

Observer Corp Report

February 2022

Charlevoix County Commissioners

Date: 2/8/22

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

Issues to watch:

Charlevoix County Commissioners

Date: 2/23/22

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

Issues to watch:

Emmet County Commissioners

Date: 2/17/22

Notes: The meeting was run according to the rules. The board went into closed session.

Issues to watch:

Bear Creek Township

Date: 2/2/22

Notes: A board member objected to the Petoskey Public Library promoting anti-racism literature for teens, with a veiled threat of cutting funds.

Issues to watch:

Harbor Springs City Council

Date: 2/7/22

Notes: There was discussion about short term rental regulations. Income sources were explored since the Headlee override was recently defeated. There was discussion and comments from the audience about the paid parking proposal. There was a lot of public comment on the subject and there were several hostile comments from citizens. City council members complained about the negative tenor and rude nature of the many emails they got on the parking subject.

Issues to watch:

Petoskey City Council

Date: 2/7/22

Notes:

- A Petoskey resident spoke about the long-standing issues related to being a neighbor of an Airbnb, including threats and property (driveway) encroachments. Mayor Murphy suggested the resident post signs for private driveway or call 911.
- There was a proposal to repeal the ordinance concerning fortune telling. Members wanted more information before voting
- There was discussion about adopting a Poverty Exemption policy and guidelines to be used by the Assessor and the Board of Review. Vote 5-0 to take a year for the Board of Review to develop clear criteria.

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