

...December 30, 2020...

The regular monthly meeting and the public hearings of the Board of Trustees for the Charter Township of Calumet was held at the Township office on December 30, 2020.

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

Absent: None

Guests: Tom Tikkanen: Houghton County Commissioner, Mike Jukuri, Bryan Miller, Doug Jurmu, Josh Loukus and Adam Loukus.

Supervisor Gasperich called the meeting to order at 1:00.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES:

Mike Jukuri: President of the Calumet Hockey Association spoke about the fear of running out of money if the COVID-19 restrictions are not lifted. The Association wants to be able to have private rentals to help defer some of their costs. They also want to use the locker rooms.

Supervisor Gasperich explained that we are a Government Agency, so the Board must follow the Michigan Covid rules.

Supervisor Gasperich called the first public hearing to order at 1:30 p.m. The purpose of this meeting was to review Ordinance #45, allowing licensed marijuana in Calumet Township.

Public Comment:

A concerned citizen spoke against recreational marijuana. He is not opposed to medical marijuana. He feels that the residents can go to Houghton to purchase recreational marijuana. He also stated that Calumet Township does not have a Police Dept. and that the Township will incur more costs than the taxes generated.

Tom Tikkanen also spoke and said that the police have misgivings about it.

Supervisor Gasperich closed the Public Hearing on Ordinance # 45 at 1:45.

Supervisor Gasperich opened the second Public Hearing at 1:45.

The purpose of this meeting was to review the 2021 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 2021 Budgets to the Board.

Public Comment: None

Supervisor Gasperich closed the second public hearing at 1:55.

Motion by Trustee Yeo and supported by Treasurer Mattson to approve the November 25, 2020 regular minutes, the December 9, 2020 special meeting and the December 23, 2020 special meeting minutes.

Carried 7 0.

NEW BUSINESS.

Amendments for the 2020 Appropriation Act for the General Fund and all other funds were reviewed.

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

Carried 7 0.

Motion by Trustee Lehto and supported by Trustee Yeo to approve the 2021 Budgets as presented.

Carried 7 0.

Motion by Clerk Salmela and supported by Trustee Lehto to approve Ordinance #45.

Voice Vote:

Yeas: Gasperich, Yeo, West, Lehto, Salmela, Mattson

Nays: Helppi

Motion Carried.

Motion by Clerk Salmela and supported by Trustee West to appoint Charles Miller, Patrick Greeley and Miller Canfield as the Township Attorneys.  
Carried 7 0.

Motion by Trustee Lehto and supported by Treasurer Mattson to appoint Paul Sturos, CPA, as the Township Auditor.  
Carried 7 0.

Motion by Trustee Yeo and supported by Clerk Salmela to approve Range Bank, Superior National Bank and the Incredible Bank as the depositors for the Township.  
Carried 7 0.

Motion by Trustee West and supported by Trustee Lehto to set the meeting dates for the Charter Township Board of Trustees for 2021 as follows:  
January 29, February 26, March 26, April 30, May 28, June 25, July 30, August 27, September 24, October 29, November 19 and December 30.  
All meeting dates are the last Friday of the month at 1:00 p.m. unless listed otherwise.  
Carried 7 0.

Motion by Trustee Yeo and supported by Clerk Salmela to contribute \$3000 to UPSET from the DDA fund.  
Carried 7 0.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

Fire Department report:  
None.

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

Motion by Treasurer Mattson and supported by Clerk Salmela to adjourn at 2:25.  
Carried 7 0.

---

Timothy Gasperich, Supervisor

---

Beth Salmela, Clerk