

...January 29, 2021...

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Charter Township of Calumet was held at the Township office on January 29, 2021.

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

Absent: None

Guests: Marc Norton, Paul and Anita Campbell; Township residents and 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 Treasurer Mattson to approve the December 30, 2020 and the January 15, 2021 minutes as presented.

Carried 7 0.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES:

Paul Campbell asked the Board if someone could clean the sidewalks on School Street where the school children walk to school. He stated that in the winter the children must walk on the Street, and he feels it is dangerous.

Supervisor Gasperich informed Paul Campbell that he would talk to the Principal of the School, The Road Commission and Laurium Village to see if they could come up with a solution to the problem.

Marc Norton asked the Board if we would be interested in helping to buy a grooming machine and a garage to store it in for a Snowshoe Trail at Calumet Lake.

Supervisor Gasperich said he would file a grant with the Portage Health Foundation to help with the purchase.

Supervisor Gasperich called a Public Hearing at 1:20. The purpose of the Public Hearing was to discuss Ordinance #44 which would allow retail sales by all businesses located in Manufacturing-Industrial Districts.

Public Comment: None

The Public Hearing closed at 1:23.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Trustee West and supported by Clerk Salmela to adopt Ordinance #44 which will allow retail sales by all businesses located in Manufacturing-Industrial Districts.

Voice Vote:

Ayes 7

Nays 0

Motion carried.

Motion by Clerk Salmela and supported by Treasurer Mattson to accept the Calumet Townships License application for a Marihuana Microbusiness.

Carried 7 0.

Motion by Trustee Lehto and supported by Trustee West to adopt resolution 21-01 to establish application and license fees for Township operating permits for Marihuana Microbusiness.

Voice Vote:

Ayes 7

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Resolution Attached.

Discussion was held with Marc Norton about the Swedetown Ski Club building an addition on the groomer garage.

They would also like to update their lease agreement.

Motion by Trustee Lehto and supported by Trustee Yeo to transfer 5 parcels of Township owned land to the NHCWSA. The NHCWSA will pay for any costs that are incurred.

Carried 7 0.

Motion by Treasurer Mattson and supported by Clerk Salmela to pay \$500 for a KEDA membership for 2021.

Carried 7 0.

Motion by Trustee Yeo and supported by Trustee Helppi to reappoint John Larson and Larry Chopp and to appoint new member Steven Lanctot for 2021 – 2022. An alternate is needed.

Carried 7 0.

Motion by Clerk Salmela and supported by Treasurer Clerk Salmela to adopt resolution 21-02 to adopt poverty exemption income guidelines and asset test.

Voice Vote:

Ayes 7

Nays 0

Motion carried.

Resolution is attached.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Motion by Treasurer Mattson and supported by Clerk Salmela to allow the Copper Dog 150 race to use Township property for the 2021 race. They carry their own liability insurance.

Carried 7 0.

Ed Vertin from Laurium Village is not going to open the Bi-Centennial Arena this year due to Covid -19. He thanked the Board for the past support of the Arena.

Fire Department report:

None.

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

Carried 7 0.

Motion by Treasurer Mattson and supported by Clerk Salmela to adjourn at 1:50.

Carried 7 0.

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Timothy Gasperich, Supervisor

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Beth Salmela, Clerk