

Charter Township of Ironwood
Regular Meeting
Thursday, April 23, 2020
Dial-in Number (US): (701) 802-5250
Access Code: 714999#

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

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

Trustees: Bev Michaels, Marlene Saari, Kevin Lyons

Absent: Bernie Brunello

Also Present: Vicki Nelson, Sandy Lahtinen, Brenda Angus, Peggy Krohn, Sharon Hallberg.

Simmons read a statement before the meeting started: If there is anyone who would like to speak during public comment, please state your name when addressing the board.

Public Comment: (3-minute limit) Some citizens voiced their concerns over the lack of communication by the board as far as updating the public when the board meetings are, poor communication skills from the Supervisor and lack of respect given when questions are asked.

Amendments to Agenda: New Business: GCRC road repair contract with the Township. A motion was made by Saari supported by Michaels to accept the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda: Graser pointed out a correction to her report, minutes corrected. A motion was made by Michaels supported by Saari to accept the minutes from the Regular Meeting, April 13, 2020, as corrected. Motion carried.

Bills and Salaries: General Fund-#45919-45946- \$21,240.58, Water Fund- #9092-9098- \$50,177.86, Wastewater Fund- #1946- \$1,691.34. A motion was made by Saari supported by Lyons to accept the bills and salaries as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote. All ayes.

Appearances: None

Old Business: Simmons reported that he had talked with our maintenance crew about the fire number installation. They said that with the Coronavirus restrictions, MISS Dig is only answering emergency calls. They intend on starting on the south end boarders of Lake and Vanderhagen Roads in the Township when the restrictions lift.

Communications: None

New Business: The Gogebic County Road Commission contract was tabled due to unanswered questions about funding.

Reports:

Supervisor: Simmons has been continuing to attend 911 update conference calls, will keep in contact with Grimsby concerning the 911 emergency calls directed to Ashland from Little Girls Point, the office and gym are still closed due to the virus restrictions but all aspects of the Township business is being tended to either by phone or by working remotely. Appoint only in person if needed.

Treasurer: Graser reported Dean Law Office represented the Township, as well as other municipalities, concerning striking the uncollectable Personal Property Tax from the tax roll. The total amount stricken was \$2,495.38.

Clerk: Segalin reported on possible mail in voting for the August and November elections. MTA will keep her updated on the subject. Segalin also informed the Board that the Revenue Sharing is most likely going to be cut for at least the next two payment by approximately 50%. Also, P.A.51 monies paid to Road Commission will likely be cut. This will affect our road work this summer. Segalin will report further information at the next meeting.

Trustees:

Michaels- Nothing to report

Saari- Asked if it would be possible to hold the May 11, 2020 board meeting in the gym next time, following social distancing guidelines. Simmons will check on this and let the board know before the next meeting.

Brunello- Absent

Lyons- Nothing to report

Fire Dept.: Chief Carlson was absent, so Simmons said that he, Leroy Johnson, Deputy Supervisor, Zak Brentar, Assistant Fire Chief and Fire Chief Scott Carlson had all been discussing the proposed Fire Department Ordinance and making corrections and additions to it. Hopefully to finalize it soon.

Public comment: Vicki Nelson, Brenda Aili-Angus and Sandy Lahtinen, whom are all running for Trustee in the upcoming elections, requested the full board packet from the 2 prior Board meetings, The Clerk said she will put them in the mail for them.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Michaels supported by Graser to adjourn the meeting at 6:08 pm. Motion carried.

James Simmons, Supervisor

Mary Segalin, Clerk