

**Charter Township of Ironwood
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 26, 2021
Time: 6:00 pm
In person meeting-Township gym**

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: Rich Jenkins and Megan (Daily Globe), Zoning Administrator- LeRoy Johnson, Brett Imwalle, George Kivi.

Amendments to Agenda: None

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 Lyons supported Graser to accept the minutes as presented from April 12, 2021. Motion carried.

Bills and Salaries: General Fund-47008-47046, EFT-113-118- Totaling \$22,737.99, Water Fund- 9199-9203- Totaling \$60,747.19, Wastewater Fund-2001- Totaling \$1,852.64. 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 Road Commission recommended 3” blacktop for Mt. View Rd repairs. Kangas contacted Northwoods Paving, as they had submitted a bid for repairs. The estimate would not change enough to warrant contracting with them as Luppino’s bid came in at a much lower bid. A motion was made by Segalin supported by Graser to accept Luppino’s bid at \$2,100 for the road repair. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Kangas spoke with the local Health Dept. concerning opening the gym for sports rentals. They, along with the Governor orders recommends: If there are people from different households, they **all** need to show proof of a negative test for COVID, must wear a mask (which should be monitored) and the gym needs to be regularly sanitized. The board is not in favor of opening up the gym at this time. It will be revisited at the next board meeting. A motion was made by Simmons supported by Graser to table the opening of the offices/gym fully until the next meeting and will be discussed at each meeting until restrictions can be lifted. Motion carried.

New Business: The MTA local chapter agenda was presented to the board. After some discussion, Simmons and Segalin offered to be the representatives from the Ironwood Township Board to attend the meeting, with the covid restrictions requiring a smaller group to attend. All our board members attending would be to many people at this time. Board agreed.

Communications: A motion was made by Segalin supported by Graser to place the County Ambulance Committee Rep. changes letter on file. Motion carried.

Reports:

Supervisor: The PAUD lift station was fixed the day after it stopped working. A separate septic company was called to extract the sewage buildup several times, as our vactor truck could not handle the volume. The cost

incurred will be paid by PAUD. Charter Communications will be investing over 5 billion dollars to the Rural Department Opportunity Fund for Broadband- it will take approximately 4 to 6 years to complete. Garden Farms, who owes 26 units at Powderhorn, is requesting their assessment amount of the units be adjusted at Tax Tribunal. Kangas sent all info to the Township Attorney- Mark McDonald to prepare for the May 26, 2021 hearing.

Treasurer: The Transfer Station is booked from May to August for clean-up dates. The board agreed that the Township clean-up will be held the last week of September 2021. Graser will call the Transfer station to schedule it. The Township residents will be asked to bring their refuse to the transfer station, the clean up will last for one week. Water past due notices were sent out. Residents are encouraged to call and make payment arrangements before their water is disconnected. Graser attended PAUD and Broadband meetings.

Clerk: Attended a MTA conference and a Wastewater meeting. Burials may be started around the middle of May as the ground is too wet/soft right now. The Clerk and Treasurer are working on calculating the Township sewer rates.

Trustees:

Lyons: Attended a PAUD meeting. Would like to see who needs internet in the Twp. Need to start having committee meetings.

Simmons: Nothing to report

Justinak: Nothing to report

Aili-Angus: Nothing to report

Segalin and Kangas went to look at the condition of Lost Lake Park. The dock, bathrooms and walkway to the water are all in need of repairs. Sunset Rd park needs upgrading also. May need to apply for grants.

LeRoy Johnson- Zoning Administrator reported on the Planning Commission meeting. All Gravel Pit renewals were approved for operation. The excavating on N10624 Lake Rd – Larger parking lot for equipment-was halted due to no permits applied for/issued. The owner still hasn't applied for any permits as of this date. A Zoning change is needed before anything else can be done for this owner.

Fire Dept.: Johnson also gave the Fire Dept. report. Johnson and Chief Brentar met with the ISO representative. The ISO rating report hasn't been done since 2015. Brentar is preparing the report for the inspector. There are a few updates needed by the Dept. in order to pass inspection. Chief Brentar also requests that if anyone in the Township conducting a burn, to please notify him. The annual fire reports are continually being updated by the department. The fire trucks brakes and tires have been replaced on tanker #40 & tanker #30.

Public comment: There were no citizens who wished to address the board on the items on the agenda.

Adjournment: A motion was made Lyons supported by Graser to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 pm. Motion carried.

Jay Kangas, Supervisor

Mary Segalin, Clerk