

...April 26, 2019...

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Charter Township of Calumet was held at the Township office on April 26, 2019.

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

Absent: None

Guests: Joseph Snow, Keith Koppennolle, Township residents and Tom Tikkanen; Houghton County Commissioner.

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

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Trustee Zander and supported by Trustee Yeo to approve the March 29, 2019 minutes with the following change: Trustee West supported paying the bills as presented.

Carried 7 0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Supervisor Lehto informed the Board that the State of Michigan has now acquired the Houghton Douglas Falls. John Pepin from the DNR will make the formal announcement.

The DNR Grant for the Calumet Lake spillway was denied.

The new privy at Swedetown Ponds is finished.

Motion by Trustee West and supported by Clerk Salmela to replace the existing sign at Swedetown Park.

Carried 7 0.

Motion by Trustee West and supported by Trustee Gasperich to accept the \$15000 matching grant from UP Health System Foundation. The matching funds will come from the Building and Grounds Fund.

The Grant is for flooring and windows at the Drill Shop building.

Carried 7 0.

Steve Delong from the Nation Park Service wrote a Grant for six trees to be planted on Fourth Street and Red Jacket Road in the Townships name. The grant was funded and the park service will do the work.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Clerk Salmela and supported by Trustee Zander to accept Paul Lehto's resignation as the assistant assessor effective May 1, 2019.

Carried 7 0.

Motion by Trustee Gasperich and supported by Trustee West to purchase 2 roof vents at the colosseum for \$5000. The Townships insurance will pay for an additional one.

Carried 7 0

Discussion was held about Hockeyville. There was some concern as to how the Committee was formed.

No action was taken at this time.

Motion by Trustee West and supported by Trustee Zander to upgrade some lights at Warehouse #2 for \$1000. The money will be taken from the Building and Ground Fund.

Carried 7 0.

Motion by Trustee Gasperich and supported by Trustee Yeo to spend \$1000 to landscape the front of the Township Office.

Carried 7 0.

Motion by Trustee West and supported by Treasurer Johnson to purchase a public works truck for \$33,020 with a \$10,000 down payment from the General Fund and the rest will be paid out of the Equipment Fund.

Carried 7 0.

Motion by Trustee Gasperich and supported by Clerk Salmela to sell the 2002 public works truck to Laurium Village for \$4000 and to sell the 2-flatbed trucks and the small dump truck on bids. The monies will go back into the General Fund to offset the down payment on the new public works truck.
Carried 7 0.

Fire Department report:
None.

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

GUEST APPEARANCES:

Tom Tikkanen; Houghton County Commission reminded the Board that there are many census jobs available at \$16.00 per hour.

Motion by Treasurer Johnson and supported by Clerk Salmela to adjourn at 1:55.
Carried 7 0.

Paul Lehto, Supervisor

Beth Salmela, Clerk