

Charter Township of Ironwood
March 9, 2009
Regular Meeting

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

Roll call: Supervisor Kim Mattson, Clerk Gayla Salmi.

Trustees: Steve Boyd, Bob Fredrickson, Kathy Maki.

Absent: Jyl Olson, Bernie Brunello.

Also present: Kathy Rooni, James Simmons Jr., Lou Bonagura, Arvo Toolanen, Phil Kucera, Joe Hillborn, Cony Hillborn, Mary Cline.

Public comment: None.

Amendments to agenda:

Supervisor's report: Legal services agreement- sewer system upgrade.

General Fund Vouchers: 30771- 30778 totaling \$23318.14.

A motion was made by Mrs. Maki supported by Mr. Boyd to amend the agenda. The motion carried.

Consent agenda:

- Minutes: Special meetings February 12, 2009, February 18, 2009 3:30 p.m.
Regualr meeting February 18, 2009 – 4:30 p.m.
- General Fund Vouchers: Numbers 30712 - 30778 51265.69.
- Water Fund Vouchers: Numbers 7706- 7715 totaling \$11405.53.
- Waste Water Vouchers: Numbers 1106-1107 totaling \$7191.83.

A motion was made by Mr. Boyd supported by Mrs. Maki to accept the consent agenda. The motion carried.

Reports:

Supervisor's report: Proposed legal services agreement on Lake Road Sewer upgrade project. The clerk noted that the township attorney had taken a month to return the agreement. Last week the proposal was rejected by USDA as it was incomplete and as of Friday last week no response was received from law firm to correct it. In light of the time issues it was recommended that James Bucknell be engaged to address the legal services agreement for this project he is familiar with the process and has worked on many USDA projects.

A motion was made by Mr. Fredrickson supported by Mr. Boyd to authorize signatures with Mr. Bucknell to expedite the USDA application for the project, which should be let out to bid in April or early May. The motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

Waste Water: Mr. Fredrickson noted that the waste water is having some problems with piping and will be correcting this in the near future. They also recieved the loader back from the repair shop- noting that a part had to be ordered from Poland due to the age of the loader.

GRWA: The water project will be bid out in May 09.

Planning Commission: Meeting to be held next week.

Parks & Recreation: Meeting to be held on March 17, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. to review grant application. Jyl and Kim thanked Township Board for allowing them to attend Parks & Recreation grant writing training in Munising.

Reports continued:

Fire Department: The department received the SCBU tanks.

EDC: Mr. Garske reported that the wetland bank project has not gone well. The MDEQ is not allowing "preplanned banks", -must have a project in mind to mitigate wetlands with non wetland properties. Governor Grandholm is making budget cuts which will probably turn the wetland issues over to the Federal EPA.

Communications:

- Daily Globe letter: A motion was made by Ms. Salmi supported by Mrs. Maki to place the Daily Globe letter on file. The motion carried.
- Copper Peak letter: A motion was made by Ms. Salmi supported by Mr. Fredrickson to place the letter on file. The motion carried.
- Board of Review. Supervisor Mattson was grateful for all the work that the Board of Review do. The board requested a letter be sent to the members of the Board of Review.

New business:

- **Resolution #2009-1 Poverty Exemption Guidelines.**
A motion was made by Mr. Boyd supported by Mrs. Maki to adopt Resolution 2009-1 Poverty Exemption Income Guidelines. The motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.
- Proposal for spring clean up. Joe and Cony Hilborn were on hand to discuss the spring clean proposal. The company would collect any metal items free of cost to the township and residents. A suggestion was made to bring in recycling and garbage dumpster for the period they would conduct the clean up. A motion was made by Mr. Fredrickson supported by Mrs. Maki to allow for the project. The motion carried.
- Request for storage of explosives in the township. The supervisor has been in contact with law enforcement officials and has contacted the State Fire Marshall to find the regulations that apply to storing explosives in the Township. A motion was made by Mr. Boyd supported by Mrs. Maki to table the issue until more information can be obtained. The motion carried.
- A request to name a private road Kildeer Creek Lane. A motion was made by Mr. Fredrickson supported by Mrs. Maki to accept the road name. The motion carried.
- Coleman Engineering Proposal for surveying Skyway Road at the soccer park. A motion was made by Ms. Salmi supported by Mr. Boyd to accept and authorize signatures on the Skyway Road soccer park surveying contract with Coleman Engineering. The motion carried.

Old business:

Reminder – MDOT will review access management at the Planning Commission meeting on March 18, 2009.

Public comment:

- Mr. Boyd questioned tax abatements for the Orvana Mine project. It was noted that no abatements have been requested.
- Mrs. Maki appreciated the supervisor and clerk's efforts to secure information on better insurance plans.

Adjournment: At 5:33 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Fredrickson supported by Mr. Boyd to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried.

Kim Mattson Supervisor

Gayla Salmi Clerk