

Regular Meeting October 14, 2025

Iron River Township Hall 6:00 PM

Members Present: Scott Tarsi, Supervisor; Westley Hill, Trustee; Amber Laturi, Clerk; Marla Hill, Treasurer; and Mike Sheehy, Trustee. (Marla Hill attended late) Present: Dennis Tousignant – Legal.

Motion made by Mike Sheehy to accept the minutes for the regular meeting on September 9th. The motion was supported by Westley Hill. Motion carried. 4-0

The motion to accept the agenda with no additions was made by Mike Sheehy and motion was supported by Scott Tarsi. Motion carried. 4-0.

Logan Schmutzler from Wick Wire was present and updated the board on the new DPW building and presented the pay request #5 for Smith Metal in the amount of \$54,688.70. Motion made by Westley Hill to approve the pay request #5 and supported by Amber Laturi. Roll call taken. Motion carried. 4-0.

Zach Hautala from the ICECA was present and reported on current events and asked if there were any questions on his update. He reported that Harvest and Haunt 2025 was a success and wanted to thank the sponsors and community.

Heather Casagrande, the assessor, was present to answer questions.

Rachel Gramann was present and reported on the Windsor Center.

Motion made by Scott Tarsi to approve the renewal of the Xerox lease agreement for 60 months. Motion supported by Mike Sheehy. Roll call taken. Motion carried. 4-0

Motion made by Westley Hill to approve the propane of \$1,589 for 2025/2026 season and motion was supported by Amber Laturi. Motion carried 4-0.

Amy Bucek, the equalization director from the County, reported that the current Designated Assessor agreement with Patti Roell will be ending in December, and she no longer wants to continue this role. Following the enactment of Public Act 660 of 2018, every county must have a designated assessor on file with the State Tax Commission. Public Act 12 of 2024 amended the General Property Tax Act to allow a county to opt out of the requirement to appoint a Designated Assessor. A county may elect to opt out of appointing a Designated Assessor by providing the State Tax Commission with a petition and interlocal agreement electing to opt out of using a Designated Assessor. The interlocal agreement must be executed by the Board of Commissioners for that county and a majority of the assessing districts in that county. For those counties that opt out of appointing a designated assessor, the State Tax Commission shall appoint a Designated Assessor to act as the assessor of record with required by P.A. 660 as amended. Motion was made by Amber Laturi and supported by Mike Sheehy to approve the opt-out agreement. Motion carried. 4-0

The current assessor contract is expiring soon, and the motion to approve a 1-year renewal with a 3% increase was made by Scott Tarsi and supported by Amber Laturi. Roll call taken. Motion carried. 5-0

Jason Wicklund from 126 Lakeshore Lane sent a letter regarding this road and its conditions and who is responsible. This is a gravel road, and we are currently using the road millage to replace paved roads. Dennis Tousignant asked Brad Toivonen from the Road Commission to clarify what was said to Jason Wicklund regarding the road. He clarified that in order to improve the road (600 ft) to look like the rest of the road to the south, it would take substantial work and would be considered Heavy Maintenance and Heavy Maintenance on a Township Local road according to their policy has to be 100% funded by the Township. Brad Toivonen said his intent was to make them aware that this would not be an easy task and that the township does not generate a lot of money and it takes years to fund a road with the increase in cost.

We have received calls from residents concerned about Waste Management closing. One resident asked if we could investigate recycling. We will call and see what others are doing for this and explore the option.

Nathan Holm reported on the zoning. Discussion regarding Special use permits and the process. Currently We Energies was given a permit for a tower by Ron Simmons, but the Public Hearing for Special Use was not held. We are hearing from two residents in the area that are not pleased with the location of the tower. Motion made by Mike Sheehy and supported by Scott Tarsi to have Nathan notify to stop progress and that a public hearing will be scheduled so that the proper procedure can be followed. Motion carried. 5-0.

Scott Tarsi reported on the West Iron County Sewer Authority and the West Iron County Fire Board meetings. Ryker Johnson was present and reported on public works department.

The motion to approve the bills for the month was made by Mike Sheehy supported by Amber Laturi. Roll call taken. Motion carried. 5-0.

Meeting Adjourned 7:19 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Amber Laturi, Clerk

