

...January 31, 2020...

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Charter Township of Calumet was held at the Township office on January 31, 2020.

Attending were: Supervisor Tim Gasperich, Treasurer Fay Mattson, Clerk Beth Salmela, Trustees, David Yeo and Paul Lehto.

Absent: Trustees Jeffrey West and Robert Zander

Guests: Chris Holmes; UPEA, Craig Hughes and Pat Toczydlowski; Swedetown Ski Club, Tom Tikkanen; Houghton County Commissioner Gene LaRochelle and Mike Bjorn; Veterans; and Joel Keranen; Rotary Club.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Gasperich called the meeting to order at 1:00

Motion by Trustee Yeo and supported by Trustee Lehto to approve the December 27, 2019 minutes.

Carried 5 0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Gasperich informed the Board that there would be a Marijuana presentation at our February 28th meeting.

Motion by Treasurer Johnson and supported by Clerk Salmela to pass a resolution to change the Board of Review starting date from March 9, 2020 to March 11, 2020

Voice Vote:

Ayes 5

Nays 0

Motion carried

Supervisor Gasperich informed the Board that the CLK School and The Keweenaw National Park Service would like Calumet Township to collaborate on a new class for Calumet High School students. The program would be for Historic Restoration. The Township would provide an historic building in need of repairs and some funding for materials.

Motion by Trustee Lehto and supported by Clerk Salmela to change the Northridge Pines property on M-203 owned by Aspirus Hospital from M4 to C1 on a recommendation from the Planning Commission. The change would be contingent on the sale of the property going thru.

Carried 5 0.

Chris Holmes from UP Engineering gave a presentation on the Hazard Mitigation Grant at Lions Park. He showed a drawing of what changes will take place at the dam. The project will cost approx. \$125,000 with at 25% match.

Supervisor Gasperich informed the Board that he would apply for a Keweenaw Heritage Grant for the Police Post roof for \$30,000 with the matching funds to be taken from The DDA and the Building and Grounds Funds.

In addition, Supervisor Gasperich will apply for a Portage Health Grand for \$40,000 for playground equipment with a \$20,000 match to be taken from the DDA fund.

Motion by Clerk Salmela and supported by Treasurer Johnson to approve a \$2500 contribution to the Bi-Centennial Arena from the Colosseum Fund.

Carried 5 0.

Motion by Treasurer Mattson and supported by Trustee Yeo to approve transferring \$5000 each from the following funds into the Equipment Fund for 2019:

General, Colosseum, Building and Maintenance, Fire, Roads, and the DDA.

Carried 5 0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Supervisor Gasperich and John Sullivan met with the Michigan American Water Co about the possibility of them purchasing the Swedetown Water Tank. No decision has been made at this time.