pay them at the township office, after that they will have to pay them at the Gogebic County Treasurer's office.
- The treasurer requested a utility check be written to the tax account, as a tax deposit of \$17,631.17 inadvertently was deposited into the Utility Fund. A motion was made by Mr. Brunello supported by Mr. Fredrickson authorizing the repayment. The motion carried.

New business:

- Received a Coleman Engineering proposal for an updated zoning map. A motion was made by Ms. Olson supported by Mr. Fredrickson to authorize and sign the contract for zoning map. The motion carried.
- A motion to hold a special meeting on February 18, 2009 at 3:30 p.m. to discuss our health insurance options with Vince Babcock of Employee Benefit Agency Inc. was offered by Ms. Olson supported by Mr. Boyd. The motion carried.
- A proposal to enhance our website by Al's Computer for \$750 was made with a \$35 per month increase to maintain the website for us. A motion was made by Mr. Fredrickson supported by Mr. Brunello to authorize the enhancement and fees as presented. The motion carried.
- Three proposals for a new printer for the Clerk's office were received, Tri State \$849, Inkx \$800.00 and Quill \$799.98. A motion was made by Mr. Brunello supported by Mrs. Maki to accept the Inkx proposal. The motion carried.

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Communications:

Received:

- Gogebic County EDC – letter from Donna Scorse regarding services.
- Attorney Mark MacDonald letter regarding funding Gogebic County EDC. A motion was made by Ms. Olson supported by Mr. Brunello to place the correspondence on file. The motion carried.

The question of contributing toward the EDC was previously discussed. The opinion of Attorney Mark McDonald was that contributions could be made under certain conditions. A motion was made by Ms. Olson supported by Ms. Salmi to authorize the budgeted contribution to the Gogebic County EDC. The motion carried.

Public comment:

Gogebic County EDC Director Donna Scorse commented on the attendance of the Township officials at the EDC meetings, and how it is appreciated. She also reviewed the recycling business that is starting in the Wakefield Renaissance zone, and the cooperation between Gogebic County, and Wakefield Township and the State of Michigan to get this new business up and running.

Public comment (continued)

Coleman Engineering representative Lilly Palmer commented on the Miner's Heritage Trail, which is a non-motorized trail through out the old mini shaft areas Of the City of Ironwood.

Adjournment:

At 5:40 p.m. Hearing no further public comment a motion was made by Mr. Brunello supported by Ms. Olson to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried.

Kim Mattson, Supervisor

Gayla Salmi, Clerk