

**Charter Township of Ironwood
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 11, 2023
Time: 5:00 pm**

Call to Order: 5:00 pm Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Jay Kangas- Supervisor, Mary Segalin-Clerk

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

Absent: Maria Graser- Treasurer, Gabe Justinak

Also present: Sandy Lahtinen, Gus Ahonen- Auditor

Amendments to Agenda: New Business: Gogebic County Road Commission monies. A motion was made by Segalin supported by Aili-Angus to accept the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Public Comment on Agenda Items Only: (3-minute limit) A resident had concerns about the lack of communication re: Minutes and Agendas on the website in a timely manner.

Meeting Minutes: A motion was made by Simmons supported by Lyons to accept the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on August 28, 2023, as presented. Motion carried.

Bills and Salaries: General Fund vouchers: 49893-49946, eft-387-390 and € 48 & 49- \$51,991.70. A motion was made by Aili-Angus supported by Simmons to accept the bills and salaries as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Appearances: Karl Ahonen of Makela, Pollack & Ahonen PLLC presented the board with the 2022 Audit. Ahonen reported the opinion of No Issues. ARPA Funds were also discussed. A motion was made by Lyons supported by Simmons to place the 2022 Audit on file. Motion carried.

Communications: None

Old Business: None

New Business: A motion was made by Simmons supported by Segalin to adopt Resolution 2023-09- Authorizing the sale of Lot 39 at Powderville. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

A motion was made Aili-Angus supported by Kangas to approve of the Election inspectors for the November 7, 2023 Election. They are: Michaels, Sim, Magiera, Coron, Carlson, and Noren. Motion carried.

The Gogebic County Road Commission is requesting an approximate total of monies budgeted for road repairs in 2024.

Reports:

Supervisor: There was a discussion between the Zoning Administrator, Township Attorney, Kangas, Graser and Segalin concerning the Zoning Ordinance and the updating needing to be done. A new Zoning Map will also have to be done. Residents of the Township also brought up a Pet Crematorium they would like to construct. The Zoning Ordinance as it is now, does not allow it. The Attorney recommended that they apply for a Special Use Variance permit. A new engineering firm was also discussed in order to create a new Zoning Map. The future compost site in the Township was also discussed. At the last meeting, approval was made for

insulating the garage across the street, in order to house and keep warm the new Vactor truck. It was recommended by a contractor to insulated the walls as well, during the winter. The newly assigned Deputy Supervisor is Robert Brentar.

Treasurer: Absent

Clerk: Road millage is on the ballot, out for printing.

Trustees:

Simmons: Seeking new auditors for 2023

Justinak: No report- absent

Lyons: Nothing to report

Aili-Angus: Nothing to report

Fire Dept: It is reported that by 2025- All SCBAs need to be replaced. Pricing is going up, so Fire Chief Brentar wrote for and received \$29,000 in grant money. Brentar is looking to see if some ARPA funds can also be used for such purchase. Segalin will look into it to see if it is an allowable expense. And will discuss it at the next meeting.

Public comment: A Township resident commented on the road millage and its purpose, and complained about tax time and office hours.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Segalin supported by Lyons to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 pm. Motion carried.

Jay Kangas, Supervisor

Mary Segalin, Clerk