

...January 29, 2016...

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Charter Township of Calumet was held at the Township office on January 29, 2016.

Supervisor Lehto called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Jeffrey West and Timothy Gasperich

Guests, Keith Koppennolle, Township resident. Greg Kingstrom, UPEA, Cynthia MacDonald, Swedetown Trails, Gary Lassila, Curling Club and Paul Mohar Calumet Township Asst. Fire Chief

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Trustee Zander and supported by Trustee Yeo to approve the December 30, 2015 minutes.

Carried 5 0.

CORRESPONDANCE:

Supervisor Lehto informed the Board that the Houghton County Road Commission received an E-mail from a township resident with a list of streets that he feels should be resurfaced.

Supervisor Lehto received an email from Tom Curran stating that Joe Lasker, the artist who did the mural at the Post Office in Calumet, has died.

A donation of \$600 is coming to the Drill Shop with a 3 to 1 match from the Kreske Stores.

Jack Dueweke informed Supervisor Lehto that the Township needs a hazardous spill ordinance. Supervisor Lehto feels that this should be done at the County level.

Motion by Trustee Yeo and supported by Trustee Zander to pass a resolution for a gaming license for Keweenaw Trails, a nonprofit organization.

Voice Vote:

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Absent: 2

The resolution is attached.

NEW BUSINESS:

Gary Lassila from the Curling Club gave an update on the Drill Shop Project. He stated that the project is nearing completion. They are hoping to have the grand opening in about three weeks.

Greg Kingstrom, UPEA, gave an update on the Colosseum Hockey Board Project

Motion by Trustee Zander and supported by Clerk Salmela to pass a resolution for phase 2 of the Colosseum Project.

Voice Vote:

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Absent: 2

The resolution is attached.

Motion by Treasurer Aubin and supported by Trustee Yeo to allow Supervisor Lehto to sign the grant agreement for the DNR Grant for the Hockey Boards at the Colosseum.

Carried 5 0

Motion by Treasurer Zander and supported by Treasurer Aubin to hire UPEA to prepare the bids and oversee the construction of phase I and phase II of the DNR Hockey Board Project at the Colosseum.

Carried 5 0

Motion by Trustee Yeo and supported by Trustee to Closeout the CDBG project the total payment was \$109,337.80.

Carried 5 0

Calumet Township received a letter stating that before we can apply for another CDBG grant we would have to adopt required CDBG plans and policies.

Motion by Trustee Zander and supported by Treasurer Aubin stating that “As part of the close-out process, CDBG has requested that the Charter Township of Calumet desires to adopt vigorous policies and procedures. At this time, The Charter Township of Calumet has no desire to adopt such plans or procedures”

Carried 5 0

Motion by Treasurer Aubin and supported by Trustee Yeo to contribute \$2500 to the Bi-Centennial Arena form the Colosseum Fund.

Carried 5 0

Motion by Trustee Zander and supported by Treasurer Aubin to transfer additional \$2000 from the Colosseum Fund to the Equipment Fund.

Carried 5 0

Motion by Treasurer Aubin and supported by Trustee Yeo to have the state pay Calumet Township for four Training Schools for the Fire Dept. and we will pay the trainers thru the General Fund pending approval from the Townships auditor.

Carried 5 0

Motion by Treasurer Aubin and supported by Clerk Salmela to raise the hourly rate for Mark Peters, the Custodian at the Colosseum, to \$15.50 per hour. The Hockey Association will continue to be billed at the rate of \$13.00 per hour.

Carried 5 0

Motion by Trustee Zander and supported by Trustee Yeo to raise the hourly rate for election workers to \$13.00 and \$14.00 for the Chairperson.

Carried 5 0

Motion by Treasurer Aubin and supported by Clerk Salmela to reappoint Robert Loukus to The Sewer Authority Board retroactive to October 2014.

Carried 5 0

Asst. Fire Chief, Paul Mohar presented the Fire Dept. report for January 2016.

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

Carried 5 0.

PABLIC APPEARANCES:

Cynthia MacDonald gave a report on the Swedetown Trails.

Motion by Trustee Yeo and supported by Treasurer Aubin to adjourn at 1:45.

Carried 5 0.

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Paul Lehto, Supervisor

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Beth Salmela, Clerk