

. . .June 28, 2024 .

The regular monthly meeting and the public hearing of the Board of Trustees for the Charter Township of Calumet were held at the Township office on June 28, 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: Craig Hughes: Swedetown Trails Club, Tom Tikkanen: Houghton County Commissioner

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 2024 Truth in Taxation.

Carried 7/0

There was no discussion from the public.

Treasurer Hyrkas motioned to close the public hearing and open the regular monthly meeting at 1:03, Trustee West supported.

Carried 7/0.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES:

Public Comment: Craig Hughes provided updates with the Swedetown Trails Club. There is continuous work on the ADA trails and the summer employees have been putting up new signage. Also mentioned the goats did a good job again this year with clearing the invasive Buckthorn. Tom Tikkanen discussed current happenings within the county to include the building on Sharon Avenue in Houghton and discussing our blight situation with the Health Department.

Motion by Trustee Yeo and supported by Trustee Lassila to approve the May 31, 2024 regular minutes as presented. Carried 7/0.

NEW BUSINESS.

Motion by Trustee West and supported by Clerk Hicks to pass Resolution 24-08 to approve the Truth in Taxation.

Voice Vote:

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

Nays: 0

Resolution 24-08 passed.

Copy is attached.

Motion by Clerk Hicks and supported by Trustee Lassila to approve purchasing a new lawn mower for the Township.

Carried 7/0

It was also agreed upon with the discussion to sell our loader. We will put it up for bids starting at \$5K minimum.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was a discussion regarding obtaining an ordinance officer. Supervisor Gasperich has been in contact with Sheriff Saarinen regarding the Township sharing a newly hired officer for here and possibly also sharing with Osceola Township. We are also still discussing sharing one with the Villages. More discussions to come.

We also discussed the new signage at Calumet Waterworks Park, hopefully the noise complaints will subside.

Correspondence: A letter was received from Albion Township residents regarding blight and illegal activity in their neighborhood. The Board discussed ways to help them once we have an officer in place.

Fire Department report: For the month of July they responded to (4) 911 calls bringing the year to date total to 49. The Department provided traffic control for the parish of Sacred Heart to march to St Paul's church. They were a part of the Copper Country Volunteer Firefighters Tournament in Hubbell. The teams placed in the races and took second in the float competition. Eight of the Firefighters will also be attending the UP Firefighters tournament at the end of July. We agreed to provide a stipend per member to attend.

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 1:30. Carried 7/0.

Timothy Gasperich, Supervisor

Robin Hicks, Clerk