

Charter Township of Ironwood
Regular Meeting
Monday, May 11, 2020
Dial-in Number (US): (701) 802-5250
Access Code: 714999#

Call to Order: 5:30 pm Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Supervisor- Jim Simmons, Mary Segalin-Clerk, Maria Graser- Treasurer

Trustees: Bev Michaels, Marlene Saari, Kevin Lyons, Bernie Brunello

Absent: none

Also Present: Larry Grimsby, Sandy Lahtinen, Brenda Angus, Peggy Krohn, Sharon Hallberg, Lynn Coron, Adam Graser, Leroy Johnson, Jay Kangas and Attorney Mark McDonald.

Simmons read a statement before the meeting started: If there is anyone who would like to speak during public comment, please state your name when addressing the board.

Public Comment: (3-minute limit) Some citizens voiced their concerns with the General Fund Voucher list and that it was out of sequence, what seasonal worker means on the payroll list (Clerk Segalin added- the “seasonal worker” wording will be changed to “part-time”), why coffee and creamer are a township expense- Clerk Segalin added- because the coffee is also for the public when they come in, wanted to know if there will be a summer newsletter- wanted to remind people to fill out the census form. Graser stated the census form will be put on the webpage and no newsletter at this time due to fluctuating date changes due to covid-19.

Amendments to Agenda: None. A motion was made by Brunello supported by Michaels to accept the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Saari supported by Brunello to accept the minutes from the Regular Meeting, April 23, 2020, as presented. Motion carried.

Bills and Salaries: General Fund-#45947-45986- \$39,785.76, Water Fund- #9099-9102- \$7,387.52, Wastewater Fund- #1947- \$11,100.95. A motion was made by Brunello supported by Segalin to accept the bills and salaries with corrections. Motion carried on a roll call vote. With Lyons, Michaels and Saari voting no until the transaction list is cleared up of the confusion. Segalin will send them an updated, correct transaction list for the next meeting.

Appearances: None

Old Business: On the 911 update- Grimsby talked with Heidi DeRosso, the 911 Coordinator, to see if they could meet with Ashland, Bayfield, Iron Co. WI, and Vilas Co. to discuss how to re-route the 911 calls from Little Girls Point area which are being routed wrong at this time. It was determined that the 911 calls will now be re-routed to Iron Co. MI and forwarded to local Michigan correctly.

The Gogebic County Road Commission will be holding a work-shop tomorrow, to see if where the funding will be available and how much will be available for road improvements. Simmons will bring the info back to the board before the next board meeting so the board can make a final contract with the GCRC as far as what roads in the township to repair this year.

The fire number placement schedule depends on MISS DIG availability and the Township workers-currently one employee is out for a family medical emergency. They are hoping to get started asap.

Communications: A motion was made by Graser supported by Michaels to place the Gogebic County Road Commission weight restriction notice on file. Motion carried.

New Business: Segalin reported that she attended a teleconference, thru MTA with Governor Whitmer for information on revenue sharing amount and the Cares Act and if there will be any monetary aid to the Township during this crisis.

New guidelines for the cemetery and Parks are being followed. We sent letters to the Sheriff's Dept. concerning who is eligible to care for the Township properties. We will be posting signs in the parks and cemetery for the public to social distance and follow the COVID 19 guidelines. A motion was made by Saari supported by Segalin to post signs. Motion carried.

There haven't been any burials scheduled due to the virus.

Reports:

Supervisor: Simmons has been continuing to attend 911 update conference calls. We will put the COVID guidelines on the website for the parks. Anyone needing WIFI at this time, is welcomed to access the township WIFI – outside of the gym. The Ironwood High School and Northern Michigan University are discussing accessing broadband using COVID monies- it would be nice to use this as a springboard for the township to gain access.

Treasurer: Graser presented the board with her financial statements for all funds. Reminded everyone that she goes to the office daily to check on payments.

Clerk: 1st quarter financials for all funds were presented to the board.

Trustees:

Michaels- Nothing to report

Saari- Stated the township needs to have a COVID 19 response plan. Saari was asked to check with the transfer station to see if the township citizens can individually go to the transfer station for spring clean-up.

Brunello- Requested Simmons to go to the Mobile home park to check out abandoned trailers there are and how many have collapsed. Graser also reported that their water bill is up to \$17,000- still unpaid and no communication. We will be sending a certified shut off notice to owners.

Lyons- Nothing to report

Fire Dept.: No report

Public comment: A couple of citizens thanked Grimsby for resolving the Little Girls Point 911 issue, a citizen questioned if the elected officials should only be part-time-since the work can be done remotely. Another citizen has an ongoing noise/nuisance complaint behind his house of a

person using their property as a racetrack. Wondered if there is a noise ordinance, what can the zoning administrator do to resolve this issue.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Brunello supported by Graser to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 pm. Motion carried.

James Simmons, Supervisor

Mary Segalin, Clerk