

. . .May 31, 2024 .

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Charter Township of Calumet was held at the Township office on May 31, 2024.

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

Guests: Larry Zurawski and Craig Hughes: Swedetown Trails Club, Ben Taber, Jim & Joy Ziemnick, Joe and Deb Sossi, Elise Matz

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Trustee Yeo and supported by Treasurer to approve the April 26, 2024 regular minutes as presented. Carried 7/0.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES:

Public Comment: Joe and Deb Sossi discussed the ongoing noise issues with Waterworks Park. There was a band at the park playing for the last event at the park, but nothing was done and the police did not show up. There were discussions held as to how we will try our best to keep this from happening including telling people who want to reserve pavilion number one that they cannot have any music. We are also going to put up larger signs at each pavilion with the ordinance rules. Joy and Jim Ziemnick then shared their thoughts on the upcoming new pickle ball courts. They do not think it would be secure enough at Lion's Park, we discussed measures to make it secure. We then heard from Craig Hughes regarding the summer projects for the Swedetown Trails Club including vegetation control, new signage and dog waste stations.

NEW BUSINESS.

Motion by Trustee West and supported by Trustee Lassila to approve our yearly \$3000 donation to UPSET. Carried 7/0.

Motion by Trustee Yeo and supported by Clerk Hicks to approve moving forward with electrical improvements at the public works garage to be funded from the Building & Maintenance Fund in the amount of \$1908.00. Carried 7/0

The cost to do road repair at Lions Park and a new parking lot for Waterworks Park is \$12,400.00. A motion was made by Trustee Lassila and supported by Trustee Helppi to move forward with the projects. Carried 7/0.

Motion by Trustee West and supported by Clerk Hicks to approve applying for a T-Mobile grant for Swedetown Chalet improvements. Carried 7/0

Motion by Trustee West and supported by Trustee Yeo to purchase a new dump trailer in the amount of \$10,000.00. This will come out of the Equipment Fund. Carried 7/0.

There was a discussion held regarding the sale of the Centennial #6 Building. It was decided to further discuss this with the Master Plan later on this year after more research.

MTA's UP North Summit will be in Escanaba, July 23-24, 2024 for those who would wish to attend.

OLD BUSINESS:

We have ongoing discussions regarding hiring a new Ordinance Officer. Supervisor Gasperich has been talking with Sheriff Saarinen and the Calumet Village Manager, Megan, hoping to come up with a plan soon. Discussions and planning will continue with this.

CORRESPONDENCE:

We received a 2023-2024 Winter Trails Report for Calumet Lake from Marc Norton. It included grooming hours and costs, groomer improvements, trail reports, etc. The Board thanked Mr. Norton for all of his hard work at the lake.

A letter to the Board of Trustees was received regarding forming a new police department within the township.

Fire Department report: For the month of May they responded to 9 emergency calls which brings the year to date total to 45. They will bring their Saber pumper to get fixed once Laurium gets theirs back to avoid being down two apparatus'. The floor drain at the fire hall is still broke and in need of repairs. They department also assisted CLK schools with their arial by changing some field lights at the Agassiz football field.

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

Motion by Trustee Lassila and supported by Trustee Yeo to adjourn at 1:56. Carried 7/0.

Timothy Gasperich, Supervisor

Robin Hicks, Clerk