

Notice of Charter Township of Ironwood
Regular Board meeting to be held electronically
Gogebic County, Michigan

To: The residents and property owners of Ironwood Township, Gogebic County, Michigan, and any other interested parties.

Please take notice that a meeting of the Charter Township of Ironwood Board will be held on

Monday, January 25, 2021 @6:00 pm by electronic remote access; see attached agenda.

Electronic remote access, in accordance with Michigan Law, will be implemented in response to COVID-19 social distancing requirements and limitations on the number of individuals in a meeting hall.

The public may participate in the meeting through teleconference by calling toll free: (701) 802-5250,
Access Code: 714999#

Members of the public will only be able to speak at the meeting during the public comment portion of the meeting and such comment will be limited to (3) three minutes per person. To provide for orderly public comment, a person wishing to speak during public comment must state their name and request to be recognized by the Township Supervisor. The Supervisor will recognize all persons wishing to speak during public comment.

If, prior to the meeting, members of the public have certain questions or wish to provide input on any business that will be addressed at the meeting then such persons may contact the Township Board members through Mary Segalin, Township Clerk, by email to : clerk@ironwoodtownship.com, or by mail at: N10892 Lake Rd, Ironwood, MI 49938.

The Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities upon 72 hours advance notice by contacting Mary Segalin, Clerk, by email, phone or mail at the below:

**Mary Segalin, Clerk
N10892 Lake Rd
Ironwood, MI 49938**

Phone: (906) 932-8446

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Charter Township of Ironwood

Ironwood Township Board
Time: 6:00 pm
Date: Monday, January 25, 2021
Teleconference Meeting:
Call: (701) 802-5250
Access code: 714999#

Call to Order: 6:00 pm Pledge of Allegiance

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

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

Amendments to Agenda:

Public Comment: (3-minute limit)

Consent Agenda:

Minutes:

- Approval of the minutes from the Regular Board meeting January 11, 2021
- Approval of tabled minutes from Dec. 29, 2020 Special Meeting/Public Hearing

Bills and Salaries:

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| ○ General Fund Vouchers: 46743-46767 | \$ 24,069.80 |
| ○ Water Fund Vouchers: 9170-9173 | \$ 41,632.11 |
| ○ Wastewater Vouchers: 1982 | \$ 3,764.11 |
| ○ CTF Vouchers: 8528-8551 | \$110,381.64 |
| ○ EFT82-EFT88 | \$ 4,694.21 |
| ○ Fire Dept Fundraising: 1279 | \$ 335.00 |

Appearances: None

Old Business:

- Lake Road Spring Deed
- Veterans Council Request for Contribution
- Health Care Contributions

Communications:

- James Simmons
- Gogebic County Road Commission Pavement Replacement Policy
- Fire Suppression Rate Schedule (FSRS)

New Business:

- Resolution 2021-01 Poverty Exemption
- 2021 Property Liability Insurance Quote from MMRMA
- Fire Department Mutual Aid Agreements
- Gogebic County Road Commission 2021 Road Plan

Charter Township of Ironwood

Reports:

- **Supervisor:**
- **Treasurer:**
- **Clerk:**
- **Trustee:**
- **Fire Department:**

Public Comment: (3-minute limit)

Adjournment:

**Charter Township of Ironwood
Regular Meeting
(Unapproved Minutes)
Monday, January 11, 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: Bob Brentar (FD), Brett Imwalle, Sandy Lahtinen, Mark McDonald- Township attorney, Peggy Krohn, Leroy Johnson- Zoning Administrator, Larry Grimsby.

Kangas made a comment concerning how the meetings are to be run- it is a business meeting, must adhere to the agenda, try to run an orderly meeting.

Public Comment: (3-minute limit) A citizen made several comments to the minutes for Dec. 29, 2020 public hearing, and some corrections.

Another citizen had welcomed the new board and hopes they will be conduct business in a positive manner.

Amendments to Agenda: Communications: Letter from Sandy Lahtinen. A motion was made by Simmons supported Aili-Angus to accept the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Lyons supported by Aili-Angus to accept the minutes as from the Regular Meeting, as corrected, Dec. 17 and Dec. 21, 2020. Motion carried.

The Dec. 29th public hearing minutes were tabled as a board member could not locate them in his board meeting information.

