

...July 29, 2022...

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Charter Township of Calumet was held at the Township office on July 29, 2022.

Attending were Supervisor Tim Gasperich, Treasurer Lana Hyrkas, Trustees, Jeffrey West, Paul Lehto, David Yeo and Tom Helppi

Absent: Clerk Robin Hicks

Guests: Cynthia MacDonald from the Swedetown Trails Club and Tom Tikkanen from Houghton County

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motion by Trustee Lehto supported by Treasurer Hyrkas to approve the June 24, 2022 minutes with one correction.

Carried 6 0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Trustee West and supported by Trustee Yeo to reappoint Mark Bonenfant to the North Houghton County Sewer Authority Board.

Carried 6 0.

Motion by Trustee Yeo and supported by Trustee Lehto to accept the renewal of the Charter Communications Agreement.

Carried 6 0

Supervisor Gasperich brought up discussion to work with the land bank on the removal of a house on 4th Street. It was recommended to do the abatement study.

Motion by Trustee Yeo and supported by Trustee West to purchase a post and tree puller for the tractor.

Carried 6 0

Motion by Trustee Lehto and supported by Trustee Helppi to collaborate with the Village of Calumet to resurface a part of Portland Street that is in the Township.

OLD BUSINESS:

Property on US 41- we are not interested in selling the land to the person that was inquiring.

Supervisor Gasperich met with CLK Superintendent Davison and County Sheriff Saarinen about an ordinance officer to hire for the township and school. We would share the funding and have security and policing services. Discussions were held, but no decision was made.

CORRESPONDENCE:

VFW Golf Tournament – Calumet Township office crew will donate.

Swedetown report from Cindy MacDonald to include new picnic tables, organizing volunteers to make improvements to the 20 trails, a 2.5-mile new trail for easy riding and some of the #2 trails will be altered to be more challenging.

Discussions were held about Upward Bound Youth Program planting native plants and treating some invasive species.

Fire Department: No new reports

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

Carried 6 0.

Tom Tikkanen reported there was a presentation from the State Land Bank rep and Jeff Radcliff from KEDA regarding blight buildings. Government signed a bill recently that each county will receive \$200K in demolition funds. Six houses/buildings in the Township have been possibly identified for these funds.

Motion by Trustee Yeo and supported by Treasurer Hyrkas to adjourn at 1:50.

Carried 6 0.

Timothy Gasperich, Supervisor

Robin Hicks, Clerk