

...December 27, 2019...

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 27, 2019.

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

Absent: Trustee Robert Zander and Treasurer Fay Johnson.

Guests: Tom Tikkanen; Houghton County Commissioner.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Gasperich called the public hearing to order at 1:00 p.m. The purpose of this meeting was to review the 2020 Appropriation Act for the General Fund, Fire/Water Fund, Colosseum Fund, Fire Tax Fund, Road Tax Fund, Bldg. and Maint. Fund, DDA Operating Fund and the Keweenaw Heritage Fund.

Clerk Salmela presented the 2020 budgets.

There were no comments from the public.

The public hearing closed and the regular monthly meeting was called to order at 1:10.

Motion by Trustee Yeo and supported by Trustee Lehto to approve the November 22, 2019 minutes.

Carried 5 0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Amendments for the 2019 Appropriation Act for the General Fund and all other funds were reviewed.

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

Carried 5 0.

Motion by Trustee Lehto and supported by Trustee Yeo to approve the 2020 Budgets as presented.

Carried 5 0.

Motion by Trustee West and supported by Trustee Yeo to appoint Nick Daavettila and Charles Miller as the Township Attorneys.

Carried 5 0.

Motion by Trustee Lehto and supported by Trustee West to appoint Paul Sturos, CPA, as the Township Auditor.

Carried 5 0.

Motion by Trustee Yeo and supported by Clerk Salmela to approve Range Bank, Superior National Bank, Huntington Bank and River Valley Bank as the depositors for the Township.

Carried 5 0.

Motion by Clerk Salmela and supported by Trustee Yeo to set the meeting dates for the Charter Township Board of Trustees for 2020 as follows:

January 31, February 28, March 27, April 24, May 29, June 26, July 31, August 28, September 25, October 30, November 20 and December 30.

All meeting dates are the last Friday of the month at 1:00 p.m. unless listed otherwise.

Carried 5 0.

Motion by Trustee Lehto and supported by Clerk Salmela to reject the offer of a Copper City property that is up for tax sale by Houghton County.

Carried 5 0.

Motion by Trustee West and supported by Clerk Salmela to waive the 3% penalty fee on taxes paid between February 15 and February 29, 2020.

Carried 5 0.

Motion by Trustee Lehto and supported by Trustee West allow the DNR to make improvements to the multi-use trail on Township property between M203 and Centennial Heights Road.

Carried 5 0.

Motion by Trustee West and supported by Clerk Salmela to spend \$7900 for lighting improvements and \$12000 for bathroom improvements at the Drill Shop. The DDA Fund and the Building and Grounds Fund with each pay for half.
Carried 5 0.

Motion by Clerk Salmela and supported by Trustee Yeo to sign a 3-year assessing agreement with Houghton County.
Carried 5 0.

Motion by Trustee Lehto and supported by Trustee Yeo to contribute \$3000 to UPSET from the DDA fund.
Carried 5 0.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Supervisor Gasperich received a request for an in-home business permit from Molly Maronen at 25096 Bridge Street.

Motion by Trustee Yeo and supported by Clerk Salmela to grant an in-home business license to be reviewed in one year. She must follow the Calumet Township ordinance on signage.
Carried 5 0.

The Swedetown Recreation Area property was recommended to receive funding for the 30 acres that want to purchase.

Supervisor Gasperich informed the Board that a letter was received from Main Street Calumet. They are looking for Calumet Township and the Calumet Township DDA to become members. The discussion was tabled until the DDA committee does a budget for 2020.

The Swedetown Trails Club donated \$200 to the Depot in Paul Lehto's Honor.

Fire Department report:
None.

Motion by Trustee Yeo and supported by Trustee West to pay the bills as presented.
Carried 5 0.

GUEST APPEARANCES:

Tom Tikkanen stated that there is a meeting on January 7 to establish a Recreation Authority in Houghton County. The DNR will also give an update on trail repairs.

Motion by Trustee Yeo and supported by Clerk Salmela to adjourn at 1:55.
Carried 5 0.

Timothy Gasperich, Supervisor

Beth Salmela, Clerk