

**Ironwood Homeowner Association
Annual Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2016**

The meeting was called to order by President Bauchmoyer at 7:08 PM.

There were 15 residents in attendance.

Guest panel members were introduced: Mark Peterson, City Manager; Kathleen Lorenz, Town Council member; Greg Leipold, Normal Police Department; Gene Brown, Town Engineer; Chris Cotton, Parks & Recreation Director; Gene Kotlinski, Asst. Director of Park Maintenance; Craig Onsrud, Ironwood Golf Course Pro; Tyler Bain, Ironwood Golf Course Maintenance Superintendent

Greg Leipold, Normal Police Department, presented some crime statistics for Ironwood. In 2015 there was 1 residential burglary, 5 thefts from auto (all unlocked vehicles), 1 theft of a bicycle, 17 domestic dispute calls, 2 accidents (1 DUI related) and 10 other calls mostly for identity theft. He encouraged residents to contact police if they observe any suspicious activity. If not sure, contact police and then decide if the activity is suspicious.

Gene Brown, Town Engineer, indicated that there are several street projects they would like to do, but nothing is definite until the budget is approved in April. The Town would like to resurface Haverhill CC Park, Ironwood CC Dr. from 604 to Towanda Ave. and Tamarack CC Trail from Ironwood CC Dr. to Willowbridge CC Ct. The Town would also like to repave half of Towanda between Northtown Road and the I-55 bridge in 2016 and the other half in 2017. In response to a question about the bridge over I-55, Gene indicated that that is the property of IDOT and he does not expect to see anything changed in the near future. After another question regarding the over/underpass at Uptown Station, he indicated they were trying to get the railroad to agree to an at grade pass for the next five years while they study the question of an overpass or an underpass. The overpass is cheaper to construct, but the underpass would last longer and be more convenient for the movement of people from one side of the tracks to the other.

Craig Onsrud, Ironwood Golf Course Pro, indicated that there would be no change in the golf course fees in 2016. He thanked residents for their help in reporting suspicious activity on the course and hopes to continue a working relationship with residents. In response to a question, Craig indicated that Ironwood has seen a slight drop in the number of golfers, but continues to pretty much break even on income and expenses.

Tyler Bain, Ironwood Golf Course Maintenance Superintendent, said they are working this winter on cutting down diseased ash trees along the property line. There are approximately 600 ash trees on the course with most of them being on the property line. They hope to replace about 50 to 75 trees during each planting season (spring and fall). In response to a question regarding weed control, Tyler indicated they would continue to be aggressive in controlling weeds but that weather is a big factor in how much they can get done. In response to another question about the sand traps, he indicated that they were not able to use any of the bids submitted last year but would be putting out a request for bids to improve drainage and replace the sand again in 2016.

Kathleen Lorenz, Town Council member, expressed her thanks for the support she received in the recent election from residents of Ironwood.

Chris Cotton, Parks & Recreation Director, indicated that the parks department is still planning on resurfacing the tennis courts at Ironwood Park and including pickle ball courts along with the tennis courts.

Mark Peterson, City Manager, responded to questions from the residents. In response to a question about when cul-de-sacs are plowed, he indicated that those are usually done after all the thru streets have been completed. Sometimes if there is less than 2 inches of snow, they will not be plowed. Another question regarding soccer fields brought the response that the Town is still interested in finding a new location for soccer fields by 2018 when the FAA has indicated that the current soccer fields, by the airport, must be abandoned. However, nothing certain has been developed along that line.

After completion of the panel section of the annual meeting, Karl Bauchmoyer introduced the current members of the IHOA Board of Directors and committee chairs. Karl also indicated that there is currently a vacancy on the Board with the resignation of Erik Bush, so he is seeking an interested resident to fill that position.

Secretary's report: The minutes of the January 13, 2015, annual meeting were distributed. On a motion made and seconded (Carlson/Schmidt) the minutes were approved.

Treasurer's report: JoEllen Bahnsen distributed a sheet (see Attachment #1) showing the final expenses of the association for 2015, and for comparison, the final expenses for 2014. In response to a question of why the landscaping/tree replacement expenses were about \$6,000 less in 2015 than 2014, it was explained that, after removing a number of trees from the Northtown berm this year, the Board decided to wait until this coming spring to plant replacement trees. The appointment of an audit committee to review the association's book will take place before the March 15th Board meeting, and they will audit the books before that meeting.

Determination of a quorum: There was a total of 167 residents either present or represented by proxy. This did not meet the required number of residents to have a quorum, thus the only association business that could be conducted was the election of new Board members.

Election of Board Members: The following residents were elected to two year terms on the board; David Brown with 177 votes, Walt Clark with 174 votes, Linda Rheeling with 173 votes and Karen Timmerman with 178 votes.

New Business: A resident raised a question as to the enforcement of Article V, Section 13, of the covenants in regard to the requirement that each property have 4 hardwood trees with at least a 2 inch diameter. After reviewing the covenant it was determined that this requirement only applied to a lot purchased from the declarant. Since the declarant no longer owns any lots in the subdivision, this section is not enforceable.

Adjournment: On motion made and seconded (Clark/Rheeling) and approved by the members, the annual meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

The next annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 10, 2017.

Attachment #1Ironwood Homeowners Association
PO Box 656
Normal, IL 61761

Financial Report for Year Ending December 31, 2014 and 2015

	2014	2015
Income:		
Dues Income	29,069.36	29,585.58
Other Income	0.00	19.47
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Total Income	29,069.36	29,605.05
Operating Expenses:		
Mowing & Trimming (annual Contract)	14,539.00	16,399.00
Landscaping/Tree Replacement/Other Maintenance	10,794.76	4,390.91
Legal Fees	212.50	178.50
Postage	303.80	646.80
Insurance	1,569.00	1,658.00
Printing	294.04	240.73
Utilities – Corn Belt	291.83	310.32
Contests	0.00	0.00
Internet Hosting Fee	119.40	304.35
Miscellaneous – Stationery, Labels, Envelopes	26.43	505.75
Newcomer's Committee	0.00	0.00
Rent – PO Box	92.00	98.00
Property Tax	31.64	31.84
NAN Dues	0.00	20.00
Recording Fee – State of Illinois	0.00	10.00
Bank Charge	150.00	150.10
Income Tax	260.01	0.00
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Total Operating Expenses	28,684.41	24,944.30
Net Income (Loss)	384.95	4,660.75
Beginning Cash Balance – January 1	3,469.82	3,854.77
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Ending Cash Balance – December 31	3,854.77	8,515.52