

...October 27, 2023...

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 October 27, 2023.

Supervisor Gasperich called the public hearing to order at 1:00 p.m.

Guests: Betty MacInnes, Jim and Joy Ziemnick, Richard Freeman, Mark Carlton, Reece White, Larry Zurawski and Craig Hughes from Swedetown Trails Club, Chris Holmes from UPEA and Leah Polzien from Main Street Calumet.

The purpose of the public hearing was to hear comments on the final draft of the 2024-2028 recreation plan.

There were questions and comments from the public lasting about twenty minutes. The most common topic was about pickleball courts. There were guests attending that play in the current courts and they were hoping that we would consider building a new court in our area. They said that it is a common activity that tourists also ask about. We agreed that it would be looked into and we would contact them for insight when needed.

Leah Polzien suggested more basketball courts needed in the area and also spoke about an upcoming architect's tour from 06/12-06/15/2024 for approximately 150 people. She will be needing access to certain sites for them to visit and also volunteers to help at each site.

The hearing adjourned at 1:17.

The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 1:18.

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

Absent: None

Motion by Trustee Yeo and supported by Trustee Gasperich to approve the September 22, 2023 minutes.

Carried 7 0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Trustee West and supported by Clerk Hicks to pass Resolution 23-14, Insurance Opt Out:

Voice Vote:

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

Nays: 0

Resolution 23-14 passed.

Copy is attached.

Motion by Treasurer Hyrkas and supported by Clerk Hicks to pass Resolution 23-15, Adopt the 2024-2028 Recreation Plan with possible small changes:

Voice Vote:

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

Nays: 0

Resolution 23-15 passed.

Copy is attached.

Motion by Trustee West and supported by Trustee Lehto to raise our Public Works employee wages by \$2 an hour and to have a 3% raise for all other employees for the Township.

Carried 7 0

Motion by Trustee Helppi and supported by Treasurer Hyrkas to approve applying for a grant from Copper Shores for the Free Fridge Winter Stock located at The Office Shop in Calumet.

Carried 7 0.

A discussion was held regarding a land sale to Bill Darnell for property on E Street. Due to conditions that were set at the time of the purchase of the land we are not able to sell it. We will discuss possibly finding him another piece of property he could purchase instead.

Motion by Trustee Lehto and supported by Trustee Yeo to pass Resolution 23-16, Payment Request for the Swedetown Standpipe Project from Dixon Engineering and UPEA:

Voice Vote:

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: West

Resolution 23-16 passed.

Copy is attached.

OLD BUSINESS:

A discussion was held regarding the sale of the Railroad Depot. We will need to advertise the sale according to our attorney. Anybody interested will have to submit plans for the building.

There was a discussion regarding the sale of land to Calumet Electronics Corporation. It was decided that we need to look into the purchase of the property to see if there were any stipulations upon purchase that we need to consider first.

Motion by Trustee Yeo and supported by Trustee West to approve the purchase of new turn-out gear for the fire department for a cost of \$9340.00.

Carried 7 0.

It was mentioned that the old gear should be donated to another department in the area.

We reviewed the Calumet Lake Winter Guidelines and agreed that it looks good.

Motion by Trustee Helppi and supported by Trustee West to approve paying half of the cost to replace the roof along with Loukus Technologies at the Centennial #6 Building. Funds are to come out of the Building and Maintenance Fund.

Carried 7 0.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Fire Department report: They responded to a total of 73 emergency calls year to date. The fire department along with 4 other fire departments in a regional AFG grant received notice that they were awarded the grant that will be used to help replace their 20-year-old turn-out gear.

The department has received all of the equipment that was able to be purchased with the grant received from the Portage Health Foundation.

A first-time corn-hole tournament in conjunction with a spaghetti dinner was held. The event was a huge success and they are looking to make this an annual event.

The department also put on a fire prevention presentation for all of the CLK kindergarten classes on October 4th.

Motion by Trustee Yeo and Treasurer Hyrkas to pay the bills.

Carried 7 0

Motion by Clerk Hicks and supported by Trustee West to adjourn at 1:50 pm.

Carried 7 0.

Timothy Gasperich, Supervisor

Robin Hicks, Clerk