

Observer Corp Report
April 2022

Charlevoix County Commissioners

Date: 4/13/22

Notes: Two Republican Candidates for State office, William Hindle, Jonathan Scheel spoke of their candidacy and positions. William Hindle specifically cited Election Integrity and Voter Fraud as important issues. Herb Friske another Republican candidate for State Office was present. All three candidates remained in the room after the meeting was adjourned and engaged with the Board members and Sheriff.

Issues to watch:

Emmet County Commissioners

Date: 4/11/22

Notes: Five letters from residents, one from each of Maple River and McKinley Twps, and 3 speakers opposing transit/authority .

From equalization report, 60% of property in Emmet County is owned by non-residents.

Mike Reeves, county administrator, submitted is plans to retire as of May 13, 2022. Board extended offer to Mr. David Boyer, current ass't admin of Emmet County, to serve as county administrator as of May14, 2022.

Issues to watch: None

Cheboygan County Commissioners

Date: 4/12/22

Notes: The meeting was run according to the rules. There was nothing to report.

Issues to watch: None

Cheboygan County Commissioners

Date: 4/27/22

Notes: In the first citizen comment period, an individual made a presentation for a group that seeks to examine Cheboygan County voter files. looking for "discrepancies". The commissioners listened without comment and the individual then left the meeting. During the second citizen comment period, another individual rebutted all that was said by the first with regard to verifying voters and expressed confidence in county and township clerks. Commissioners again listened without comment.

Issues to watch: Staying vigilant about elections and voter access.

Bear Creek Township

Date: 4/1/22

Notes: No report filed.

Issues to watch: None

Harbor Springs City Council

Date: 4/1/22

Notes: No report filed.

Issues to watch: None

Petoskey City Council

Date: 4/18/22

Notes: The City Manager reviewed the East Lake Street project and that the project is proceeding on schedule; that the East Lake Street/Division intersection is complete and will reopen tomorrow; and that crews are working their way up to Williams Street with sewer replacement complete, beginning with watermains and storm sewer to follow.

An old ordinance forbidding fortune telling was repealed. There was discussion about how fortune telling will be regulated. Public comment included concern that fortune tellers will be treated unfairly. Others were concerned about fraud and crime. The City Attorney and staff will address requested changes and bring a revised ordinance for further discussion at a future City Council meeting.

The council approved dining decks for the 2022 Summer season.
The council approved purchasing and installing EV charging stations

Issues to watch: None

Health Department of NW Michigan

Date: 4/5/22

Notes: There were interesting presentations on HD activities and on the impact of the COVID epidemic on Public Health staff.
Discussion (added to agenda) on the rules for Public Comment and proposed changes, returned to Committee.

Issues to watch: None

