

Charter Township of Ironwood
Regular Meeting
Tuesday May 26, 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: Sandy Lahtinen, Brenda Angus, Lynn Coron, Leroy Johnson- Zoning Administrator, Jay Kangas, Brett Imwalle and Vicki Nelson.

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) Citizens voiced their concerns over- The introduction of the Fire Dept. Ordinance. - why it's being done now, should its adoption wait for the new Supervisor to take office in November. Also, questioned the General Fund revenue- Fire Dept. Fundraising amount on the proposed budget cuts due to COVID 19. Segalin added- this figure is the standard amount. A citizen thanked for receiving the board packet but wishes it could be given sooner to be able to review the material and wondered how the AV ballots will be counted. Segalin added- there will be no change in the voting process. A citizen had encouraged the board to scope out the mobile home park. He said there are 13 collapsed mobile homes there. LeRoy Johnson- Zoning administrator- stated the State of Michigan does inspections to these parks, but he will be reporting the condition of the park to the proper authorities.

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 Graser to accept the minutes from the Regular Meeting, May 11, 2020, as presented. Motion carried.

Bills and Salaries: General Fund-epay- 46016-Totaling \$19,988.15, Water Fund- #9103 &9104- Totaling \$11,390.90, Wastewater Fund- #1948- Totaling \$1,153.65. A motion was made by Brunello supported by Saari to accept the bills and salaries as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Appearances: None

Old Business: The finalized Gogebic County Road Commission/Township of Ironwood road repairs contract was presented to the board. The Road Commission will be repaving, reshaping, and doing shoulder work on Mt. View Rd, North Star Rd., Saari Ln., Sunset Rd. They will also be crack filling, patching, ditching, culverts, and brushing throughout the Township. Trustee

Lyons requested Simmons to present a breakdown of what the Gogebic County Road Commission would be doing if it wasn't for the millage, for the next board meeting.

A revised anticipated COVID 19 budget (cuts) was presented to the board for review.

The board discussed the "Spring" clean-up. Saari talked with the Transfer Station, it would be allowable to have the Township residents bring their refuse to the station- one truck load per resident. The board will figure out how to best inform everyone of what the final process will be to be eligible to participate. It is tentatively scheduled for the end of July.

Communications: A motion was made by Michaels supported by Brunello to place the Charter Communications letter on file. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Saari supported by Graser to adopt the Charter Township of Ironwood COVID 19 Preparedness Plan. Motion carried.

The Introduction to Ordinance 59 by its title- Volunteer Fire Dept Structure, Responsibilities and Accountability ordinance was presented to the board for review. It is recommended by MTA to have such an ordinance to legally establish and recognize the volunteer fire dept. as they are employees of the Township.

The Introduction to Ordinance 60 by its title- The Charter Township of Ironwood Civil Infraction ordinance was presented to the board for review. It would replace/repeal Ordinance 48 as it didn't have all the requirements to deem it enforceable.

The Introduction to Ordinance 61 by its title-Charter Township of Ironwood Anti-noise and Public Nuisance ordinance. It will replace Ordinance 1 which will make a violation a civil infraction, with fines, instead of just a misdemeanor.

These Ordinances will be considered at the next board meeting for adoption.

The board further discussed a possible Ordinance needed for obnoxious odors.

New Business: None

Reports:

Supervisor: The Gogebic County Road Commission used the sweeper on the bike paths for clearing debris as requested. The auditors will be in the office this week working on the 2019 Township Audit. It looks like they will be finalizing the audit for 2019 before it's due, which hasn't been done in the Township for many years. Simmons, Segalin, and Graser will be attending the mediation for the joint court case vs the insurance carrier via zoom on Thursday, May 28, 2020. Several citizens have complimented the Township on how nice the cemetery looked for Memorial Day.

Treasurer: Graser applied for the Right of Way permit for the entire Township which will enable the maintenance men to install the new fire numbers and posts without reapplying for a

new permit for each section. A gas-powered post hole digger was purchased for the ease of installing the new fire number posts. Starting to work on summer taxes.

Clerk: The State of Michigan sent out AV ballot applications this week to all registered voters in Michigan. A motion was made by Brunello supported by Saari to allow the board to hold it's June 8, 2020 meeting via teleconference due to the executive order from the Governor (stay at home order extended until June 12, 2020). Motion carried. Segalin had thanked Bob Brentar for refurbishing the Smokey the Bear for the Township. Erick Tervonen has started working for the summer.

Trustees:

Michaels- Nothing to report

Saari- Had a Solid Waste meeting and will have a Planning Commission meeting via teleconference on Wednesday May 27, 2020.

Brunello- Waste Water and Solid Waste both passed their budgets.

Lyons- Nothing to report

Fire Dept.: No report

Public comment: A citizen wondered if the Fire Dept volunteers had any input concerning Ord. 59, wondered if the ordinance is required, asked the board to hold off on adopting the ordinance until a new supervisor is voted in.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Brunello supported by Michaels to adjourn the meeting at 6:21 pm. Motion carried.

James Simmons, Supervisor

Mary Segalin, Clerk