

**Charter Township of Ironwood
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 9, 2021
Time: 5:00 pm**

Call to Order: 5:00 pm Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

Absent: None

Also, Present: Zack Marano- The Daily Globe, LeRoy Johnson- Zoning Administrator, Phil Strong- Gogebic County Road Commission, Dorothy Maki.

Amendments to Agenda: None

Public Comment on Agenda Items Only: (3-minute limit) There were no citizens who wished to address the board on the agenda.

Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Simmons supported by Lyons to accept the minutes as presented from July 26, 2021. Motion carried.

Bills and Salaries: General Fund-47326-47379, EFT – 148-151- \$44,712.47, Water Fund- 9232-9235- \$620.85, Wastewater Fund-2017-2018- \$12,599.66, CTF-8643-8646- \$235.13. A motion was made by Aili-Angus supported by Graser to accept the bills and salaries as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Appearances: Phil Strong addressed the board- The Gogebic County Road Commission Calendar year starts on October 1, 2021. He is requesting the Township officials gather a list of township roads in need of repair and submit it to them before Oct.1. He stated 39 miles of Township roads – 22% are in good condition, 22% are in fair condition and 46% are in poor condition. Hannu Rd, Welch Creek Rd, Oak Hill Ln, Big Springs Rd and Crestview roads were discussed.

Old Business: Kangas reports that the tennis courts at Sunset Park have a new net and are in condition to be played on. The upgrades and repairs to Sunset Park were discussed and the approximate cost of such repairs may exceed \$12,000. Applying for a grant was suggested by Segalin. This will be tabled until the next meeting to gather more information.

New Business: Kangas will gather quotes for the next meeting concerning the side concrete steps in need of repair. The board will discuss repairs at the next board meeting.
A motion was made by Segalin supported by Aili- Angus to place the City of Bessemer Penal Fine request on file. Motion carried.

Communications: A motion was made by Simmons supported by Justinak to place the Audit Confirmation Letter on file from Jacobs, McDonald & Silc. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Segalin supported by Aili-Angus to place the Gogebic County Interlocal Agreement For County Designated Assessor on file. Motion carried.

Reports:

Supervisor: Kangas ordered new signs for the soccer field “No dogs allowed”, due to excessive dog waste on the field. Lyons suggested a “dog park” be made available in the future. Kangas is still waiting to hear from the Township Attorney concerning the Fire Dept. Ordinance.

Treasurer: A motion was made by Segalin supported by Lyons to place the Treasurer’s report on file. Motion carried. The 4 new flashing stop signs were installed, one at GCC drive and Lake Road corner, 2 on Sunset Rd and one to replace the missing sign from last winter on the corner of Vanderhagen/Airport Rd intersection. Graser will obtain new accident reports in the Township.

Clerk: A motion was made by Graser supported by Lyons to place the June 2021 Financial reports = all funds, on file. Motion carried. Segalin reports that the balance sheet was not presented to the board as she is still having difficulties with the BS&A software program. She will be contacting BS&A support to discuss options of coming here in person to fix the problems not doing it remotely. Segalin also reminded the board about the upcoming U.P. Summit in Harris, MI. on September 13th and 14th, 2021. Trustee Lyons requested the quarterly bank reconciliations between the Clerk and Treasurer for the next meeting.

Trustees:

Justinak: Nothing to report. Justinak, he left the meeting at 5:45 pm.

Lyons: Nothing to report.

Simmons: Nothing to report.

Aili-Angus: Nothing to report.

Fire Dept: Fire Chief Brentar requested permission to allow 2 fire trucks to go to the Gogebic County Fair. A motion was made by Kangas supported by Simmons to support such activity. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Graser supported by Segalin to place the July 2021 monthly fire department report on file. Motion carried.

Public comment: A citizen addressed the board concerning marijuana odors in her neighborhood and wondered if there is an ordinance in the Township for marijuana uses. Kangas stated the Township opted out allowing recreational marijuana businesses in the Township. The odors may fall under the nuisance ordinance.

Adjournment: A motion was made Segalin supported by Lyons to adjourn the meeting at 6:01 pm. Motion carried.

Jay Kangas, Supervisor

Mary Segalin, Clerk