

...August 28, 2020...

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

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

Absent: None

Guests: Tom Tikkanen; Houghton County Commissioner, Craig Hughes and Patricia Toczydlowski; Swedetown Trails 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 Treasurer Mattson to approve the August 12th special meeting and the July 31, 2020 regular monthly meeting minutes as presented.

Carried 7 0.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES:

Patricia Toczydlowski gave an update on the Trust Fund Gant they are applying for along with Calumet Township. She stated that a detailed project progress report is due by Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup>.

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Gasperich welcomed Tom Helppi to the Calumet Township Board.

Motion by Trustee West and supported by Trustee Yeo to sell two lots on M203 for \$3500 each. Carried 7 0.

Motion by Treasurer Mattson and supported by Clerk Salmela to get a letter of engagement from Paul Sturos CPA to investigate the purchase of Michigan American Water Co (MAWC).

Carried 7 0.

Motion by Treasurer Mattson and supported by Trustee Lehto to prepare a pre-application with USDA Rural Development for a loan to purchase MAWC., contingent upon a favorable review by Paul Sturos and positive movement from negotiations with Miller Canfield.

Carried 7 0.

A discussion was held about purchasing an 8' Blue Spruce tree for approx. \$300.00 for the vacant lot on Old Dam Street. Supervisor Gasperich will investigate purchasing one.

OLD BUSINESS:

Motion by Trustee Yeo and supported by Clerk Salmela to accept a donation of \$37,000 from Trustee Paul Lehto to be used for a new pavillion at Waterworks park for approx. \$15,000 and a new privy on Calumet Lake for approx. \$5000. It will be determined later how to spend the additional monies.

Carried 7 0.

A discussion was held on farm animals in R1 and R2 zoned areas.

No action was taken at this time.

The Board received a letter from the Township Attorney, Charles Miller, about recreational marijuana. Mr. Miller sent a draft of an ordinance to permit marijuana establishments in manufacturing-industrial districts for our review.

Motion by Trustee West and supported by Trustee Yeo to approve the forming of a recreational park committee.

Carried 7 0.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

Fire Department report: No monthly report.

There was a discussion held about the forming of a new High Angle Rescue Team.

No action was taken at this time.

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

Motion by Treasurer Mattson and supported by Trustee Yeo to adjourn at 1:50.  
Carried 7 0.

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Timothy Gasperich, Supervisor

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Beth Salmela, Clerk