

. . .January 31, 2025 .

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 January 31, 2025.

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

Guests: Joseph Trevathan: Calumet Township Fire Dept, Sam Stonelake: KEDA, Tom Tikkanen: Houghton County Commissioner

The meetings opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting started with a motion from Trustee Yeo and supported by Trustee West to appoint new board member Thomas Helppi.

Carried 6/0.

Motion by Trustee Lassila and supported by Trustee Yeo to call the Public Hearing to order at 1:00. The purpose of this hearing was regarding a proposed Industrials Facility Exemption for the REL expansion.

Carried 6/0

Sam Stonelake from Keweenaw Economic Development Authority presented the request for the Industrial Facilities Exemption for REL. The Exemption would be for twelve years.

Trustee West motioned to close the public hearing at 1:06, Treasurer Hyrkas supported.

Carried 6/0.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES:

Joseph Trevathan from the Township Fire Dept presented the board with a plan for renovating the kitchen at the Fire Hall with a cost of approximately \$2600. They are asking the township for \$1900 of that amount. The firemen would donate their time and labor for the project.

Motion by Trustee West and supported by Trustee Yeo to approve the kitchen improvements presented to the Fire Hall and to fund \$1900 of the cost out of the Buildings and Maintenance Fund.

Carried 6/0.

Motion by Trustee Lassila and supported by Treasurer Hyrkas to approve the December 12,2024 minutes from the public hearing and approve the regular minutes from December 27, 2024 as presented.

Carried 6/0.

NEW BUSINESS.

Motion by Trustee Yeo and supported by Trustee Helppi to pass Resolution 25-01 to approve the IFT exemption for the REL expansion.

Voice Vote:

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

Nays: 0

Absent: Clerk Hicks

Resolution 25-01 passed.

Copy is attached.

The Township received the invoice from KEDA for the annual dues in the amount of \$1000.00. Trustee West motioned and Trustee Lassila supported to pay.

Carried 6/0.

Motion by Trustee Helppi and supported by Trustee West to defer the 3% tax penalty for late payments from February 15 – February 28, 2025.

Carried 6/0.

A discussion was held about doing a First Impressions Tourism Assessment project through MSU. We received a copy that was done for Copper Harbor. The cost for us would be \$1250.00 and it could come out of the DDA Fund. Motion to approve by Treasurer Hyrkas and supported by Trustee Yeo to move forward with the project.

Carried 6/0.

A motion was made by Trustee Yeo and supported by Trustee Lassila to approve repairs to the furnace at the Colosseum and to purchase a new heater at the Fire Hall.

Carried 6/0.

The Planning Commission recommended that the Board approve the draft Master Plan for distribution. Motion by Trustee Helppi and supported by Treasurer Hyrkas to approve.

Carried 6/0.

The current Zoning Ordinance for Calumet was adopted on June 30, 2000. We received a proposal from North of 45 for a Zoning Ordinance update with a fee of \$25,000.00. Motion by Trustee Lassila and supported by Trustee West to move forward.

Carried 6/0.

OLD BUSINESS: None

Correspondence: None

Fire Department report: For the year 2024 the fire department ended with 96 incidents. As of January 29, 2025 the fire dept has responded to 15 incidents. Election of officers was held at their January monthly meeting and the officers for the 3-year terms are: Fire Chief: Patrick Boberg, 1st Asst: Michael Phillips, 2nd Asst: Joe Trevathan, Captain: Jason Lund and Lieutenant Jeff Frantti. Supervisor Gasperich had new LED Lighting installed above the garage doors due to not having lights outside.

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

Motion by Trustee West and supported by Trustee Helppi to adjourn at 1:40. Carried 6/0.

Timothy Gasperich, Supervisor

Robin Hicks, Clerk