

**Charter Township of Ironwood
Regular Meeting
March 23, 2009**

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

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

TRUSTEES: Steve Boyd, Bob Fredrickson, Kathy Maki.

ABSENT: Bernie Brunello.

ALSO PRESENT: Lou Bonagura, Arvo Toolanen, Mickey Rooni, Mark Suprenant of Coleman Engineering, Marvin Marks.

PUBLIC COMMENT(non agenda items): A constituent questioned if decisions had been made regarding our insurance policy, and if we had taken "bids" on the insurance. The clerk responded that the board will address the issue in April as several board members have been absent in March.

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA:

- o Additions to general fund vouchers: Numbers 30827 – 30827 totaling \$608.24.
- o Additions to communications: Letter to Dick Bolen.

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

- o Minutes: regular meeting March 9, 2009.
- o General Fund Vouchers: 30779 to 30830 totaling \$15,418.78.
- o Water Fund Vouchers: 7716 to 7723 totaling \$16,387.47.
- o Waste Water Fund Vouchers: 1108to 1110 totaling \$14,216.99.

REPORTS:

- o Supervisor's report: Our library representative Connie Kerkove resigned, we need the candidate to submit to the City.
Road Commission task force met regarding the stimulus funding, Lake Road is in the top 3 choices. in Ironwood Township.
- o Waste Water: Mr. Fredrickson attended the WW. Webinar regarding the stimulus package. All materials must be made in the USA.
- o PAUD: The Gogebic County Health Department has contacted Powderhorn residents who have not connected to the waste disposal system. They have received correspondence from the Western U.P. Health Department.
- o Planning Commission: Northwoods paving request to run a blacktop plant in the township. Michigan Department of Transportation reviewed the US 2 Corridor Plan with commission.
- o Parks & Recreation: Resolution 2009-2 In support of DNR grant application at Airport Recreation Park. A motion was made by Mr. Boyd supported by Ms. Olson to adopt Resolution 2009-2 supporting the Airport Recreation Park DNR grant application. The motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.
- o Gogebic County : Gogebic County Road Commission has decided to stop plowing private roads. Gogebic County is submitting a Grant Application for Little Girl's Point Park. A motion was made by Ms. Salmi supported by Mrs. Maki to send a letter of support to Gogebic County Forest Director Dick Bolen. The motion carried.
- o Election: Permission requested to hire 4 election workers. A motion was made by Ms. Olson supported by Ms. Maki authorizing the hiring of 4 election workers for the May 5, 2009 election. The motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Received from: Hannula Insurance Agency- Annual review.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Jim Loeper – Director of the Gogebic County 911, presented information about the proposed May ballot question to increase the current 911 service charge to \$1.65 per phone line. The 911 committee is looking at three options since the State has increased their fees from \$70,000 to \$118,000 proposed in 2013 to \$262,000 by 2015.

The options are :

1. Stay with Menominee- Michigan State Police.
 2. Develop our own dispatch.
 3. Iron County Michigan is upgrading their dispatch and will be able to accommodate our dispatch as well.
- AGENDA CORRECTION: A motion was made by Ms. Salmi supported by Mrs. Maki to move Mr. Marks informational letter to under new business. The motion carried.
 - Mr. Marks reviewed the blight claim with the Board of Trustees, questioned why we have an ordinance that hasn't been enforced. After some discussion a motion was made to create a committee to assess the blight issue at hand, of Ms. Olson, Ms. Mattson and Building Inspector Butch Saari. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Road plan for 2009. Blacktop Nylund Road from bridge to Junet, 4300 feet. A motion was made by Mr. Fredrickson supported by Ms. Olson to blacktop Nylund Road as stated above. The motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.
- Soil Removal Ordinance 49- will be addressed upon Planning Commission holding a public hearing.

PUBLIC COMMENT(agenda items only).

Mr. Brentar –Fire Department discussed the options to purchase a new fire truck, noting that our main truck is 16 years old.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 6:04 p.m. a motion was made by Mrs. Maki supported by Mr. Boyd to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried.

Kim Mattson- Supervisor

Gayla Salmi Clerk