

Charter Township of Ironwood
Regular Meeting
August 14, 2006

At 4:00 p.m. Supervisor Rick Estola called the meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance and roll call.

PRESENT: Rick Estola, Supervisor, Jyl Olson, Treasurer, Gayla Salmi, Clerk.
TRUSTEES: John Suutala, Marilyn Partyka, Frank Genisot, and Bernie Brunello.

ALSO PRESENT: Frank Rolniak, Clay Passuello, and Kathy Rooni.
PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA:

Additions to General Fund expenses:

General Fund-27763 – 27764 \$13836.72.

Utility Fund- 7337 \$150.00.

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes of regular meeting of July 24, 2006.

General Fund vouchers – 27696 to 27764 totaling \$50340.57.

Water fund vouchers – 7331 to 7337 \$7505.18.

Sewer fund vouchers – 1001 to 1002 totaling \$8982.75.

A motion was made by Mrs. Partyka supported by Mr. Genisot to accept the consent agenda as presented. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Supervisors report: Mr. Estola reported that Ruotsala construction has come back to inquire as to what the Township Board would do regarding the property at the airport. According to Attorney Mark McDonald, the board should consider if they would need the property at some future time, and if the board felt comfortable they could have it appraised and put it up for bids.

Mr. Estola reported on GRWA and the City meetings noting that a bulk rate should be established with in two weeks for our consideration.

Estola also noted that Ray Niemi from the college requested possible assistance in running sewer lines to a a building site on Salde Road.

Walmart is on hold until the Michigan Department of Transportation either allows for a traffic light at the Jackson Road entrance or not. The project may be lost if this is not allowed.

GRSWA: Mr. Suutala reported on the Transfer station: the union contract is in place for four years. They are still trying to get a new compactor. And they have found an insurance policy plan CB-10 that is comparable to our plan yet more cost effective.

Planning Commission: Mr. Genisot reported that the US.2 corridor management plan has been tabled. Also the group will update the zoning map at the September meeting.

Fire Dept. report: Mr. Rolniak reported that there were several volunteers for the fair ground assistance. He also reported that the Township of Bergland may donate a ladder truck to our Township. Mr. Rolniak would like to start a Fire Explorers group ages 14 to 17 years for youngsters who might be interested in learning about firefighting, it is set up similar to Girl or Boy Scouts groups.

Treasurers report: Ms. Olson gave a report on the finances as of July 31, 2006. Noted that a request for a memorial tree to be planted in the cemetery and wanted to know the procedure. It was noted that a florist would be contacted and would plant the tree and a plaque would be engraved on our cemetery board.

Gina Cummings asked for a reduction of her garbage bill for April through July because they did not live in their home due to a fire loss. A motion was made by Ms. Salmi supported by Mrs. Partyka to give the reduction. The motion carried. Mr. Boggs paid for his utilities 2x and would need a refund of \$72.00. A motion was made by Ms. Salmi supported by Mrs. Partyka to allow for the refund. The motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Does the board wish to allow candidates to place signs on Township property? A motion was made by Mr. Brunello Supported by Mr. Suutala to not allow political signs to be placed on the Township Grounds. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Genisot supported by Mr. Suutala to oppose the K-16 Spending Mandate Ballot Proposal. The motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

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PUBLIC COMMENT: Kathy Rooni suggested that the meetings be announced in the paper under current events.

At 4:33 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Estola supported by Ms. Olson to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried.

Rick Estola, Supervisor

Gayla Salmi, Clerk