Bills and Salaries: General Fund-46678-46742- \$41,672.74 EFT 77-81- \$4,986.72, Water Fund-9161-9169- \$198,228.60, Wastewater Fund-1977-1981- \$53,544.08, CTF- 8505-8527- \$122,334.18 A motion was made by Justinak supported by Simmons to accept the bills and salaries as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Appearances: None

Old Business: A motion was made by Lyons supported by Justinak to ratify the Union Contract with employees. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Communications: A motion was made by Segalin supported by Lyons to place the Brett Imwalle- Open meetings act letter on file. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Lyons supported by Graser to place the Ironwood Area Schools Summer Tax Collections Resolution on file. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Lyons supported by Graser to place on file the Gogebic County Council of Veterans Affairs Contribution letter, until an agreement be presented and signed. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Graser supported by Lyons to place on file, LeRoy Johnson's 2020 Zoning log of activities. Lyons requested a monthly report, Johnson offered a quarterly report., which was agreed upon. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Lyons supported by Simmons to place the letter from Sandy Lahtinen, on file. Motion carried.

New Business: None

Reports:

Supervisor: Kangas reached out to the owners of the Trailer Park in regards to the water leak. He sent 3 certified letters. Only received one back. Trying to obtain construction Co. quotes for fixing the leak. The tenants there are concerned about the road leading through the park as it is not being plowed- it is a private driveway so the Twp. Cannot do anything about it. Kangas contacted the Health Dept. concerning the COVID vaccine- they will be available possibly mid-January for the office staff.

Treasurer: Graser reports that a lot of homes and properties have been sold so she's been busy making necessary changes in her software program. The Utility and Garbage bills were sent out. The thermal imagers and training books have been ordered for the Fire Dept.

Clerk: The Fire Dept. has been requesting a lot of office supplies to keep up with today's technology and paperwork. The requested MTA training info is in the Board meeting paperwork for discussion. Segalin stated she is working on end of the year financials.

Trustees:

Lyons: Asking again that the "Amendments to the Agenda" be placed before "public comment". Also, requesting that whenever the board is legally able to attend the meetings in person, that we should do so.

Simmons: Nothing to report

Justinak: Nothing to report

Aili-Angus: Nothing to report

Fire Dept.: Bob Brentar- Fire Chief reported on the 2020 fire calls. They had 34 call outs all together. Brentar is looking into more grants to write for. Thanks, the Board for ordering the thermal imagers and the Fire Dept. training books. The COVID vaccines are being scheduled now but has a lot of Fire fighters being reluctant. The Fire Dept. has decided to not hold the annual Frost Fest this year due to COVID restrictions and the area economy.

Public comment: Larry Grimsby- 911 Coordinator- spoke about the change in dispatch for the Little Girls Point citizens- from Iron Co. to the Negaunee dispatch. It has been tested with no problems. He reminded citizens, Aspirus is now taking appointments for the COVID vaccine for people 65yrs old and older. He also stated-the meeting notice in the Daily Globe state the meetings are at 5:30pm, not 6:00pm and needs to be corrected.

A citizen had thanked Kangas for his powerful and positive statement in the beginning of the meeting, but stated that he thinks that the Open Meetings Act is being violated and that citizens

should not be limited to only 3-minute comments during public comment. Only if there are several people wanting to make a comment, otherwise its impractical.

Another citizen had wondered what the decision was on the Zoning Administrator's wage. Kangas stated it has been resolved and will remain the same. She asked that the board follow-up in the meetings when something has been brought up for discussion.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Simmons supported by Justinak to adjourn the meeting at 6:53pm. Motion carried.

Jay Kangas, Supervisor

Mary Segalin, Clerk

**Charter Township of Ironwood
Special Meeting / Budget workshop
(Unapproved Minutes)
Proposed 2021 General Fund Budget
Tuesday, December 29, 2020
Time: 4:30 pm, 5:00 pm
Teleconference meeting
Call: (701) 802-5250
Access Code: 714999#**

Call to Order: 4:30 pm Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Brett Imwalle, Sandy Lahtinen, Sharon Hallberg, Rich Jenkins

A motion was made by Segalin supported by Aili-Angus to open the Public Hearing at 4:30 pm. Motion carried.

Much discussion was had by board members concerning the General Fund budget for 2021. Simmons suggested a COLA increase for the Supervisor, Clerk and Treasurer. Justinak would like to see the elected officials get a \$1 hr. raise for 2021. A citizen had commented on several issues including; the meetings don't appear to be posted properly and not enough notice was given to the public before a meeting, Supervisor wage too high, Fund balance is too high-should give tax payers a break on taxes, requesting info on how to virtually attend training for Planning Commission and Board of Review members, consider cutting back on Deputies time as the office isn't open due to COVID. Another citizen had requested the board consider eliminating the Zoning Administrator position, or having it be done on an on-call basis. The Township Fund Balance is too high and maybe the Township should consider eliminating the Township tax levy for one year.

