

...May 26, 2023...

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Charter Township of Calumet was held at the Township office on May 26, 2023.

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

Absent: Treasurer Lana Hyrkas

Guests: Brian Sickler, Marlene Sickler, Scott Dianda, Tom Tikkanen and Chris Holmes from UPEA

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Trustee Yeo and supported by Trustee West to approve the April 28, 2023 regular minutes as presented.

Carried 6/0.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES

Scott Dianda spoke regarding opening a retail only marijuana business in Copper City. Dianda further said that the merchandise would come from Michigan growers only and the facility would have local owners. The township would have to amend the current Recreational Marijuana Ordinance.

A motion was made by Trustee Lehto and supported by Trustee West to move forward with amending the current ordinance to allow a retail only business. We would also have to advertise and have a public meeting before it was approved to amend it.

Carried 6/0

There was also a discussion about blight in the township and how a tip line and email should be set up for Kevin Coppo for complaints of blight.

NEW BUSINESS.

A discussion was held regarding the school wanting us to help with the cost of repair to the locker room roof at the colosseum. They would like us to spend \$850.00 to install snow stops. The contractor is still looking at it, but it was agreed the funds could be taken from the Colosseum Fund when needed.

Motion by Trustee West and supported by Trustee Yeo to pass Resolution 23-04 to reinstate the township law enforcement:

Voice Vote:

Ayes: Yeo, Hicks, Lehto, Helppi, West, Gasperich,

Nays: 0

Resolution 23-04 passed.

Copy is attached.

A motion was made by Trustee Lehto and supported by Trustee Yeo to approve treating the roads at Lions Park and the Swedetown Chalet for dust control. The cost would be around \$1250.00 for each area and it was agreed to pay from the General Fund.

Carried 6/0

The logs around the parking lots at Lions Park need to be replaced. We would need to purchase 8- 12"x12"x16' replacements for \$1600.00 from the buildings and grounds fund. A motion was made by Clerk Hicks to approve and was supported by Trustee West.

Carried 6/0

OLD BUSINESS:

Tom Tikkanen discussed the Houghton County 2020-2025 Hazard Mitigation Plan and using ARPA Funds to get jump started.

Motion by Trustee West and supported by Trustee Yeo to approve the plan with Resolution 23-06:

Voice Vote:

Ayes: Yeo, Hicks, Lehto, Helppi, West, Gasperich,

Nays: 0

Copy is attached.

It was agreed upon to sell property on M-203 to Robbie Rogers in the amount of \$8500.00.

There are repairs that need to be done at the #6 Centennial Mine to the windows and floor. The money for these repairs was agreed to be taken from the buildings and grounds fund.

A motion was made by Trustee Helppi and supported by Trustee Yeo to sign the agreement with UPEA for the Swedetown expansion project. Trustee West abstained.

Carried 5/0

The bids were received for the Swedetown Standpipe painting project. The bid was awarded to L.C. United Painting for \$308,000.00.

Motion by Trustee West and supported by Trustee Yeo to pass Resolution 23-05 which is the Swedetown Standpipe Payment Resolution:

Voice Vote:

Ayes: Yeo, Hicks, Lehto, Helppi, West, Gasperich,

Nays: 0

Resolution 23-05 passed.

Copy is attached.

Correspondence: None at this time.

Fire Department report:

A motion was made by Trustee Lehto and supported by Trustee Yeo to replace the heater in the Fire Hall as the old one had flames coming out of it. The cost will be approximately \$4000 and done by Ron Hyrkas Contracting.

Carried 6/0

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

Carried 6/0.

Motion by Trustee West and supported by Clerk Hicks to adjourn at 2:03 pm.

Carried 6/0.

Timothy Gasperich, Supervisor

Robin Hicks, Clerk