

**Charter Township of Ironwood
Regular Meeting
Monday, April 13, 2020
Dial-in Number (US): (701) 802-5250
Access Code: 714999#**

Call to Order: 5:30 pm Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Supervisor- Jim Simmons, Mary Segalin-Clerk, Maria Graser- Treasurer

Trustees: Bernie Brunello, Marlene Saari, Kevin Lyons

Absent: Bev Michaels

Also Present: LeRoy Johnson- Zoning Administrator, Mark McDonald-Attny, Rich Jenkins, Larry Grimsby, Lynn Coron and Jay Kangas.

Simmons read a statement before the meeting started: This is the first time having a meeting by conference call. If there is anyone who would like to speak during public comment, please state your name when addressing the board.

Public Comment: (3-minute limit) None

Amendments to Agenda: Larry Grimsby will be added to Appearances to speak about 911. A motion was made by Saari supported by Brunello to accept the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Brunello supported by Saari to accept the minutes from the Regular Meeting, March 9, 2020, as presented. Motion carried.

Bills and Salaries: General Fund-#45819-45918- \$89,103.20, Water Fund- #9085-9091- \$7,901.46, Wastewater Fund- #1939-1945- \$14,609.57. A motion was made by Brunello supported by Saari to accept the bills and salaries as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote. All ayes.

Appearances: Larry Grimsby-911- Discussion was had concerning the 911 calls from out at Little Girl's Point area and where they are routed to in an emergency. According to residents they are routed to Ashland and cannot be transferred to Gogebic County. Grimsby said he will be looking into this problem and work on getting it resolved asap.

Old Business: None

Communications: Michigan PAR Plan is seeking if any board member would like to serve on their Board of Directors. Atty McDonald advised the board it would not be feasible as the Township is suing them in the embezzlement case.

A motion was made by Segalin supported by Graser to put the 2019 GRWA and City of Ironwood water reports on file. Motion carried. They will be placed on the Township website. Water customers were notified on their utility bills the reports are available in the office.

Graser reported on the order of the remaining fire signs. There were 535 left to order, costing approximately \$14,000 which was discussed at an earlier date and budgeted for. Saari did ask if there was a placement plan to install the fire signs. Graser said that with the COVID 19 restrictions in place, a plan hasn't been figured out yet. It was suggested to keep this item on the agenda until it gets figured out.

New Business: Resolution 2020-01- Temporary Emergency Measures due to COVID 19- This resolution gives the board the authority to cancel any board meeting in the future due to the restrictions of social distancing measures. It was also discussed to continue to hold board meetings via conference calls. A motion was made by Brunello supported by Graser to adopt Res. 2020-01. Motion carried on roll call vote.

Reports:

Supervisor: Simmons has been attending 911 update conference calls, The 911 committee will be aiding in purchasing extra PPE for the Fire Dept., the office remains closed but all calls to this office are being forwarded to the appropriate people so no calls or questions are being missed, the guys continue to monitor the lift stations.

Treasurer: Graser asked the board if they would forgive late fees for late utility and garbage payments, as other municipalities are doing the same. A motion made by Segalin supported by Brunello to forgive utility and garbage late payment fees for the months of March, April, and May due to the coronavirus issues. Motion carried.

Graser reported ~~that for 2019~~, the Forestry and Parks have not paid the 2018 PILT monies. They are withholding it due to the embezzlement. They have however paid the 2019 monies. McDonald will talk with their lawyer to discuss the agreement concerning the monies.

Clerk: Segalin stated that the August 4, 2020 election may be straight mail-in voting due to the coronavirus. The Township auditor will be conducting the 2019 audit remotely. Segalin also stated the new program for the accounting- BS&A will be set up remotely instead of them coming in person to set it up. This will be a savings for the Township.

Trustees:

Michaels- Absent

Saari- The solid waste meeting was postponed. Spring clean-up date on hold for now.

Brunello- GRWA is seeking a new administrator.

Lyons- The last two PAUD meetings have been cancelled.

Fire Dept.: Chief Carlson was absent, so Simmons had asked the board if the Fire Dept. could participate in drive-by's for local children's birthdays, as other municipalities are allowing this. A motion was made by Segalin supported by Graser to allow the Fire Dept. participate as long as they follow the social distancing guidelines, allowing one-two person per truck. Motion carried.

