

...September 30, 2016...

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Charter Township of Calumet was held at the Township office on September 30, 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, Jeffrey West, Robert Zander and Timothy Gasperich.

Absent: None

Guests: Greg Kingstrom; UPEA, Kurt Hauglie; Daily Mining Gazette, Pat Boberg; Calumet Township Fire Chief.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Trustee Yeo and supported by Trustee Gasperich the August 26, 2016 Board minutes. Carried 7 0.

CORRESPONDANCE:

Calumet Public School sent a letter asking if we wanted them to supply a Crossing Guard again this school year.

Motion by Trustee Zander and supported by Treasurer Aubin to pay the school \$7200 for a crossing guard at the light on Calumet Avenue and School Street for the 2016/2017 school year. Carried 7 0

The State of Michigan accepted our bid on the Rifle Range.

The Lions Club Patronicity Grant was denied. They will apply again next year.

NEW BUSINESS:

Greg Kingstrom informed the Board that that Becker Arena Products needs a 90% payment on the invoice for the Hockey Board Project.

Motion by Trustee West and supported by Treasurer Aubin to pay \$117,473 to Becker and to continue to pay the bills for the project as they come in. Carried 7 0

Motion by Trustee Zander and supported by Trustee West to purchase a \$488 chop saw for the Colosseum garage and to fix the railing at the Colosseum from the Colosseum Fund. Carried 7 0

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

The purchase of the Railroad Depot will be referred to a committee for review.

Houghton County asked the Township for an updated list of our Brownfield properties.

The USDA has asked the Township to adopt a Limited English Proficiency plan. Supervisor Lehto asked MTU, Finlandia University and Ed Grey for assistance.

Motion by Treasurer Aubin and supported by Clerk Salmela to adopt the Limited English proficiency plan.

Motion by Trustee Zander and supported by Trustee Yeo to refuse the purchase of any delinquent properties in Calumet Township for 2016. Carried 7 0

Motion by Treasurer Aubin and supported by Clerk Salmela to purchase a 1/2-page ad in the High School yearbook. Carried 7 0

Fire report: Chief Boberg presented the Board with the Calumet Township Fire Dept. report for Sept 2016.

Motion by Trustee West and supported by Trustee Gasperich approve the bills as presented. Carried 7 0.

GUEST APPEARANCES:

None

Motion by Trustee Zander and supported by Treasurer Aubin to adjourn at 1:16.
Carried 7 0.

Paul Lehto, Supervisor

Beth Salmela, Clerk

...October 28, 2016...

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Charter Township of Calumet was held at the Township office on October 28, 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, Jeffrey West, Robert Zander and Timothy Gasperich.

Absent: None

Guests: Greg Kingstrom; UPEA, Cynthia McDonald; Swedetown Trails President and Keith Koppernolle; Township resident.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Treasurer Aubin and supported by Trustee Yeo to accept the September 30, 2016 minutes as presented.

Carried 7 0.

OLD BUSINESS:

The final application for payment for \$12,069 for the Colosseum Board project has been received.

Motion by Trustee Zander and supported by Trustee West to pay off the loan as soon as we get the DNR pmt.

Carried 7 0

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Trustee Zander and supported by Treasurer Aubin to send a letter of support for a Calumet Village Downtown Grant.

Carried 7 0

MSHDA sent \$15,000 to Calumet Township for the release of a lien from their low-income rehabilitation program.

The Board will look into the possibility of purchasing sump pumps, furnaces and water heaters for low-income property owners with water problems.

Motion by Clerk Salmela and supported by Trustee Zander to sell lot 28 on Cedar St. for \$ 2500 and lots 82, 83 and 84 on Waterworks St. for \$5600.

Carried 7 0.

Motion by Trustee West and supported by Treasurer Aubin to purchase an undergrown loader to put on display at Osceola #13 for \$1000.

Carried 7 0.

Motion by Trustee Yeo and supported by Treasurer Aubin to record a public easement from the end of Amygdaloid St (old dump road) to the Township South boundary line, which will provide access to residential property in section 18.

Carried 7 0.

Motion By Trustee Zander and supported by Trustee West to give all employees a 4% raise beginning January 1, 2017.

Carried 7 0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

The National Park Service is handling negotiations with the Griffiths on the purchase of the Depot.

There is no new news on the purchase of the Rifle Range.

The DNR has settled with the landowners for the purchase of the Houghton Douglas Falls. State Rep. Scott Dianda will make the announcement.

John Sullivan will work on a passport grant to build piers at Swedetown Ponds with the Rotary and Sportsman's Club.

Fire Dept. Report: None

Motion by Trustee West and supported by Trustee Gasperich approve the bills as presented.
Carried 7 0.

GUEST APPEARANCES:

Cynthia McDonald gave a report on a 5-year trail improvement plan for the Swedetown Trails.

Motion by Trustee Zander and supported by Treasurer Aubin to adjourn at 1:35.
Carried 7 0.

Paul Lehto, Supervisor

Beth Salmela, Clerk

...November 22 2016...

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Charter Township of Calumet was held at the Township office on November 22, 2016.

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

Attending were Supervisor Paul Lehto, Clerk Beth Salmela, Trustees, David Yeo, Jeffrey West and Robert Zander.

Absent: Treasurer Debra Aubin and Trustee Timothy Gasperich

Guests: Scott See; KNHP, and Greg Kingstrom; UPEA

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Trustee Yeo and supported by Trustee Zander to accept the October 28, 2016 minutes as presented.

Carried 5 0.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Board, along with Scott See, had a discussion on other financing sources for the purchase of the Depot. Supervisor Lehto will look into the possibility of taking out a short-term loan.

Motion by Trustee Zander and supported by Clerk Salmela to grant an easement on our trails to the Copper Dog Race that will be held in 2017.

Carried 5 0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Trustee West and supported by Trustee Zander to purchase a new motor for the compressor at the Colosseum. The cost of the motor is \$5400 plus installation and freight fees. The payment is to be made from the Colosseum Construction Fund.

Carried 5 0

The Frisbee Club has applied for an \$8500 grant to place a Kiosk at the Colosseum for Hockey and Frisbee History.

Fire Dept. Report: None

Motion by Trustee Yeo and supported by Trustee West approve the bills as presented.

Carried 5 0.

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

Carried 5 0.

Paul Lehto, Supervisor

Beth Salmela, Clerk