A motion was made by Segalin supported by Justinak to close the Public Hearing at 4:50 pm. Motion carried.

Call to Order: 5:00 pm Pledge of Allegiance

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

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

Also present: LeRoy Johnson- Zoning Administrator, Sandy Lahtinen, Brett Imwalle, Sharon Hallberg.

Amendments to Agenda: Hannula Insurance Renewal with Par Plan for 2021: New Business.

A motion was made by Aili-Angus supported by Simmons to accept the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Public Comment: A citizen commented on hoping the Township Board could have a better relationship with the community, they felt the board was unapproachable and adversarial with the community. A citizen expressed their feeling in regards to comments made by the members of the Board to them and she was treated in a bad manner. Another citizen commented on salary increases for elected officials presented at this time is just wrong, as they did not ask for a salary increase in this year's budget. It is too last minute this close to the end of the year.

New Business: Discussions were held regarding the General Fund 2021 Proposed Budget. Simmons stated Fund Balance is not cash the Township has in the bank. Aili-Angus stated she felt that the Zoning Administrator should be paid just like the Building Inspector is on a on call basis not a monthly stipend. She requested a report be given to the Board of what the Zoning Administrator does for the Twp., she also stated the Elected Officials did not ask for a raise prior to this meeting. Lyons stated he felt that the requested raise brought up by Justinak and Simmons was too last minute and was not discussed in the previous public hearings. He feels we need to be more transparent to the public, also Lyons stated the Board had received a fiscal year 2019 report from the Zoning Admin. in the past.

Leroy Johnson, Zoning Administrator stated he does much more than Zoning issues. He also takes care of Land Division applications, is the Noxious Weed officer, the Blight Officer and works on various Ordinance issues. He keeps monthly reports on his activity and takes numerous phone calls at home as well as at the office.

A motion was made by Justinak supported by Simmons to add \$1 per hour to the elected officials' salary, after much discussion by the board, this motion failed on a 4/3 roll call vote. Kangas, Lyons, Segalin and Aili-Angus voting no. Graser, Simmons, Justinak voting yes. Segalin will contact MTA on the proper procedure of a possible salary resolution change for 2021.

A motion was made by Simmons supported by Justinak to adopt Resolution 2020-15 the 2021 General Appropriations Resolution, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote with Aili-Angus voting No.

A motion was made by Segalin supported by Lyons to adopt Resolution 2020-17- Opt out of Public Act 152-2011. The Resolution was read by Supervisor Kangas in its entirety and attached as part of these minutes. Motion carried on an unanimous roll call vote.

Charter Township of Ironwood RESOLUTION 2020-17

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE ANNUAL EXEMPTION OPTION AS SET FORTH IN 2011 PUBLIC ACT 152, THE PUBLICLY FUNDED HEALTH INSURANCE CONTRIBUTION ACT

WHEREAS, 2011 Public Act 152 (the "Act") was passed by the State Legislature and signed by the Governor on September 24, 2011;

WHEREAS, the Act contains three options for complying with the requirements of the Act;

WHEREAS, the three options are as follows:

1. Section 3 – "Hard Caps" Option – limits a public employer's total annual health care costs for employees based on coverage levels, as defined in the Act;

2. Section 4 – “80%/20%” Option – limits a public employer’s share of total annual health care costs to not more than 80%. This option requires an annual majority vote of the governing body;
3. Section 8 – “Exemption” Option – A local unit of government, as defined in the Act, may exempt itself from the requirements of the Act by an annual 2/3 vote of the governing body;

WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Ironwood has decided to adopt the annual Exemption option as its choice of compliance under the Act;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Charter Township of Ironwood elects to comply with the requirements of 2011 Public Act 152, the Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act, by adopting the annual Exemption option for the medical benefit plan coverage year, starting January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: None

A motion made by Segalin second by Lyons the following Resolution was adopted.

STATE OF MICHIGAN)

COUNTY OF Gogebic)

I, Mary Segalin, Clerk of the Charter Township of Ironwood, Michigan, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the Resolution 2021-17 OPT Out of Public Act 152 of 2011, Resolution was adopted by the Charter Township of Ironwood Board at a Special Meeting held on December 29, 2020.

