

**Charter Township of Ironwood**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, January 25, 2021**  
**Time: 6:00 pm**  
**Teleconference meeting**  
**Call: (701) 802-5250**  
**Access Code: 714999#**

**Call to Order:** 6:00 pm Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call:** Jay Kangas- Supervisor, Maria Graser- Treasurer, Mary Segalin- Clerk

**Trustees:** Brenda Aili-Angus, Gabe Justinak, Kevin Lyons, Jim Simmons

**Absent:** None

**Also Present:** Brett Imwalle, Sandy Lahtinen, Peggy Krohn, Leroy Johnson- Zoning Administrator, Sharon Hallberg, Vicki Nelson, Constance Davey and Rich Jenkins.

**Amendments to Agenda:** None. A motion was made by Segalin supported by Graser to accept the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

**Public Comment on Agenda Items Only: (3-minute limit)** There were no citizens who wished to address the Board on the items on the agenda.

**Consent Agenda:** A motion was made by Simmons supported by Justinak to accept the minutes as from the Regular Meeting, as presented, January 11, 2021. After some discussion, a motion was made by Aili-Angus supported by Lyons to table the Jan. 11, 2021 minutes due to needed corrections. Motion carried on a 5(support) 2(decline) roll call vote.

A motion was made by Graser supported by Lyons to accept the Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> public hearing minutes, as corrected. Motion carried.

**Bills and Salaries:** General Fund-46743-46767- \$24,069.80, EFT 82-88- \$4,694.21, Water Fund- 9170-9173- \$41,632.11, Wastewater Fund-1982-- \$3,764.11, CTF- 8528-8551- \$110,381.64, FD Fundraising- 1279- \$335.00 A motion was made by Lyons supported by Aili-Angus to accept the bills and salaries as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

**Appearances:** None

**Old Business:** The Lake Rd Spring deed was presented to the board- The Gogebic County Road Commission deeded it to the Township.

The Veterans Council contribution request is \$5075.00- 2.2% less than last year's request. A motion was made by Segalin supported by Simmons to authorize the Clerk to pay this requested amount. After some discussion, it was decided that Kangas will contact them to draw up an agreement. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

The Clerk and Treasurer health care contributions were discussed. A motion was made by Lyons supported by Aili-Angus to leave the contributions the same as last year. Motion carried on a roll call vote. Trustee Lyons is requesting a monthly breakdown of insurance disbursements, to keep track of budgeted amounts allowed.

**Communications:** A motion was made by Segalin supported by Graser to place James Simmons letter on file. Motion carried.

The Gogebic County Pavement Replacement Policy was presented to the board for their review. The GCRC will be using this policy for future developments. A color copy was requested by the board to further understand what roads they are concerned with. A color map will be provided at the next meeting.

The Fire Suppression Rate Schedule was presented to the board. Fire Chief Brentar is working on this to possibly lower the Township's ISO rating. A motion was made by Lyons supported by Graser to place the schedule on file. Motion carried.

**New Business:** A motion was made by Segalin supported by Lyons to adopt Resolution 2021-001 Poverty Exemption policy. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

A motion was made by Lyons supported by Graser to change insurance carriers due to the increase in coverage with our current carrier. The board was presented with a couple of new quotes from Michigan Municipal Risk Management. Motion carried on a roll call vote, with a savings of approximately \$12,000 annually.

A motion was made by Segalin supported by Graser to approve the Fire Department Mutual Aid Agreement with 5 Michigan Fire Depts. And 5 Wisconsin Fire Depts. Motion carried.

Some discussion was had by the board concerning the Gogebic County Road Commission 2021 road plan. Kangas will contact them to invite them to the next board meeting to discuss further. Simmons and Kangas will meet with the GCRC to prioritize their list including the Township's Six Year road plan. The board will discuss the plan at the next meeting and agree on a plan.

#### **Reports:**

**Supervisor:** Kangas reported that the Sunset Rd water leak is fixed. Sunset and Mt. View Rd will need some road restoration in the spring due to both water leak repairs. The Board of Review zoom training has started. Kangas couldn't attend due to the class being filled up. He will attend a future training. Kangas will also cancel the PAR Plan assessment survey scheduled for 10 am – Jan. 26, 2021 due to the board's motion to change insurance carriers. The trailer Park was discussed- water leak. There's been no improvement, as the owner is awaiting construction estimates.

**Treasurer:** Graser reported on the PAUD rates resolution- it passed. Graser has a broadband meeting this week. As soon as in-person meetings can be held- citizens have been asking if the meetings can still be via phone conference too.

**Clerk:** Segalin will be attending a Waste Water meeting this week.

#### **Trustees:**

Lyons: Attended a PAUD meeting

Simmons: Attending a Waste Water meeting this week. GRWA will be selecting a president this week for their board. He will be following up concerning the road plan.

Justinak: Attended the PC meeting. They approved LeRoy Johnson's job description. The Fire Burning Ordinance passed, but needs Township Board approval yet. The Chicken and Storage Unit ordinances were- tabled for now.

Aili-Angus: Attended a Solid Waste meeting.

**Fire Dept.:** No report

**Public comment:** Several citizens made comments about items on the agenda.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Graser supported by Lyons to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 pm. Motion carried.

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Jay Kangas, Supervisor

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Mary Segalin, Clerk