

...June 26, 2020...

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Charter Township of Calumet was held at the Township office on June 26, 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: Tom Tikkanen and John Haeussler from the Houghton County Land Bank, Chris Holmes, UPEA, Leah Polzien director of Main Street and a group of concerned neighbors whose spokesperson was Jen Dessellier. (see attached for list of names)

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 Treasurer Mattson to approve the May 29, 2020 minutes as presented.
Carried 6 0.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES:

Leah Polzien director of Main Street wanted to thank Trustee Paul Lehto for his 17 years of service on the Main Street Board.

Leah also wanted to thank Supervisor Tim Gasperich for joining the Main Street Board.

Jen Dessellier spoke about the need for a chicken ordinance because her neighbors chicken feathers and smell come in her yard.

The Board will look into an ordinance for farm animals in R1 residential.

No action was taken at this time.

Cynthia MacDonald from the Swedetown Trails Club gave a report on what is going on this summer on the trails.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chris Holmes: UPEA gave a presentation on the Houghton County 2020-2025 Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Motion by Trustee Lehto and supported by Trustee West to adopt the Houghton County 2020-2025 Hazard Mitigation Plan

Voice Vote:

Ayes 6

Nays 0

Motion Carried

The resolution is attached.

Tom Tikkanen gave a presentation on the Houghton county Recreation Authority.

He stated that Keweenaw County has recommended that Houghton County have their own Authority.

The motivation is that the DNR likes to deal with Recreation Authorities.

Motion by Trustee West and supported by Trustee Yeo to adopt the Houghton County recreation Authority Articles of Incorporation.

Voice Vote:

Ayes: 6

Nays 0

Motion Carried

A copy is attached.

John Haeussler and Tom Tikkanen gave a presentation on the Houghton County Land Bank. The Land Banks primary goal is blight reduction and is interested in a partnership with Calumet Township.

Motion by Treasurer Mattson and supported Trustee West to purchase another trailer for the public works dept for up to \$10,000.

Carried 6 0.

Motion by Trustee Lehto and supported by Clerk Salmela to purchase new rubber for the Colosseum floor for approx. \$4000. The monies are to be taken from Hockeyville.
Carried 6 0.

Motion by Trustee West and supported by Trustee Yeo to repair the electrical mast at #6 Centennial Dry for approx. \$1500. The monies are to be taken from the Building and Grounds Fund.
Carried 6 0.

A light pole on Red Jacket Rd needs to be repaired. It will be paid by the DDA.

Motion by Trustee West and supported by Treasurer Mattson to repair the exhaust vent on the pistol range for approx. \$2400. The monies are to be taken from the Building and Grounds Fund.
Carried 6 0.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

Fire Department report:

None.

Motion by Trustee Yeo and supported by Treasurer Mattson to pay the bills as presented.
Carried 6 0.

Motion by Clerk Salmela and supported by Treasurer Mattson to adjourn at 2:05.
Carried 6 0.

Timothy Gasperich, Supervisor

Beth Salmela, Clerk