Public comment: None

Adjournment: A motion was made by Brunello supported by Graser to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 pm. Motion carried.

James Simmons, Supervisor

Mary Segalin, Clerk

TOWNSHIP OF Ironwood
COUNTY OF Gogebic, MICHIGAN

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Ironwood, held via teleconference in Ironwood Township, within the Township, on the 13 day of April, 2020, at 5:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Simmons, Segalin, Graser, Lyons, Brunello, Saari

ABSENT: Michaels

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Brunello and supported by Graser

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-01

RESOLUTION FOR TEMPORARY EMERGENCY MEASURES

WHEREAS, Michigan's Governor has issued Executive Orders and Directives pursuant to the Emergency Management Act, Public Act 390 of 1976, which impact Township operations, including limitations on the number of persons who may attend meetings; and
WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the citizens of the Township, its officers and employees to take all steps necessary to inhibit the transmission of the COVID-19 virus; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Resolution is to delegate certain basic administrative powers on a temporary emergency basis, so that decisions and responses to changing conditions can be made without the need for a Township Board meeting.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Township Supervisor, following consultation with the Township Clerk and Treasurer, and the Chair of any involved public body, if practicable, is hereby authorized to cancel, postpone, or reschedule any meeting or public hearing of the Township Board, Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals or other Township body to be held during the month of April or May, 2020. Notice of all special or rescheduled meetings and public hearings shall be given in compliance with, and all meetings conducted in accordance with, the Open Meetings Act, Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, and other applicable law.
2. The Township Supervisor, in consultation with the Clerk and Treasurer, if practicable, and the Chair of any involved public body, may establish rules of public participation and attendance at those public meetings which are held, in order to comply with the Open Meetings Act, in light of applicable Emergency Orders issued by Federal, State or County authorities, and best public health practices.
3. The Township Board hereby approves the issuance of checks in payment of invoices by the Township Treasurer in conjunction with the Clerk as provided by law for budgeted expenditures, such as utility bills, payroll, contractual agreements, professional services, and other budgeted non-capital expenditures, subject to audit at the next meeting of the Township Board.
4. The Township Supervisor, in consultation with the Township Clerk and Treasurer, if practicable, may determine Township office hours, and close or limit access to the office for protection of the public, staff and employees, subject to the requirements of law for other situations in which access is made necessary by law.
5. Township staff shall publicize by posting on the Township website and at the Township office alternative means to have access to Township services.
6. Consistent with public safety and emergency directives and orders, the Township shall continue to conduct business and accept and process applications for zoning, building or other permits in a manner which eliminates or limits the need for face to face contact with citizens or applicants.
7. Except for the Deputy Clerk and Deputy Treasurer, who are subject to the authority of those offices, the Township Supervisor, in consultation with the Clerk and Treasurer, if practicable, may make decisions whether employees work from home or not work.
8. All citizens will be informed of and encouraged to register to vote by means not requiring an in-

person visit to the Clerk's office. In the event the Clerk suspends regular office hours, the Board hereby delegates to the Clerk the authority to designate the hours that the clerk will be at the clerk's office for the purpose of receiving registrations, and to give notice, as provided by Section 498 of the Michigan Election Law.

9. This Resolution shall not infringe on the statutory duties and authorities of the Township Treasurer and Clerk, nor the ability of the majority of Township Board members to call a special meeting by written request as provided by statute. Further, the Township Clerk and Treasurer, by written consent of both, are hereby delegated the authority to call a special meeting of the Township Board.

10. The authority delegated by the Resolution shall expire automatically at end of business day on May 31, 2020 and subject to earlier rescission or modification by the Township Board, or extension by action of the Township Board.

AYES: All

NAYS: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Mary Segalin, Township Clerk

STATE OF MICHIGAN)

) ss.

COUNTY OF Gogebic)

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the Township Board of the Township of Ironwood, Gogebic County, Michigan (the "Township") do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Township at a regular meeting held on April 13, 2020, the original of which is on file in my office. Public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in compliance with Act No. 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended, including in the case of a special or rescheduled meeting, notice by posting at least eighteen (18) hours prior to the time set for the meeting.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto affixed my official signature this 13 day of April, 2020.

Mary Segalin, Clerk
Charter Township of Ironwood