

Charter Township of Ironwood
Time: 5:30 pm
Date: Monday, December 14, 2020
Teleconference meeting:
Call: (701) 802-5250
Access code: 714999#

Call to Order: 5:30 pm Pledge of Allegiance

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

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

Also present: Sandy Lahtinen, Marlene Saari, Bob Brentar, Brett Imwalle, Rich Jenkins, Mark McDonald-Township attorney.

Public Comment: (3 minute limit) A citizen had asked how many people were in the office for tonight's meeting. Kangas responded- 4 people are present and are 6 ft apart and all wearing masks.

Consent Agenda:

- **Minutes:** A motion was made by Simmons supported by Graser to accept the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting Nov. 23, 2020 and the Special Meeting/Budget Workshop December 7, 2020. Motion carried.
- **Bills and salaries:** A motion was made by Justinak supported by Simmons to accept GF-46592-46646- \$26,450.87, WF- 9152-9158- \$2,603.99, WW- 1973-1975- \$1,616.28, GF EFT- 68-73- \$5,137.55. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Appearances: None

Old Business: Lake Rd Spring- Supervisor Kangas spoke to the Gogebic County Road Commission and they are wanting to deed the Lake Rd Spring to Ironwood Township. He stated if we don't take over the ownership of the Lake Road Spring the Road Commission would close the site down. After much discussion, a motion was made by Justinak supported by Simmons to allow the Charter Township of Ironwood to take ownership of the Lake Rd. Spring from the County Road Commission. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Communications: None

New Business: A motion was made by Graser supported by Simmons to adopt Resolution 2020-03 General Fund Budget Amendment. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

A motion was made by Lyons supported by Graser to adopt Resolution 2020-04 FOIA Coordinator, appointing the Supervisor- Jay Kangas, as the FOIA Coordinator for Ironwood Township. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Mark McDonald- Township Attorney addressed Brett Imwalle's FOIA request denial from his September 30, 2020 letter. The request for the fire department records was previously sent to Mr. Imwalle by the Zoning Administrator, Leroy Johnson. Part of the denial request was in regards to his claim of an Open Meeting Act violation. The minutes in question were from the 2/11/2019, 4/22/2019, 5/13/2019 and 8/12/2019 which the Closed Session reasoning was not stated in the minutes and the Township was not in compliance with the Open Meetings Act. The reason for the closed session for all of the above meeting was for Pending Litigation/Attorney client privilege. A motion was made by Simmons

supported by Lyons to correct the above dated meetings to reflect going into Close Session per 15.268 SEC 8 (C) of the Open Meetings Act, which in all cases were for Pending Litigation- Attorney/client privilege. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Lyons supported by Aili-Angus to adopt Resolution 2020-05 Pension Plan Administrator changing the Supervisor from Simmons to Kangas as co-administrator of the pension plan. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

A motion was made by Graser supported by Kangas to place the Clerk's November 2020 financials- all funds, on file. Motion carried.

Reports:

- **Supervisor:** Kangas stated he went on the morning route with the guys, learning about the lift stations. Walmart lift station needs attention. There seems to be a gas pressure problem with the generator, as well as problems with the floats in the holding tank malfunctioning. There is also trouble with the Sunset Rd generator. He stated maybe Lindquist Electric can troubleshoot it with our maintenance men. Kangas contacted the Generac Company for repairs. The building inspector said to double the building permit rate if a person is in violation of not obtaining a building permit was a good idea. Also, for pole buildings, to require a zoning permit, at no cost, but the Assessor will be made aware of the building. The Planning Commission board is in need of a computer-laptop- for meeting minutes, etc. The Township has a computer, that is being restored by Al's Computer Service for any of our Township Boards or Committees to be able to use. We've had many requests to unlock the gate at Lost Lake for people wanting access for ice fishing. After much discussion, it will be unlocked for the winter. We will not be plowing the entrance however.
- **Treasurer:** The Treasurer's report will be on the next meeting agenda for board review, Graser stated she will also be emailing each board member for their review before the next meeting. Graser is continuing to work on winter taxes. The Gogebic Range Broadband committee met- they are extending the survey deadline until Dec. 20th, 2020, as they are encouraging more people take the survey for broadband access.
- **Clerk:** Reminded the Board of upcoming meetings, the change in violation of not obtaining a building permit rate will be entered in the Rates and Rules Resolution for the next meeting. For the Board meeting resolution- the Board agreed on 6:00 pm be set for the meeting time for 2021.
- **Trustees:**
Simmons: Attended a Gogebic Range Water Authority meeting which was cancelled due to lack of a quorum and he attended a Gogebic Iron Wastewater Authority meeting.
Justinak: Attended a Planning Commission meeting he stated the need for a computer and is grateful to hear the Twp. has one for them.
Lyons: Requesting total amounts on the Township's health care costs from the clerk, for the next meeting on December 17, 2020.
Aili-Angus: Nothing to report
- **Fire Department:** Bob Brentar reported the FD responded to 2 fire calls. He will continue to call Ramme's to come and tow the ambulance that isn't used by the department. The front tires have been ordered for the tanker trucks. Brentar asked permission to allow the Fire Dept. to add Danielle Holz, Jordon Reiler and Ken Bates to their roster. A motion was made by Lyons

supported by Graser to allow them to be added as requested. Motion carried. New hire papers were distributed- Brentar has the completed forms and will hand them in to the Clerk.

A motion was made by Lyons supported by Segalin to accept the following Fire Department newly elected officers as elected by the Department: Kate Nelson(President), John Monotte (Vice President),Dylynn Vanderscheagen(Secretary), Josh Ellsworth(1st Captain), John Monotte (2nd Captain), Shane Condon(3rd Captain), Zack Brentar(Assistant Chief), Bob Brentar(Fire Chief). Motion carried.

Public Comment: (3 minute limit) Several citizens had comments on tonight's meeting- glad that Lost Lake will be opened for ice fishing, hopeful with the new board actions, posting of meeting notices, Capital Improvement plan, Township ordinances.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Segalin supported by Graser to adjourn the meeting at 6:40pm.

Jay Kangas, Supervisor

Mary Segalin, Clerk