

. . .March 22, 2024 .

The regular monthly meeting and the public hearings of the Board of Trustees for the Charter Township of Calumet were held at the Township office on March 22, 2024.

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

Absent: none

Guests: Larry Zurawski: Swedetown Trails Club, Jeff Ratcliffe:KEDA, John Sullivan:Laurium Village, Nancy Barr, David Anderson, Brian Koski, Laura Anderson, Marc Madigan, Brent Halonen, Adam Taivalkoski, Justin Hyrkas, Jed Hyrkas, Becky Therrian, Chad Therrian and Ron Hyrkas

The meetings opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Trustee Helppi and supported by Trustee Yeo to call the Public Hearing to order at 1:00. The purpose of these hearings was to review the Swedetown Chalet and Trail Expansion. Carried 7/0

Larry Zurawski and Supervisor Gasperich discussed the phases of the expansion with Phase 1 to start this summer. They are working on a grant right now and will be working towards another grant for Phase 2 which is tentatively to begin in 2025.

Clerk Hicks motioned to close the public hearing at 1:05, Trustee Lassila supported. Carried 7/0.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES:

Public Comment: John Sullivan discussed taxes, what they are used for and wanted to discuss sharing the ordinance officer with Laurium Village. Brent Halonen discussed short term rentals with Proposal: STR owners must either reside on the property or invest resources in improving the property. Supervisor Gasperich stated that further discussions, public input and decisions will not be made until the Township starts to work on the Master Plan. We will let the public know when the meetings are with posts on our website and ads in the newspaper. Nancy Barr discussed being new to town, she bought a fixer upper on Wolverine Street and was wondering if the road was to be fixed soon. That street is on the list to be repaired. She also discussed being an EMT and wondering if there was a need for any locally.

Motion by Trustee Yeo and supported by Treasurer Hyrkas to approve the February 23, 2024 regular minutes as presented. Carried 7/0.

NEW BUSINESS.

Motion by Trustee West and supported by Trustee Yeo to pass Resolution 24-07 to approve the Swedetown Chalet Expansion Application for the DNR Grant

Voice Vote:

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

Nays: 0

Resolution 24-07 passed.

Copy is attached.

Motion by Trustee Yeo and supported by Trustee Lassila to approve paying for Assessing Classes for Nikolas Djerf in the amount of \$1000.

Carried 7/0

Jeff Ratcliffe from KEDA had a presentation regarding Blight Elimination in Calumet Township and is requesting financial support in the amount of \$75,000. He discussed previous projects and upcoming projects they are wanting to get done. The board agreed to discuss and give a decision by next month's meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

None at this time.

Correspondence: A letter was received regarding an article in the paper about Calumet Electronics Corporation requesting a tax waiver. The letter asked the Township not to grant the waiver.

Fire Department report: None

Motion by Trustee Helppi and supported by Trustee Yeo to pay the bills as presented. Carried 7/0.

Motion by Trustee West and supported by Clerk Hicks to adjourn at 1:32. Carried 7/0.

Timothy Gasperich, Supervisor

Robin Hicks, Clerk