

....October 30, 2015

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Charter Township of Calumet was held at the Township office on October 30th, 2015.

Supervisor Lehto called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

Attending were Supervisor Lehto, Treasurer Debra Aubin, Trustees, Jeffrey West, Timothy Gasperich and Robert Zander.

Absent: Clerk Beth Salmela and Trustee David Yeo.

Guests: Greg Kingstrom from UPEA, Andrea and John Kovachich and Krissy Kovachich DeLessa.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Trustee Zander and supported by Trustee Gasperich to approve the September 25th minutes.

Carried 5-0

GUEST APPEARANCES:

Krissy Kovachich DeLessa asked if there were any new developments on the new AT & T Tower on Rockland and Church St across from her house. She asked about the property values if this new tower was erected and also about the reduction of noise from the generator. Supervisor Lehto did not know how, if at all, this new tower would affect property values and if a new tower is erected, it may not even require a generator. She questioned why our meetings are at 1:00 in the afternoon as she had to take time off of work to attend. Supervisor Lehto responded by saying that we are able to get engineers, contractors etc at our meetings easier if they can come on business hours. She suggested we have a newsletter accompany our tax bills to keep residents informed on items such as road work. She was informed that we now have a website for such information. She questioned if we hired an ordinance enforcer yet.

OLD BUSINESS

Houghton Douglas Falls

Supervisor Lehto reported that Bill Olsen from UPEA says the State of Michigan is working with the owner and feels confident in its completion.

Depot-Environmental Assessment.

The Environmental Assessment for the Train Depot has been sent into the State of Michigan.

Colosseum-Trust Fund Grant

Supervisor Lehto reported that he feels confident that this project will be approved.

Fire/Water Fund Final Bond Payment

Motion by Trustee West and supported by Trustee Zander to transfer \$ 6,200 from the General Fund to the Fire/Water Fund to pay the final bond payment. The Fire/Water Fund will pay the back the General Fund when it has enough monies available.

Carried 5-0

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Trustee Zander and supported by Trustee Gasperich to adopt the resolution for the pay request for Station Dr. This request is for 95% of the project in the amount of \$ 130,145.50.

Carried 5-0

Voice Vote:

Ayes: Lehto, Aubin, West, Zander and Gasperich

Nays: none

Motion by Treasurer Aubin and supported by Trustee West to accept the Change Order Balance for the Station Drive Project in the amount of \$ 698.85.

Carried 5-0

Motion by Trustee Gasperich and supported by Trustee Aubin to approve the Certificate of Substantial Complete of Station Dr. and authorize the final payment of \$ 11,168, and to authorize Supervisor Lehto to turn over the deed to Houghton County.

Carried 5-0

Motion by Trustee West and supported by Trustee Zander to pay \$ 2,000 to the Calumet School District for plowing Calumet Township Hall.

Carried 5-0

The appraisal of the 6th Street Property came in at \$ 294,000. This appraisal has been given to the Keweenaw National Historic Park Advisory Commission.

Motion by Trustee Zander and supported by Trustee Gasperich to take an ad in Calumet High School's yearbook for \$ 150.00

Carried 5-0

Motion by Treasurer Aubin and supported by Trustee Zander to adopt the LOCAL GOVERNING BODY RESOLUTION FOR CHARITABLE GAMING LICENSES for the Calumet All Sports Booster Club so they be recognized as a nonprofit organization operating in the community for the purpose of obtaining charitable gaming licenses.

Carried 5-0

Voice Vote:

Ayes: Lehto, West, Zander, Gasperich and Aubin

Nays: none

Motion by Treasurer Aubin and supported by Trustee West to approve the 2015 Winter Millages as:

Operating 1.2854

Armory .9888

Fire 1.3500

Roads 1.5000

Carried 5-0

Motion by Trustee West and supported by Trustee Zander to hire Tim Gasperich as our full time Assessor beginning January 1st, 2016 with an annual salary of \$ 32,000 plus Health Insurance which is approximately \$ 14,000 a year. Paul would be Tim's assistant with an annual Assistant Assessor's salary of \$ 10,000. A 3% wage increase would go to all Township employees which includes the Assessor and Assistant Assessor for 2016.

Carried 5-0

Motion by Trustee Zander and supported by Trustee West to appoint Jeff Kalcich to the Calumet Township Planning Commission.

Carried 5-0

Motion by Treasurer Aubin and supported by Trustee Gasperich to donate \$ 250.00 to Main Street for the Children's Christmas Party.

Carried 5-0

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

_Calumet Township received a lot next to the Wolverine Ball Field.

The lot which Calumet Township owned on # 4 Road has been deeded to the Houghton County Road Commission.

Supervisor Lehto has sent letters to the owner of 56133 Union St (Lot 105 Raymbaultown) about all the junk outside. Todd LaRue Houghton County Building Inspector has also been made aware of this along with Nick Daavetilla, Calumet Township Attorney.

The Drill Shop construction is coming along very well. Most of the project has come in under budget.

Supervisor Lehto distributed the CEDS Project list.

The Ferrel Gas Sale does not have a closing date yet but they will be off the Florida Location property by the end of November.

Fire Report-no report available

Motion by Trustee Zander and supported by Trustee Gasperich to pay the bills along with the \$1,000 bill to Seaton Appraisals for the 6th Street property.

Carried 5-0

Motion by Trustee Gasperich and supported by Trustee West to adjourn at 2:23 pm.

Carried 5-0

Paul Lehto, Supervisor

Debra J. Aubin, Treasurer

