

**Charter Township of Ironwood
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 8, 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, LeRoy Johnson- Zoning Administrator, Bob Brentar- Fire Chief, Don Lonsway, Brandon Yuchasz, George Kivi, Dan Siirila, Brett Imwalle.

Amendments to Agenda: Add under Old Business: Gogebic County Veterans Council- Memorandum of Understanding. Add under New Business: Part-time worker vacancy. A motion was made by Lyons supported by Aili-Angus 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 Aili-Angus supported Graser to accept the minutes as presented from February 22, 2021. Motion carried.

Bills and Salaries: General Fund-46857-46904, GF-EFT-98-101- \$34,406.21, Water Fund-9182-9185- \$6,054.10, Wastewater Fund-1987-1989- \$12,976.08, CTF- 8591-8622- \$418,472.73. 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: Gogebic Range.net- Broadband-Brandon Yuchasz attended tonight's meeting to discuss getting broadband/internet service out to the Little Girls Point area. The cost to the Township would be \$39,850.24. The tower would be positioned on Powers Rd. The tower would be owned by Gogebicrange.net for servicing purposes. Discussion was held to get an approximate amount of households that would benefit/subscribe to the service to see if it is a viable project.

Old Business: The Veterans Council requested that we add in our minutes the following statement; Ironwood Township has requested a Memorandum of Understanding with the Veterans Council on an annual basis. A motion was made by Segalin supported by Justinak to approve the memorandum. Motion carried.

New Business:

Our part time maintenance employee handed in his notice and his last day will be March 26, 2021. Supervisor Kangas will be placing an ad for the open position asap. A motion was made by Lyons supported by Aili-Angus to advertise for 20 hours per week, which may vary from time to time. Motion carried.

Communications: Kangas stated that the Township is mandated from the State to change out 5% of galvanized pipe water lines that are on our municipal water system in the Township per

year, according to Public Act 399 of the Clean Water Act. There is a property on Lake Rd. right now where the water has been shut off for 2 weeks due to a water line break. The owners of the residence cannot afford to pay for a new water line. A motion was made by Lyons supported by Justinak to allow Kangas to contact the Township attorney to see what the Township is liable to do. Motion carried on a roll call vote. Simmons: yes, Kangas: yes, Segalin: yes, Graser: yes, Lyons: yes, Justinak: yes, Aili-Angus: no.

A motion was made by Graser supported by Segalin to place the Tax Settlement info on file. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Lyons supported by Segalin to place the letter from Ruotsala Construction on file. Motion carried.

Reports:

Supervisor: Kangas reported Board of Review had 7 appeals today in its first of 3 sessions.

Treasurer: Tax Settlement paper work with Gogebic County Treasurer was presented. Graser attended a Broadband meeting.

Clerk: Segalin presented the board with January 2021 financials for all funds. No questions were asked of the financials

Trustees:

Lyons: Nothing to report

Simmons: Attended the Gogebic Iron Wastewater Meeting.

Justinak: Nothing to report

Aili-Angus: Nothing to report

Fire Dept.: Fire Chief Brentar presented the board with a monthly report of the Fire Dept. Activities. There is a question about the Township paying for a fire dept member for Chief training, wanting reimbursement of motel costs and using the Township's gas card to charge gas for his personal vehicle use. Kangas will contact the Township attorney for his legal opinion due to this individual is no longer the Fire Chief and no preapproval was given.

Public comment: A citizen commented on the need for the broadband internet and had some questions for Mr. Yuchasz regarding his ability to get service at this residence. Another citizen commented on why the Township would be required to fix the galvanized waterline break addressed earlier in the meeting.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Segalin supported by Graser to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 pm. Motion carried.

Jay Kangas, Supervisor

Mary Segalin, Clerk