

**Charter Township of Ironwood  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Monday, June 13, 2022  
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:** Kevin Lyons, Brenda Aili- Angus, Gabe Justinak

**Absent:** James Simmons

**Also, Present:** Derick Johnson, Robert Brentar- Fire Chief, Bob Jacquart, Will Andresen, Mike McPherson.

**Amendments to Agenda:** New Business: MTA meeting-picnic, IRS- increase on mileage rates. A motion was made by Lyons supported by Graser to accept the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

**Public Comment on Agenda Items Only: (3-minute limit)** A citizen is interested in joining the Park and Rec committee.

**Meeting Minutes:** A motion was made by Lyons supported by Aili-Angus to accept the minutes from the Regular May 23, 2022 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

**Bills and Salaries:** General Fund-48292-48363, EFT- 245-250, Ach-18 & 19 €- Totaling \$57,966.08, Water Fund-9324-9330- \$4,756.69. Wastewater Fund- 2060-2062- \$14,651.06. A motion was made by Lyons supported by Justinak to accept the bills and salaries as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

**Appearances:** Will Andresen and Bob Jacquart from the Copper Peak Committee spoke about the future improvements of Copper Peak. They are receiving a \$20 million grant from the DNR for improvements. They also spoke about how important the hill is. Ski flying and other activities could potentially make Copper Peak a year-round facility. They are hoping to open in 2024 for the first major event.

**Communications:** The EGLE/Covid Federal Infrastructure Grant was discussed. Kangas will check with our maintenance men to see if we have any water lines or any other repairs that may qualify for the grant monies. A motion was made by Segalin supported by Graser to place the Planning Commission minutes from May 12, 2022 on file. Motion carried.

**Old Business:** Fire Chief Brentar asked for approval to hold 2 fundraisers for the Fire Dept. with funds going towards a memorial for the past fire fighters at the cemetery. A car wash will be held at the fire hall on July 30<sup>th</sup>, and “buy a boot” will be held at the local grocery store sometime in August. A motion was made by Kangas supported by Justinak to approve of the fundraisers and to waive the water use fee at the carwash. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Segalin supported by Aili-Angus to allow Kangas to sign the amended contract for UPEA Engineers to draw up plans for the Fire Hall basement support system. There is an additional fee of \$4,600 for the plans. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

The board discussed the future improvements to the ball field behind the Township building and the Soccer field by the Airport. A motion was made by Segalin supported by Aili-Angus to hire Snow Country Contracting for the improvements at a cost of \$8,562. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

The Township will be sending out a survey for the citizens to fill out concerning the improvements to the Township parks as well as other suggestions on any other recreational activities they would like to see in the Township.

**New Business:** Segalin and Kangas went to the cemetery to see what perpetual care needs to be done. The bushes at the entry to the cemetery needs to be replaced. The bushes around the mausoleum needs to be removed as well as around the flag pole. Trees need replacing, the mausoleum needs to be repainted. A motion was made by Graser supported by Aili-Angus to hire 4 Seasons Lawn Care in an amount of \$5,069.34 to make some of these improvements. Fall pruning of the existing trees at the cemetery is included in this quote. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

The board discussed a date for the Annual Fall Clean-up. Graser will confirm with the Transfer Station but Sept. 21 through the 30<sup>th</sup> will be the anticipated week for the clean-up. A motion was made by Lyons supported by Kangas to hold the Township Cleanup. Motion carried.

The Fall Township wide rummage sale date was also discussed. The dates will be the weekend of September 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>. A sign up list will be at the office for residents to sign up their sale date and may list what they will be selling. A motion was made by Segalin supported by Lyons to hold the rummage sales on this weekend. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Segalin supported by Kangas to allow Segalin to pay the annual MTA dues of \$1,873. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

As of July 1, 2022 the federal mileage rate will be 62.5 cents per mile. This is just for information only as our mileage reimbursement rate states it follows the federal guidelines.

Trustee Justinak left the meeting at 5:42 pm.

#### **Reports:**

**Supervisor:** The tire disposal rendered around 500-600 tires from the township residents. They should be picked up this week. Kangas spoke with the Township attorney- Mark McDonald- and he advises to sign the waiver from the County on the Newport location house/property. A motion was made by Kangas supported by Aili-Angus to allow Kangas to sign the waiver. Motion carried.

**Treasurer:** Graser reported she is working on summer taxes and the newsletter. Graser has a PAUD and MTA meeting in the near future.

**Clerk:** Election training was held last week. The State mandates the use of a computer, electronic poll book for future elections. Segalin will have to purchase a computer for this as the old one is not operational. The State will reimburse the township for this purchase.

#### **Trustees:**

Justinak: Absent

Lyons: Nothing to report

Simmons: Absent

Aili-Angus: Nothing to report

**Fire Dept:** Chief Brentar presented the board with the Fire Dept. May monthly report. A motion was made by Lyons supported by Kangas to allow the fire trucks to attend the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. Motion carried. Chief Brentar is looking into a pension plan for the firefighters.

**Public comment:** A residents complained about garbage in a yard on Sunset Rd. Kangas will look into this problem and try to get it resolved. Another resident asked if the Township would consider “opting in” to the existing Marijuana ordinance. Kangas said he’s waiting to hear back from the attorney on that process yet.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made Lyons supported by Segalin to adjourn the meeting at 6:06 pm. Motion carried.

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Jay Kangas, Supervisor

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Mary Segalin, Clerk

The resident had answered questions that arose at the last meeting- The local banks are willing to handle the banking issues with a marijuana business, product testing is done at a few reputable sites in the country, the city of Gaylord had opted out but now had a procedure for opting back in. He stated it would be up to the board to opt back in.