

...December 30, 2021...

The regular monthly meeting and the public hearing of the Board of Trustees for the Charter Township of Calumet was held at the Township office on December 30, 2021.

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

Absent: None

Guests: Tom Tikkanen: Houghton County Commissioner, Chris Holmes, UPEA.

Supervisor Gasperich called the Public Hearing to order at 1:00.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The purpose of this meeting was to review the 2022 Appropriation Act for the General Fund, Water Maintenance 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 2022 Budgets to the Board.

Trustee Helppi asked about a "list of wants" for the Covid Money we are receiving. Clerk Salmela told him that nothing has been budgeted for the use of the money.

Public Comment: None

Supervisor Gasperich closed the public hearing at 1:18 and opened the regular monthly meeting.

Motion by Trustee Yeo and supported by Trustee West to approve the November 19, 2021, regular minutes as presented.

Carried 7 0.

NEW BUSINESS.

Amendments for the 2021 Appropriation Act for the General Fund and all other funds were reviewed.

Motion by Trustee West and supported by Trustee Lehto approve the amendments as presented.

Carried 7 0.

Motion by Trustee Lehto and supported by Trustee Yeo to approve the 2022 Budgets as presented.

Carried 7 0.

Motion by Trustee Lehto and supported by Trustee West to approve transferring \$5000 from each of the following funds: General Fund, Fire Fund, Road Fund, Colosseum Fund, Building & Maintenance Fund and the DDA fund to the Equipment Fund.

Carried 7 0.

The following motions were made by Trustee Lehto and supported by Trustee Helppi:

1. To approve Charles Miller, Patrick Greeley and Miller Canfield as the Township Attorneys.
2. To approve Sturos CPA as the Township Auditor.
3. To approve Range Bank, Superior National Bank and the Incredible Bank as the depositors for the Township.

Carried 7 0.

Motion by Trustee Lehto and supported by Trustee Helppi to set the meeting dates for the Charter Township Board of Trustees for 2021 as follows:

January 28, February 25, March 25, April 29, May 27, June 24, July 29, August 26, September 30, October 28, November 18 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 Trustee Helppi to follow State guidelines for Holidays.

Carried 7 0.

Discussion was held on a Church Street/Mine Street paving project with The Houghton County Road Commission. Talks were tabled until we get more information.

OLD BUSINESS:

Supervisor Gasperich informed the Board that two companies, C2AE and UPEA, submitted preliminary engineering reports for the EDA project. Both companies scored equal on the PER's. We are waiting for a reply on some follow-up questions.

Motion by Trustee Lehto and Trustee Yeo to pick UPEA for the project if everything remains equal after the follow-up replies are received.

Carried 6 0.

Abstain: Trustee West

Supervisor Gasperich informed the Board that Copper Dog wants to cross our properties for the race in 2022. They do have our properties listed on the liability insurance.

Motion by Treasurer Hyrkas and supported by Clerk Salmela for Supervisor Gasperich to apply for a Grant for scrap tires for the summer of 2022.

Carried 7 0.

Fire Department report:

None.

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

Carried 7 0.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES:

Tom Tikkanen spoke about the changes at the transfer station.

Motion by Treasurer Hyrkas and supported by Clerk Salmela to adjourn at 1:55.

Carried 7 0.

Timothy Gasperich, Supervisor

Beth Salmela, Clerk