

**Charter Township of Ironwood  
Regular Meeting  
Monday, October 26, 2020  
Time: 5:30 pm  
Teleconference meeting  
Call: (701) 802-5250  
Access Code: 714999#**

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

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

**Trustees:** Marlene Saari, Kevin Lyons, Bernie Brunello, Bev Michaels

**Absent:** None

**Also Present:** LeRoy Johnson- Zoning admin., Mark McDonald- Township attorney, Jay Kangas, Rich Jenkins, Vicki Nelson, Brett Imwalle, Sandy Lahtinen AND Brenda Aili-Angus.

**Public Comment: (3-minute limit)** A citizen asked what would be addressed about the Fire Dept. under Old Business, on the agenda.

**Amendments to Agenda:** None

**Consent Agenda:** A motion was made by Michaels supported by Brunello to accept the minutes from the Regular Meeting, Sept. 28, 2020, as presented. Motion carried.

**Bills and Salaries:** General Fund-46410-46500, EFT 49-58- \$80,978.90, Water Fund-#9135-9147- \$26,669.93, Wastewater Fund- #1968-1971-\$15,136.11, Tax Fund - #8453-8462-\$328,711.29. A motion was made by Brunello supported by Saari to accept the bills and salaries as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

**Appearances:** None

**Old Business:** Fire Dept. issues were addressed. Saari had asked if any structural engineer had been contacted yet concerning the Fire Dept. floor/structure. Simmons said- He's still waiting to hear back from one. Saari also asked about the bathroom use or lack thereof for the Fire Dept. members. The Fire Dept. does possess a key to the gym. Simmons updated the board- The maintenance men are working on Black River Rd. with the new fire number signs.

**Communications:** A letter was submitted and presented to the board concerning black topping on Welch Creek Lane. Attorney Mark McDonald updated the board on the insurance settlement in the embezzlement case. It has been settled by all parties involved. A motion was made by Saari supported by Brunello to place all communications on file. Motion carried.

**New Business:** A new meter was ordered for the Civic Center costing approximately \$3000. A motion was made by Brunello supported by Segalin to authorize such purchase. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

A motion was made by Brunello supported by Graser to adopt Resolution 2020-02 GF Budget amendment- with a net change of \$700. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

The 2021 Proposed budgets for all funds were presented to the board for their review. A budget workshop will be scheduled in the near future.

**Reports:**

**Supervisor:** Simmons thanked everyone for their patience during the virus. Business is being conducted on a regular basis- just trying to slow down the flow of traffic inside the office to lessen exposure risk for the employees. The Gogebic County Road commission is taking care of the Barrier Dam Rd due to flooding over the road caused by beavers. Tires have been ordered for Tanker 30 & 40 for the Fire Dept. They cost approximately \$3300. The old tires are in too rough of shape to be salvaged or sold.

**Treasurer:** Attended a PAUD and Broad Band meeting. Graser will be inviting Gogebicrange.net to come and speak with the board concerning putting up a pop up tower at LGP.

**Clerk:** Segalin has been very busy with AV Ballots- up 701. The bigger drop box is working well and able to accommodate the increase in ballots being dropped off. The new LED sign is installed and working. Graser is still working out the kinks.

**Trustees:**

Michaels- Nothing to report

Saari- Thanked the board for purchasing solar stop signs for the corner of Vanderhagen and Airport Rd., also for the graveling of Lost Lake Rd, The Twp. cleanup was successful. Saari had also asked how long Mike Foley’s contract-Cemetery property- was for because she had heard he is moving out of the area. At the PC meeting- the Broadband issue had also been brought up

Brunello- Attended a Waste Water mtg.

Lyons- Attended a PAUD meeting

**Fire Dept.:** Absent from meeting. Lyons commented on how many meetings it has been where the Fire Dept. has had no representation at several past meetings.

**Public comment:** A citizen had asked about the COVID relief grant- Simmons stated – our Fire Dept. is not eligible for the grant because we don’t meet the requirements- being a full time fire Dept.

Another citizen had asked why the Oct. 12, 2020 board meeting was cancelled. It was due to teleconference not being authorized by law and possible covid exposure at the office. . Simmons offered an update on contracting outside sources concerning donations given directly to the fire dept. members and not adequately being accounted for by the Treasurer. It is advised that the Township no longer investigate this issue due to lack of proof, but Simmons did state, there will be new policies and procedures in place in the near future so the members will be held more accountable.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Brunello supported by Michaels to adjourn the meeting at 6:03pm. Motion carried.

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James Simmons, Supervisor

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Mary Segalin, Clerk