

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, February 8, 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](mailto: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**

**Email: [clerk@ironwoodtownship.com](mailto:clerk@ironwoodtownship.com)**

# Charter Township of Ironwood

---

**Ironwood Township Board**  
**Time: 6:00 pm**  
**Date: Monday, February 8, 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 board meeting January 11 & 25, 2021.

### *Bills and Salaries:*

- General Fund Vouchers: 46768-46829, EFT 89-92- Totaling \$91,279.16
- Water Fund Vouchers: 9174-9180- Totaling \$6,367.58
- Wastewater Vouchers: 1983-1986- Totaling \$14,027.18

**Appearances: Via phone conference:** Gogebic County Road Commission- 2021 Road Plan

**Old Business:** Re-appoint Board of Review members

**Communications:** Gogebic County Council of Veterans Affairs- 2020 Annual report and Agreement

## **New Business:**

### **Reports:**

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

## **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~~ Sandy Lahtinen 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. 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

Sandy Lahtinen commented on her letter she sent to the Board under communications and wanted it read into the minutes. Her letter was acknowledged by the Board and was placed on file.

**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**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**(Unapproved Minutes)**  
**Monday, January 25, 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:** Brett Imwalle, Sandy Lahtinen, Peggy Krohn, Leroy Johnson- Zoning Administrator, Sharon Hallberg, Vicki Nelson, Constance Davey and Rich Jenkins.

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

**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 Simmons supported by Justinak to accept the minutes as from the Regular Meeting, as presented, January 11, 2021. After some discussion, a motion was made by Aili-Angus supported by Lyons to table the Jan. 11, 2021 minutes due to needed corrections. Motion carried on a 5(support) 2(decline) roll call vote.

A motion was made by Graser supported by Lyons to accept the Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> public hearing minutes, as corrected. Motion carried.

**Bills and Salaries:** General Fund-46743-46767- \$24,069.80, EFT 82-88- \$4,694.21, Water Fund- 9170-9173- \$41,632.11, Wastewater Fund-1982-- \$3,764.11, CTF- 8528-8551- \$110,381.64, FD Fundraising- 1279- \$335.00 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 Lake Rd Spring deed was presented to the board- The Gogebic County Road Commission deeded it to the Township.

The Veterans Council contribution request is \$5075.00- 2.2% less than last year's request. A motion was made by Segalin supported by Simmons to authorize the Clerk to pay this requested amount. After some discussion, it was decided that Kangas will contact them to draw up an agreement. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

The Clerk and Treasurer health care contributions were discussed. A motion was made by Lyons supported by Aili-Angus to leave the contributions the same as last year. Motion carried on a roll call vote. Trustee Lyons is requesting a monthly breakdown of insurance disbursements, to keep track of budgeted amounts allowed.

**Communications:** A motion was made by Segalin supported by Graser to place James Simmons letter on file. Motion carried.

The Gogebic County Pavement Replacement Policy was presented to the board for their review. The GCRC will be using this policy for future developments. A color copy was requested by the board to further understand what roads they are concerned with. A color map will be provided at the next meeting.

The Fire Suppression Rate Schedule was presented to the board. Fire Chief Brentar is working on this to possibly lower the Township's ISO rating. A motion was made by Lyons supported by Graser to place the schedule on file. Motion carried.

**New Business:** A motion was made by Segalin supported by Lyons to adopt Resolution 2021-001 Poverty Exemption policy. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

A motion was made by Lyons supported by Graser to change insurance carriers due to the increase in coverage with our current carrier. The board was presented with a couple of new quotes from Michigan Municipal Risk Management. Motion carried on a roll call vote, with a savings of approximately \$12,000 annually.

A motion was made by Segalin supported by Graser to approve the Fire Department Mutual Aid Agreement with 5 Michigan Fire Depts. And 5 Wisconsin Fire Depts. Motion carried.

Some discussion was had by the board concerning the Gogebic County Road Commission 2021 road plan. Kangas will contact them to invite them to the next board meeting to discuss further. Simmons and Kangas will meet with the GCRC to prioritize their list including the Township's Six Year road plan. The board will discuss the plan at the next meeting and agree on a plan.

#### **Reports:**

**Supervisor:** Kangas reported that the Sunset Rd water leak is fixed. Sunset and Mt. View Rd will need some road restoration in the spring due to both water leak repairs. The Board of Review zoom training has started. Kangas couldn't attend due to the class being filled up. He will attend a future training. Kangas will also cancel the PAR Plan assessment survey scheduled for 10 am – Jan. 26, 2021 due to the board's motion to change insurance carriers. The trailer Park was discussed- water leak. There's been no improvement, as the owner is awaiting construction estimates.

**Treasurer:** Graser reported on the PAUD rates resolution- it passed. Graser has a broadband meeting this week. As soon as in-person meetings can be held- citizens have been asking if the meetings can still be via phone conference too.

**Clerk:** Segalin will be attending a Waste Water meeting this week.

#### **Trustees:**

Lyons: Attended a PAUD meeting

Simmons: Attending a Waste Water meeting this week. GRWA will be selecting a president this week for their board. He will be following up concerning the road plan.

Justinak: Attended the PC meeting. They approved LeRoy Johnson's job description. The Fire Burning Ordinance passed, but needs Township Board approval yet. The Chicken and Storage Unit ordinances were tabled for now.

Aili-Angus: Attended a Solid Waste meeting.

**Fire Dept.:** No report

**Public comment:** Several citizens made comments about items on the agenda.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Graser supported by Lyons to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 pm. Motion carried.

---

Jay Kangas, Supervisor

---

Mary Segalin, Clerk