

...December 28, 2023...

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 December 28, 2023.

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

Absent: Trustee Paul Lehto

Guests: Tom Tikkanen: Houghton County Commissioner, Chris Holmes, Larry Zurawski: Swedetown Trails Club and Jeff Ratcliffe from KEDA

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Gasperich called the first Public Hearing to order at 1:00. The purpose of this hearing was to review the 2023/2024 Budgets

Public Comment: None

Trustee West motioned to close the public hearing at 1:05, Trustee Yeo supported.  
Carried 6/0.

Supervisor Gasperich opened the next Public Hearing. The purpose of this hearing was to close out of the Calumet Electronics Community Development Block Grant.

Public Comment: None

Trustee Helppi motioned to close the public hearing at 1:09, Treasurer Hyrkas supported.  
Carried 6/0.

Supervisor Gasperich opened the next Public Hearing. The purpose of this hearing was to discuss Ordinance 46, amending Ordinance 44.

Public Comment: None

Trustee Helppi motioned to close the public hearing at 1:11, Treasurer Hyrkas supported.  
Carried 6/0.

Supervisor Gasperich closed the public hearings at 1:11 and opened the regular monthly meeting.

#### PUBLIC APPEARANCES:

Larry from the Swedetown Trails Club talked about other projects getting done with the trails without the snow.

Motion by Trustee Yeo and supported by Treasurer Hyrkas to approve the November 17, 2023 regular minutes as presented.

Carried 6/0.

#### NEW BUSINESS.

The 2023 Budget adjustments and 2024 Budgets were reviewed.

Motion by Trustee West and supported by Clerk Hicks to pass resolution 23-17 Resolution to Approve the 2024 Budget and to accept the 2023 Budget adjustments.

Voice Vote:

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

Nays: 0

Resolution 23-17 passed.

Copy is attached.

Motion by Trustee Yeo and supported by Clerk Hicks to pass Resolution 23-18 to approve a 3<sup>rd</sup> draw for payments for the Calumet Township Water Standpipe Painting and Upgrades Project:

Voice Vote:

Ayes: Gasperich, Yeo, Hicks, Helppi, Hyrkas

Nays: 0

Abstain: West

Resolution 23-18 passed.

Copy is attached.

Motion by Treasurer Hyrkas and supported by Trustee West to adopt Ordinance 46, amending Ordinance 44 to allow retail sales in Manufacturing-Industrial Districts

Voice Vote:

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

Nays: 0

Ordinance 46 has been adopted.

Copy is attached.

Motion by Trustee Yeo and supported by Trustee Helppi to appoint new members to the Planning Commission: Jerry Simpkins and Cody West.

Carried 5/0

Trustee West abstained

Motion by Trustee Helppi and supported by Clerk Hicks to set the meeting dates for the Charter Township Board of Trustees for 2024 as follows:

January 26, February 23, March 22, April 26, May 31, June 28, July 26, August 30, September 27, October 25, November 22 and December 27.

All meeting dates are the last Friday of the month at 1:00 p.m. unless listed otherwise. Carried 6/0.

The following motions were made by Trustee West and supported by Treasurer Hyrkas:

1. To approve Charles Miller, Patrick Greeley and Miller Canfield as the Township Attorneys.
2. To approve Sturos CPA as the Township Auditor.
3. To approve Range Bank, Superior National Bank and the Incredible Bank as the depositors for the Township.

Carried 6/0.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Motion by Trustee West and supported by Trustee Helppi to approve the sale of The Depot to Jim Flood. There was also a verbal endorsement from the Keweenaw National Historic Park service. The price and deed restrictions will be discussed at a later meeting. Carried 6/0.

A discussion was held regarding the new bridge on Woodbush Road. It was agreed to move forward with the project.

Correspondence: None.

Fire Department report: None.

Motion by Treasurer Hyrkas and supported by Trustee Helppi to pay the bills as presented. Carried 6/0.

Motion by Trustee Yeo and supported by Trustee Helppi to adjourn at 1:26. Carried 6/0.