

Charter Township of Ironwood
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 23, 2021
Time: 5:00 pm

Call to Order: 5:00 pm Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

Absent: None

Also, Present: None

Amendments to Agenda: Old business: Township Hall step replacement, New Business: Air Conditioner unit replacement, Sept. 13, 2021 meeting reschedule. A motion was made by Segalin supported by Lyons to accept the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

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

Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Simmons supported by Lyons to accept the minutes as presented from August 9, 2021. Motion carried.

Bills and Salaries: General Fund-47380-47412 and EFT 152-156 – \$17,151.06, Water Fund- 9236-9237- \$2,073.22, Wastewater Fund- n/a, CTF-8656-8657- \$4,698.80. A motion was made by Lyons supported by Justinak to accept the bills and salaries as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Appearances: None

Old Business: The Park and Recs committee met, with John Garske volunteering his time. They will be updating the Township Recreation Plan since it hasn't been updated since 2014. They will be looking to see if improving Sunset Park will be feasible.

Simmons and Kangas met with Barry Bolich and Phil Strong, Gogebic Co. Road Comm. It has been requested of the Township officials to look at what they can spend on Township roads for 2022. Kangas suggested that \$130,000 to \$135,000 can be allotted for roads. A motion was made by Kangas supported by Simmons to approve at least \$135,000 allowed for road projects for 2022. Motion carried. A discussion was had by board members concerning how much the Road Commission allows for each community for road repairs.

A motion was made by Simmons supported by Lyons to accept the bid from Ruotsala for the concrete steps to be repaired/replaced. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

New Business: Segalin stated that the Clerk vs. Treasurer bank reconciliations will no longer be presented to the board as they both work off of the same BS&A software program. The bank reconciliations will be placed on file.

A motion was made by Simmons supported by Justinak to adopt Resolution 2021-004 Wastewater Rate Increase. Effective for August 2021 usage billed in Sept. 2021, the increase in the rate for OM&R will be \$2.44 for Residential and Commercial, alike. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

The introduction to 2022 Budgets for all funds was presented to the board for their review. They are encouraged to contact the Clerk or Supervisor if they have any questions.

A motion was made by Simmons supported by Graser to replace the AC unit in the Township Office as the one that is in use now does not work properly and has been here since 1996. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

A motion was made by Simmons supported by Segalin to reschedule the September 13th regular board meeting to September 7th (Tuesday) at 5pm due to a MTA conference in Harris for the elected officials. Motion carried.

Communications: A motion was made by Segalin supported by Graser to place the 2021 AMAR follow up review on file. Motion carried.

Tracy Amundson requested a water bill “break” on the residence on Lake Rd due to a huge leak in her family member’s home, now deceased. After much discussion the board determined that the former resident had several opportunities to fix the leak, but chose not to. The request is denied based on past discussions/ prior practice.

Reports:

Supervisor: Kangas reported that the transfer station stated that they cannot recycle any glass or plastic because there is no market for it. They can only recycle aluminum and cardboard. Kangas will inquire as to what other communities do with their recyclables. An email was sent from Impact Communities in Colorado inquiring about the Mobile Home Park and MIAL. Kangas forwarded the message on to the Township Attorney and the Health Dept. The well pump at the Airport Soccer field will be fixed by Binz Bros. as it is malfunctioning. The City of Ironwood will be bidding out their Vactor truck- The Township is in need of a replacement, so Kangas will be inquiring on it as soon as it goes out for bidding.

Treasurer: Attended a PAUD meeting. Has a Broadband meeting next week. Graser ordered 4 sets of vinyl door township signs for the maintenance vehicles from Rapid Graphics, which will be installed on Thursday, on our two red trucks, vactor and dump truck.

Clerk: Segalin reports that the Township has been approved for the ARPA Fund from the State. It is the American Rescue Plan, for \$227,131. Graser will be setting up a separate fund for the monies. It is still unclear as to what the money can be used for.

Trustees:

Justinak: Had a Planning Commission meeting. He reported discussion was held in regards to special permits will be required in order to have chickens on your property will some provisions. He had to leave this meeting at 5:50 pm.

Lyons: Attended a PAUD and Park and Rec meeting.

Simmons: Attended a Road Commission meeting.

Aili-Angus: Attended a Solid Waste meeting.

Fire Dept: No report

Public comment: No public comment

Adjournment: A motion was made Graser supported by Lyons to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 pm. Motion carried.

Jay Kangas, Supervisor

Mary Segalin, Clerk