

**Charter Township of Ironwood
Special Meeting / Budget workshop
Thursday, December 17, 2020
Time: 4:30 pm
Teleconference meeting
Call: (701) 802-5250
Access Code: 714999#**

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

Roll Call: Jay Kangas- Supervisor, Maria Graser- Treasurer

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

Absent: Mary Segalin, Clerk

Also Present: Rich Jenkins, Brett Imwalle, Sandy Lahtinen, Sharon Hallberg and Bob Brentar- FD

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

Public Comment: None

Old Business: None

New Business: The 2021 General Fund budget was discussed at length. The Board had several questions concerning Deputy Clerk wages-what line item it will be under, concerned about union job issues, the board decided against cell phones as part as the office phone lines-need landline for faxes etc., the Supervisor said the Deputy Supervisor position can be eliminated from his budget, there were several complaints concerning the Zoning Administrator position and wage, Fund balance being too high, infrastructure improvements.

The board offered no other discussions concerning the Water, Sewer, or other Funds.

Public Comment: Several citizens had input as far as office supplies being too high, training and education for the board being too high, would like a 3 yr. comparison on the budget, the Veterans donation may be a unlawful expenditure- Kangas will speak to the Township Attorney about this. Bob Brentar spoke for the Fire Dept.- They need their budget increased due to equipment needs, vehicle repairs and maintenance, wages (Training) will increase due to State mandates- will help will the Township ISO rating, working on 5-year plan, will help with installation of the new fire signs, the need to replace air tanks. Brentar will get an immediate list of needs to Graser.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Aili-Angus supported by Graser to adjourn the meeting at 5:44pm. Motion carried.

Jay Kangas, Supervisor

Mary Segalin, Clerk