

**Charter Township of Ironwood
Planning Commission Minutes
Regular Meeting
January 21, 2021**

Call to Order: 6:00 p.m. The Regular Meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Jason Hofstede, Joe Kafczynski, Joe Rohde, Gabe Justinak, George Kivi, Bob Lynn, Sandy Lahtinen

Absent:

Also Present: Bob Brentar, LeRoy Johnson, Rich Jenkins

Public Comment: None

Additions and /or Approval of Agenda: Lahtinen addressed the board on adding the chairperson and contact person in the notices for the Planning Commission Meetings vs. the standard notice for township meetings. Motion by Rohde, seconded by Kafczynski, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Approval of Dec. 10, 2020 minutes: Motion by Justinak, seconded by Lynn, to approve the Dec. 10, 2020 minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Fireburning Ordinance: After much discussion, motion by Kafczynski, seconded by Rohde, to approve holding a public hearing on the attached fireburning ordinance at the July 15, 2021 Planning Commission Meeting. Roll call vote. All in favor.

Chicken Ordinance: Motion by Kafczynski, seconded by Kivi, to table the chicken ordinance until Johnson can check on the updated requirements of GAAMP. This will be added to the agenda at the next regular scheduled meeting. Motion carried.

Storage Units: Motion by Kafczynski, seconded by Lahtinen to table the Storage Units Ordinance until Johnson gets a legal opinion on fees, limitations, hardships, conditions and anything else that pertains to this ordinance. Motion carried.

Broadband: After much discussion it was agreed upon that the absence of broadband in the township was a serious issue. The Planning Commission has done their part in reviewing this problem and are waiting to hear from the township board on upgraded and new technology

that will broaden the range for broadband service in Ironwood township. Justinak will keep the Planning Commission updated on this progress.

Personal Computer for the Planning Commission: Lahtinen reported that our recycled computer has been delivered to the township. The cost was approximately \$175.00.

New Business:

Election of Officers: A motion by Kafczynski, seconded by Lynn to keep the current officers the same for 2021. Chairperson – Jason Hofstede, Vice-Chairman- George Kivi, and Secretary, Sandy Lahtinen. All in favor. Motion carried.

Training for PC Board : Lahtinen reported that the recycled computer will be available at the township office for training purposes. The training for Planning Commission members is free under the \$1900.00 Premium package that the township has purchased. Information on the training from MTA will be sent out to all board members.

Zoning Administrators Report: Motion by Rohde, seconded by Kafczynski to approve the attached annual report of the Zoning Administrator. All in favor. Motion carried.

Zoning Administrators' Job description: Motion by Kafczynski, seconded by Kivi, to approve the attached Zoning Administrators job description. All in favor. Motion carried.

Public Comment: none

Adjournment/Schedule Next Meeting: Motion by Rohde, seconded by Lynn, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Next regular/public hearing Planning Commission meeting will be April 15th at 6:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Jason Hofstede, Chairman

Sandy Lahtinen, Secretary