

...December 30, 2015...

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 30, 2015.

Supervisor Lehto called the public hearing to order at 1:00 p.m. The purpose of this meeting was to review the 2016 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.

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

Absent: None

Guests:, Keith Koppernolle, Township resident.

The 2016 budgets were presented by Clerk Salmela.

There were no comments from the public.

The public hearing was closed and the regular monthly meeting was called to order at 1:05.

Motion by Trustee Yeo and supported by Trustee Zander to approve the November 25, 2015 minutes.

Carried 7 0.

Motion by Treasurer Aubin and supported by Trustee West to approve the 2016 budgets as presented.

Carried 7 0.

Amendments for the 2015 Appropriation Act for the General Fund and all other funds were reviewed.

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

Carried 7 0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Trustee West and supported by Trustee Yeo to waive the 3% penalty on tax bills paid between February 15 – February 29, 2016.

Carried 7 0.

Supervisor asked the Board to begin thinking of names of people who might be interested in serving on the Planning Commission Board. There are three openings on the Board.

Motion by Treasurer Aubin and supported by Clerk Salmela to recommend the site plan for the Portage Health Medical Office Building. The plan was presented at the Planning Commission meeting on December 28, 2015 by UPEA.

Carried 6 0.

Abstain: Trustee West

Supervisor Lehto informed the Board that Nick Daavettila would rewrite an ordinance that will provide civil infractions on certain ordinances in Calumet Township.

Motion by Trustee Zander and supported by Trustee West to set the fines at \$125.00 first offense, \$250.00 second offense and \$500.00 for the third offense.

Voice Vote:

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion by Trustee Yeo and supported by Trustee West to amend our FOIA resolution to include our hours of business 8:00 – 12:00 and 1:00 – 4:00 Monday thru Friday.

Voice Vote:

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion by Treasurer Aubin and supported by Clerk Salmela to appoint Nick Daavettila as the Township Attorney.

Carried 7 0.

Motion by Clerk Salmela and supported by Trustee West 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 2016 as follows:
January 29, February 26, Thursday March 31, April 29, May 27, June 24, July 29, August 26, September 30, October 28, Wednesday November 23 and Thursday December 29.
All meeting dates are the last Friday of the month at 1:00 p.m. unless listed otherwise.
Carried 7 0.

Motion by Trustee West and supported by Trustee Yeo to move the following monies into the Equipment fund in 2016:
General Fund \$5000, DDA Fund \$3000, Fire Fund \$3000, Colosseum Fund \$3000 and the Road Fund \$3000.
Carried 7 0

Motion by Trustee Yeo and supported by Trustee Zander to purchase a 14ft. dump trailer for \$6800 from the Equipment fund.
Carried 7 0

Fire Department report: None.

Motion by Trustee West and supported by Trustee Zander to pay the bills as presented.
Carried 7 0.

Motion by Trustee Zander and supported by Trustee West to adjourn at 1:45.
Carried 7 0.

Paul Lehto, Supervisor

Beth Salmela, Clerk