

. . .January 26, 2024.. .

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Charter Township of Calumet was held at the Township office on January 26, 2024.

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

Absent: Trustees Paul Lehto & Jeffrey West

Guests: Chris Holmes from UPEA, Larry Zurawski and Craig Hughes: Swedetown Trails Club, James Newman for Dam Jam, Gary Lassila, Ryan Helppi and Brad Barnett

Supervisor Gasperich opened the regular monthly meeting at 1pm.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES:

No comments

Motion by Trustee Yeo and supported by Trustee Helppi to approve the December 28, 2023 regular minutes with the discussed corrections. Carried 5/0.

NEW BUSINESS.

James Newman discussed Dam Jam for 2024. They are looking to hold on 06/28 & 06/29/2024 this year. Everyone agreed those dates were good.

Motion by Trustee Yeo and supported by Treasurer Hyrkas to pass resolution 24-01: Joint Resolution with Calumet Village for grants to build a better Calumet

Voice Vote:

Ayes: Yeo, Hicks, Helppi, Hyrkas, Gasperich

Nays: 0

Resolution 24-01 passed.

Copy is attached.

Motion by Trustee Yeo and supported by Treasurer Hyrkas to pass resolution 24-02 Resolution to Approve the 4th draw for the Swedetown Standpipe Project

Voice Vote:

Ayes: Yeo, Hicks, Helppi, Hyrkas, Gasperich

Nays: 0

Resolution 24-02 passed.

Copy is attached.

A discussion was held regarding gifts received from the James A Ruppe Foundation for pickle ball courts and also gifts received from Dan Kargela to possibly go towards the Colosseum. We will make final decisions later as to how the money will be spent.

Motion by Trustee Yeo and supported by Treasurer Hyrkas to defer the 3% late fee on property taxes to 02/29/2024.

Carried 5/0

Letters of Resignation for the Calumet Township and the North Houghton County Water & Sewage Authority Boards were received from Paul Lehto both dated January 25, 2024.

Motion by Trustee Helppi and supported by Clerk Hicks to appoint Gary Lassila to the open seat on the Calumet Township Board.

Carried 5/0

Motion by Treasurer Hyrkas and supported by Trustee Helppi to appoint Timothy Gasperich to the open seat on the North Houghton County Water & Sewer Authority Board.

Carried 5/0

Motion by Clerk Hicks and supported by Treasurer Hyrkas to appoint Timothy Gasperich to the Township Election Commission Board.

Carried 5/0

A few discussions were held regarding hiring a new auditing firm as Paul Sturos has retired and we will also need to look for someone else to print our assessment notices and tax bills as the County will no longer be providing that service. We will discuss these issues more at a later time to make final decisions.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business to discuss at this time.

Correspondence: None.

Fire Department report: None.

Motion by Trustee Helppi and supported by Trustee Yeo to pay the bills as presented.
Carried 5/0.

Motion by Treasurer Hyrkas and supported by Trustee Yeo to adjourn at 1:13.
Carried 5/0.

Timothy Gasperich, Supervisor

Robin Hicks, Clerk