

**Charter Township of Ironwood
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 12, 2021
Time: 6:00 pm
In person meeting-Township gym**

Call to Order: 6:00 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, Zoning Administrator- LeRoy Johnson, Lynn Coron

Amendments to Agenda: Add under Communications: Beagle Club road resident -letter to address their road. A motion was made by Graser supported by Justinak 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 Aili-Angus to accept the minutes as corrected (typos) from March 22, 2021. Motion carried.

Bills and Salaries: General Fund-46937-47007, EFT-106-112- \$47,562.07, Water Fund- 9191-9198- \$10,264.09, Wastewater Fund-1995-2000- \$12,588.62. A motion was made by Graser supported by Justinak to accept the bills and salaries as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Appearances: None

Old Business: The CDC guidelines were considered for re-opening/limited/ close the offices and gymnasium to the public. After much discussion, the board decided to keep public access closed for now, it will be discussed at the next meeting. The cases of COVID are increasing again in Michigan.

Kangas interviewed 3 candidates for the permanent part-time maintenance personnel position. Kangas suggested the best candidate would be Shane Condon. A motion was made by Lyons supported by Simmons to follow Kangas' recommendation. Motion carried.

Mr. Ryan Weisen contacted Kangas concerning the Township piano. He stated he would like to have it for his family. A motion was made by Aili-Angus supported by Lyons to give Mr. Weisen the piano to make more room in the table room for storage. Motion carried.

New Business: The Township received two estimates for the road repair on Mountain View Road after a water main break. Luppino offered repairs at \$2,100, while Northwoods paving offered a bid of \$3800. After much discussion, the board decided to table making a decision until Kangas can get more specifics on the amount of asphalt being laid, etc.

A Beagle Club Rd resident had asked for the Road commission to look at their road- Since the frost is coming up- many potholes exist as well as needing general gravel needs. The residents signed a petition expressing the dire need of repairs. The Road commission will be conducting a spring ride around to check on the Township road conditions and will be addressed at that time.

Communications: LeRoy Johnson- Zoning Administrator presented the board with his quarterly Zoning log of activities for their review. Lyons asked if Johnson would please specify what role Johnson is playing in his activities- Zoning, Deputy Supervisor, Blight, or Noxious weed. Johnson agreed and will be more specific with the presentation of the next quarterly log. A motion was made by Lyons supported by Graser to place the quarterly Zoning Log on file. Motion carried.

A letter from Beagle Club Rd residents was presented to the board concerning the condition of the their road, in dire need for repair, for their consideration. A motion was made by Graser supported by Lyons to place the letter on file. Motion carried.

Reports:

Supervisor: 72 people attended the virtual tall hall meeting concerning the water quality on Airport Rd. Water testing will begin April 13, 2021. A lift station quit working at one of the PAUD lift stations today. PAUD had to contract out another sewer collection company due to the volume of sewage needing extraction. Lindquist was called to repair what seems to be an electrical issue. Mr. Allen Erickson of 4932 Sunset Rd, wrote a letter concerning the back-up in his basement. Wondered if it would qualify for the township to repair. Kangas attended the GRWA meeting. Jeans Verbos is set to retire in the near future- they will be looking to hire a new administrator for GRWA.

Treasurer: Graser has had several inquiries into: When/if there will be a spring clean-up for Township residents, rummage sales, opening up the gym to public access. The board discussed these issues. The rummage sales are generally in the fall- to be announced at a later date. The opening of the gym and offices are on hold until the next board meeting, where it will be discussed again to see what the local Health Dept. recommends.

Clerk: Absent

Trustees:

Lyons: Nothing to report

Simmons: Nothing to report

Justinak: Will be attending the Planning Commission meeting on Thursday, April 15, 2021.

Aili-Angus: Asked if the water tests being conducted tomorrow by EGLE will be expanded to the surrounding area. Kangas replied – depends on what the first two rounds of testing include.

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 6:39 pm. Motion carried.

Jay Kangas, Supervisor

Mary Segalin, Clerk