

...November 19, 2021...

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Charter Township of Calumet was held at the Township office on November 19, 2021.

Attending was Supervisor Tim Gasperich, Treasurer Lana Hyrkas, Clerk Beth Salmela and Trustees: David Yeo, Jeffrey West, Paul Lehto and Tom Helppi.
Absent: None

Guests: Houghton County Sheriff, Joshua Saaranen and Undersheriff Kevin Coppo.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Gasperich called the meeting to order at 11:00a.m.

Motion by Trustee Yeo and supported by Trustee Helppi to approve the October 29, 2021, minutes as presented.
Carried 7 0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Trustee West and supported by Trustee Helppi to approve the following wage increases starting 01/01/2022.

Mark Bonenfant - \$2.00hr increase to \$18.65

Mark Peters, Kevin Marttila and Mark Marttila - .39 an hour increase to \$18.75

Katie Kauppinen - \$1.60 increase to \$15.00

Rita Kannianen - \$2.76hr increase to \$15.00

Supervisor, Clerk, and Treasurer – 2% increase.

Carried 7 0.

Supervisor Gasperich gave an update on the EDA Grant Project. It is for a new water line from Waterworks Park to Swedetown.

Motion by Trustee Lehto and supported by Clerk Salmela to collect summer taxes for Lake Linden, CCISD, and Calumet Public Schools
Carried 7 0.

Motion by Treasurer Hyrkas and supported by Clerk Salmela to waive the 3% penalty tax for late payments from February 15, 2022, thru February 28, 2022.
Carried 7 0.

Motion by Trustee Yeo and Supported by Clerk Salmela to pass resolution 21-08, A resolution for poverty exemption.

Voice vote:

Yeas: 7

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

Resolution attached.

OLD BUSINESS:

Supervisor Gasperich gave the Board an update on the Michigan American Water Purchase.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Motion by Trustee Lehto and supported by Trustee West to write a letter to the MEDC in support of Calumet Electronics getting a Grant.
Carried 7 0.

FIRE DEPT REPORT:

None.

GUEST APPEARANCES:

Sheriff Saaranen spoke to the Board about ordinance enforcement. A discussion was held about coordinating with other Townships and Villages to get a joint contract with the Houghton County Sheriffs Dept to enforce ordinances.

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

Motion by Treasurer Hyrkas and supported by Clerk Salmela to adjourn at 11:45p.m.
Carried 7 0.

Timothy Gasperich, Supervisor

Beth Salmela, Clerk