Mary Segalin, Clerk

After much discussion of the insurance premium cost, payment plan, other insurance carrier offers. A motion was made by Lyons supported by Aili-Angus to authorize Kangas to sign the 2021 insurance premium renewal. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Public Comment: A citizen had thanked Segalin, Kangas, Aili-Angus and Lyons for doing their homework on the budget.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Aili-Angus supported by Lyons to adjourn the meeting at 5:58pm. Motion carried.

Jay Kangas, Supervisor

Mary Segalin, Clerk

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF IRONWOOD
GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION NO. 2020-15
FISCAL YEAR JANUARY 1-DECEMBER 31, 2021
Special Meeting/ Budget Hearing December 29, 2020

WHEREAS: The Supervisor/Superintendent has prepared a budget for fiscal year 2021, and presented said budget to the Township Board for review and adjustments and,

WHEREAS: Said budget has been reviewed and adjusted to show a balance between expenditures and revenues, and

WHEREAS: Said budget has been presented to the public for comment and all input has been considered by the Township Board, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the adjusted budget be and is hereby adopted in accordance with P.A. 621 of 1978 with the following stipulations:

1. Budget activity can be altered but the budget activity total must not be exceeded. If the activity total is to be amended, it shall be by resolution of the Board. All changes in the budget for all funds must always reflect a balanced budget.
2. The Clerk and Treasurer shall be responsible for the respective budgets. This includes documentation for all items purchased and shall not exceed the budgeted amount of their activity.
3. The Supervisor/Superintendent shall be responsible for all other activities and funds and maintaining them within his/her budget limits.
4. Limitations on purchases by the Supervisor without prior Board approval shall be limited to \$2,500.00. This limitation can only be waived by a majority of the Township Board if it is deemed that other means of purchasing are financially beneficial to the Township or in an emergency situation. This exception shall be confined to each single occurrence and not carry over to other purchases.
5. Quarterly reports for revenues and expenditures shall be prepared by the Supervisor/ Superintendent and presented to the Township Board. The Clerk and Treasurer shall provide the Supervisor/Superintendent such information as he/she requests to prepare such reports. The information requested shall be forwarded to the Supervisor/Superintendent by the 25th day of the month ending the quarter. The quarterly report shall be available for Board members at the 2nd regular meeting following each quarter.
6. Clerk shall stamp all claims for payment against the Township when received and date same, check for accuracy of the figures, proper discounts and initial this verification. These bills shall then be forwarded to the Supervisor for each account numbers and approval for payment. In the Clerk's or Treasurer's budget each shall

place the account numbers required and forwarded to the Supervisor for payment approval.

7. All claims against the Township must be in the Clerk's office five Township working days prior to a regular Township meeting to be paid at the meeting. This is necessary to allow sufficient time to process such payment.
8. Payments of claims shall be made at any regular or special meeting of the Township Board. The resolution to pay the bills shall be reference to inclusive voucher numbers.
9. Claims for mileage shall be (current IRS allowance) and will be paid only when on official Township business. All mileage claims shall be submitted on an approved Township form for approval by the Township board.
10. The claimant for mileage, meals and lodging shall not be the person approving the claim for payment.
11. Claims for lodging and meals shall be as follows:

Lodging-Going rate/Receipt needed

<u>Upper Michigan rates:</u>	<u>Lower Michigan rates:</u>
Breakfast - \$11.00	Breakfast- \$16.00
Lunch - \$12.00	Lunch- \$17.00
Dinner - \$23.00	Dinner- \$28.00

These limits include tips and tax (current IRA allowance). No receipts are required for meals. Taxi service will be reimbursed upon actual receipts. Any rates above limits will have prior Board approval.

12. Advances for anticipated expenses shall be limited to and based on rates for meals, lodging, and mileage (when own vehicle is used) including registration fees when applicable.

This Resolution and its stipulation shall become a part of the budget and both shall be recorded in the minutes of the Township Board. This Resolution will be the General Appropriations Act of the Charter Township of Ironwood.

The above Resolution was offered by Simmons supported by Justinak.

YEA: Kangas, Graser, Segalin, Simmons, Justinak, Lyons

NEA: Aili-Angus

ABSENT: None

The Chairman declared the MOTION carried and the RESOLUTION duly adopted on the December 29, 2020.

Mary Segalin, Clerk

I, Mary Segalin, the duly elected and acting Clerk of the Charter Township of Ironwood, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Township Board of the said Township at the Regular Meeting of the said Board held on December 29, 2020 at which meeting a quorum was present, by a roll call vote of said members as hereinbefore set forth; that the said resolution was ordered to take effect on January 1, 2021.

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