

...October 28, 2022...

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Charter Township of Calumet was held at the Township office on October 28, 2022.

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

Absent: 0

Guests: Tom Tikkanen from Houghton County, Chris Holmes from UPEA, Adam Loukus and Reese White from the fire department

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motion by Trustee Yeo supported by Treasurer Hyrkas to approve the September 30, 2022 minutes

Carried 7 0.

Adam Loukus discussed his business and wishing to rent out the dry house for his machinery. He left us a sample of what they are making.

NEW BUSINESS:

We received a letter from Bob Langseth regarding supporting Main Street Calumet. We discussed and decided not to support them financially at this time.

Motion by Trustee Helppi and supported by Trustee West to raise Deputy Treasurer Hanna Peterson's wage to \$16 per hour, to raise Treasurer Hyrkas's wage to bring her to \$2800 less than the clerk per year and to have a 3% raise for all other employees for the Township.

Carried 7 0

Motion by Trustee West and supported by Trustee Lehto to support the sale of the Houghton County Arena to the City of Hancock. This was discussed with Tom Tikkanen who said they had \$400K in funds to take care of the debts the county owes on the arena.

Carried 7 0

Tom also discussed funds that will possibly go to helping with child care facilities in the area and a new airport terminal.

OLD BUSINESS:

The EPA has finished the cleanup in the #2 Warehouse. They took care of the cost of around \$175K.

Motion by Clerk Hicks and Supported by Trustee Yeo to allow the school to update the management plan for the School Forest at Waterworks Park. There is no charge to the Township to do so.

Motion by Trustee Lehto and supported by Trustee West to allow Adam Loukus to rent Centennial #6 Dry House for his business for the same amount that was being paid previously/\$625 a month. It was also agreed to waive 1+ months rent to help him have the power updated to 3 phase.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Fire Department: Reese White discussed how he participated in the Junior Firefighters Program and was talking about possibly starting a program at the school to get more young men interested in becoming a firefighter.

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

Carried 7 0.

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

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Timothy Gasperich, Supervisor

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Robin Hicks, Clerk

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