

...April 28, 2023...

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Charter Township of Calumet was held at the Township office on April 28, 2023.

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

Absent: None

Guests: Brian Miller from Calumet Hockey Association, Jeff Ratcliffe from KEDA and Tom Tikkanen from Houghton County.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES

Jeff Ratcliffe from KEDA discussed the Calumet Electronics Corporation expansion with the current grant in process.

The Royale Inc expansion is also coming along nicely and hoping to finish in June.

He discussed the local air service out of the airport with Sky West wanting to exit they are trying to get help from delegates.

Jeff then discussed the community revitalization that is continuing including future possible plans of cleaning up multiple properties between Fifth and Seventh Streets in Calumet Village. Plans are to add more housing with these improvements also.

Motion by Trustee Yeo and supported by Trustee West to approve the March 31, 2023 regular minutes as presented.

Carried 7/0.

NEW BUSINESS.

Motion by: Trustee West and Supported by: Trustee Helppi to approve awarding the bid for the Colosseum Puck Pit to Ron Hyrkas Contracting. Their bid amount was \$59,800.

Carried 6/0

Trustee Lehto abstained from voting

A motion was made by Trustee Lehto and supported by Trustee Yeo to give \$2500.00 from the Colosseum Fund to the Bicentennial Arena.

Carried 7/0

A motion was made by Trustee Lehto and Supported by Clerk Hicks to order the proposed banners for 6<sup>th</sup> Street Extension to come out of the DDA Fund.

Carried 7/0

Motion made by Clerk Hicks and supported by Treasurer Hyrkas to approve moving forward with a warm room addition to the Curling Club Building. The proposal is for 400 square feet with an approximate cost of \$18,000 with most of the work being done by the club and Mark Peters. It was agreed the Township would donate half of the cost up to \$10,000.

Carried 7/0

Supervisor Gasperich discussed the possible sale of Township property, lots, 20, 21 and 23, to Calumet Electronics Corporation. Nothing is set in stone at this time and will be discussed further.

Motion by Clerk Hicks and supported by Treasurer Hyrkas to purchase hanging flower baskets to go along Sixth Street Extension with a cost of approximately \$5000.

OLD BUSINESS:

A discussion was held regarding changing the marijuana ordinance from microbusiness only to being able to hold a recreational license for a store front. No action was taken at this time.

A motion was made by Trustee West and supported by Treasurer Hyrkas to approve the purchase of a new sign for the Colosseum for an approximate cost of \$40,000. Funds have been raised in the amount of \$31,000 and the remaining \$9000 would come from the Colosseum Fund.  
Carried 7/0

There was a discussion regarding the term life insurance offered here at the Township. A motion was made by Trustee West and supported by Trustee Helppi to carry it for the three full time elected employees in the amount of \$25,000 each.  
Carried 7/0

We were successful with the Portage Health Foundation Grant in the amount of \$6500 towards the Swedetown expansion project.

Correspondence: None at this time.

Fire Department report:

A motion was made by Trustee Lehto and supported by Trustee West regarding the Portage Health First Responder Grant. The Portage Health Foundation share will be \$5000 and our share would be \$5000. The grant would be for extrication equipment.  
Carried 7/0

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 Trustee Yeo to adjourn at 2:14 pm.  
Carried 7/0.

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Timothy Gasperich, Supervisor

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Robin Hicks, Clerk