

**Charter Township of Ironwood
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 22, 2021
Time: 6:00 pm
In person meeting-Township gym**

Call to Order: 6:00 pm Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

Absent: None

Also, Present: Rich Jenkins

Amendments to Agenda: Add under Treasurer's report: Treasurer's report. A motion was made by Lyons supported by Graser to accept the agenda as amended. 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 Lyons supported Simmons to accept the minutes as presented from March 8, 2021. Motion carried.

Bills and Salaries: General Fund-46905-46936, GF-EFT-102-105 – Totaling \$21,836.13, Water Fund- 9186-9190- Totaling \$1,635.73, Wastewater Fund-1990-1994- Totaling \$3,724.23, CTF-None, HRA Vouchers- 2507-2508- Totaling \$1,198.45. 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: Kangas reports that there were 3 applicants for the part-time employee position opening. He will be discussing the applicants with the lead maintenance foreman. A decision will be made by the next meeting as to who is most qualified to be hired. Kangas invited any board member who wishes to participate in this process to please let him know.

New Business: A resident on Jackson Rd had sewage backup in their basement, which they then called a plumber for repairs. The Township maintenance men went to investigate what was causing this and found the township sewer main was the cause of the backed up. Since it was the Township main, the resident felt it wasn't their responsibility to pay the plumber. It was brought to the boards attention and they decided the Township will pay the plumber's bill, one time only, since the backup of due to the township sewer main. A motion was made by Lyons supported by Simmons to allow the Township to pay the bill to Future Plumbing. The Township will remind its citizens to call the office or emergency on call number on the door. These numbers are also listed on our website. A note will be placed on the next utility bill. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Kangas spoke with Darren Pionk from C2AE. He suggested, as in the past, for the Township to be setting aside monies for Sewer upgrades in the future. Pionk that the sewer rate needs to be higher. After much discussion, Kangas stated that the set aside money really needs to be thought about because the sewer/lift stations do need maintenance and upgrades in the near future.

Communications: EGLE had a meeting regarding contamination in the ground water affecting residents on Skyway Rd, Bale Lane, Beagle Club Rd and 6-mile roads. This is due to fire suppression foam used at the airport, which is a State mandated practice. This is a Nationwide problem. EGLE will be notifying the affected residents, hold a town hall meeting and provide filters for any of the residents affected.

Kangas contacted the Township Attorney- Mark McDonald- concerning replacing galvanized water lines within the Township at the Township's cost. McDonald was in agreement with the Township repairing the old water line on Lake Rd, as it is a mandate from EGLE. The Township will not be responsible for property restoration if a new line is replaced.

Reports:

Supervisor: Kangas reported Board of Review had 20 appeals. The Township piano, stored in the table room, has been inquired about. There will be no action taken at this time, Kangas will find out who is interested in it and report back to the board at the next meeting. It was placed up for bids and was advertised as a give away back in 1992 but there wasn't anyone interested in it. The Spring clean-up is tabled for now. Don Cvengros, would like to fertilize the soccer field soon. He asked if the Township would purchase the fertilizer this season, as we have in the past. The Township has purchased the fertilizer every other year and the soccer teams have paid the other year.

Treasurer: The Treasurer's report was presented to the board for their review. A motion was made by Segalin supported by Lyons to place the report on file. Motion carried. Graser reports that there are a couple of closed accounts listed on the report that she will be taking off of the report in the future. Graser also reports that there have been a lot of people asking when the gym will be re-opening. It has been closed due to covid. A motion was made by Lyons supported by Simmons to keep it closed to the public until they find out what the CDC recommends. It will be discussed at the next board meeting. Motion carried.

Clerk: Segalin presented the board with the 1st Quarter 2021 Health Insurance Cost Recap.

Trustees:

Lyons: attended a PAUD mtg.

Simmons: Attended the Gogebic Iron Wastewater Meeting and GRWA

Justinak: Nothing to report

Aili-Angus: Attended a Solid Waste meeting

Fire Dept.: No report

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

Adjournment: A motion was made Justinak supported by Graser to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 pm. Motion carried.

Jay Kangas, Supervisor

Mary Segalin, Clerk