

...February 28, 2020...

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Charter Township of Calumet was held at the Township office on February 28, 2020.

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

Absent: Trustee Robert Zander

Guests: Scott Dianda, Brian Sickler Harvey Desnick, Tom Tikkanen, Houghton County Commissioner.

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 January 31, 2020 minutes with the following addition: The \$5000 paid for the sewer line at Copper Country Cottages should say that the \$5000 was for the extension of the sewer main within the DDA boundaries. Carried 6 0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Scott Dianda, Vice President of Business Development for Tranquility Fields gave a presentation on a marijuana facility that his company would like to put up in Copper City. The store would grow, process and sell no more than 150 plants. The business would employ 10 to 12 people. No action was taken at this time.

Supervisor Gasperich informed the Board that Martin Haugland is interested in either leasing or purchasing the Train Depot. The Board would like for Mr. Haugland to come to a meeting to discuss his options.

Motion by Trustee West and supported by Clerk Salmela to keep the ice in the Colosseum until April 19. The Hockey association will pay for all the utilities in April that they normally pay throughout the winter rental period. They will also pay for the UPPCO bill in April that they normally are reimbursed for.

Trustee Yeo abstained

Carried 5 0.

Motion by Treasurer Mattson and supported by Trustee Yeo to update our web page with Opus Web for \$4500.

Carried 6 0.

There has been some interest in having a decorated Christmas tree in Calumet Township.

Supervisor Gasperich is going to look into logging the pine trees near Calumet Lake.

OLD BUSINESS:

Michigan American Water has made a new offer on the Calumet Township water assets. The Board decided to decline the offer. The Board asked John Sullivan to look into the option of purchasing the Company.

John Sullivan stated that we could possibly get a Rural Development loan.

Discussion was held about the Veterans pictures on the light poles on Sixth Street Extension. The Board decided not to allow the pictures on Calumet Township poles at this time.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Motion by Trustee Lehto and supported by Trustee West to appoint Supervisor Timothy Gasperich to the Main Street Board

Carried 6 0.

Fire Department report:

None.

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

Carried 6 0.

GUEST APPEARANCES:

Harvey Desnick spoke in favor of the marijuana facility proposal that Scott Dianda presented.

Motion by Treasurer Mattson and supported by Clerk Salmela to adjourn at 2:10.  
Carried 6 0.

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Timothy Gasperich, Supervisor

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Beth Salmela, Clerk