

...December 31, 2014...

The regular monthly meeting and the public hearing of the Board of Trustees for the Charter Township of Calumet was held at the Township office on December 31, 2014.

Supervisor Lehto called the public hearing on the 2015 Budget to order at 1:00.

Attending were Supervisor Paul Lehto, Treasurer Debra Aubin, Clerk Beth Salmela, Trustees, David Yeo, Jeffrey West, Robert Zander and Timothy Gasperich.

Absent: None

Guests: Gerald Lamppa, Township Resident, Chris Holmes, UPEA

The purpose of this meeting was to review the 2015 Appropriation Act for the General Fund, Fire/Water Fund, Colosseum Fund, Fire Tax Fund, Road Tax Fund, DDA Operating Fund and the Keweenaw Heritage Fund. Clerk Salmela gave a brief overview of the budgets.

There were no public comments.

The hearing adjourned at 1:05.

The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 1:05.

Motion by Trustee Yeo and supported by Treasurer Aubin to approve the November 27, 2014 minutes.

Carried 7 0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Trustee Zander and supported by Trustee Gasperich to sign a contract with UPEA on behalf of the North Houghton County Sewer Authority for the winter freeze up project.

Carried 6 0.

Abstain: Trustee West

Motion by Treasurer Aubin and supported by Trustee West to try to sell a vacant lot on Waterworks St for \$5600.

Carried 7 0.

Motion by Trustee West and supported by Trustee Yeo to purchase a laptop computer for the treasurer and clerk for approx. \$550.

Carried 7 0.

Motion by Clerk Salmela and supported by Treasurer Aubin to appoint Thomas Tikkanen to the DDA Board.

Carried 7 0.

Discussion was held about the possibility of paying off the DDA loan for the roof at the Drill Shop and then taking out a loan to do some upgrades with curbs on Station Drive near Superior Bank.

Supervisor Lehto informed the Board that the passport Grant for the Drill Shop was denied but the sideboard project at the Colosseum was approved for \$45,000. The DNR Trust Fund Grant for the Depot was also approved for \$85,000.

Bill Olsen, UPEA is applying for a Michigan American Water Grant for Lions Club Park.

Supervisor Lehto informed the Board that twelve holes have been sold for Disc Golf.

Motion by Trustee Gasperich and supported by Trustee Zander to approve the 2015 budgets as presented.

Carried 7 0.

Amendments for the 2014 Appropriation Act for the General Fund and all other funds were reviewed.

Motion by Treasurer Aubin and supported by Trustee Yeo to approve the amendments as presented.

Carried 7 0.

Motion by Trustee Zander and supported by Trustee West to transfer the following monies to the equipment fund: \$5000 General Fund, \$3000 Road Fund, \$3000 Fire Tax Fund, \$3000 DDA and \$5000 Colosseum Fund.

Carried 7 0.

Motion by Treasurer Aubin and supported by Trustee Zander to appoint Keith Koppernolle, John Larson, Kenneth Toth and alternate Lawrence Chopp to the Board of Review for a Two years.

Carried 7 0.

Motion by Trustee Zander and supported by Treasurer Aubin to appoint Nick Daavettila as the Township Attorney.

Carried 7 0.

Motion by Clerk Salmela and supported by Trustee West to appoint Paul Sturos, CPA, as the Township Auditor.

Carried 7 0.

Motion by Treasurer Aubin and supported by Trustee Zander to approve Range Bank, Superior National Bank, First Merit Bank and River Valley Bank as the depositors for the Township.

Carried 7 0.

Motion by Treasurer Aubin and supported by Trustee Zander to set the meeting dates for the Charter Township Board of Trustees for 2015 as follows:

January 30, February 27, March 27, April 24, May 29, June 26, July 31, August 28, September 25, October 30, November 25 and December 30.

All meeting dates are the last Friday of the month at 1:00 p.m. unless listed otherwise.

Carried 7 0.

Motion by Trustee Gasperich and supported by Trustee West to opt out of the 20% co-pay for health ins. for the Supervisor, Clerk and Treasurer. The township agrees to pay the full amount of the premiums with Blue Cross Blue Shield.

Carried 7 0.

Motion by Trustee Zander and supported by Trustee Yeo to pay the bills as presented.

Carried 7 0.

GUESTS:

Gerald Lamppa spoke about the possibility of putting together a proposal to the DNR to do some dredging in the pond at Swedetown. Supervisor Lehto informed Mr. Lamppa that UPEA would apply for an Aquatic Habitat Grant thru the DNR in the spring for a floating bridge.

Motion by Treasurer Aubin and supported by Clerk Salmela to adjourn at 1:55.

Carried 7 0.

Paul Lehto, Supervisor

Beth Salmela, Clerk