

. . .April 25, 2025 .

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Charter Township of Calumet was held at the Township office on April 25, 2025.

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

Guests: Joseph Trevathan & Pat Boberg: Calumet Township Fire Dept, Michael & Tyler Harri: Northern Glow Technologies, Larry Zurawski: Swedetown Trails Club, Chris Holmes: UPEA, Sarah Green, Pat Coleman, Jason Lindbeck, Roger Heikkila

The meetings opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Trustee Lassila and supported by Trustee Helppi to approve the regular minutes from March 28, 2025 as presented. Carried 5/0.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES:

Sarah Green spoke briefly about the current political news. Larry mentioned that the Swedetown Club is still grooming, about invasives and the goats returning. Chris Holmes talked about money that is left over from the Standpipe painting project and suggested using it to treat it for rusting before closing the project out with RD. Michael & Tyler Harri discussed the plan for the upgrades to the sound system at the Colosseum.

NEW BUSINESS.

Motion by Trustee Helppi and supported by Treasurer Hyrkas to pass Resolution 25-02 to approve our 2025 Master Plan.

Voice Vote:

Ayes: Gasperich, Hicks, Helppi, Hyrkas and Lassila

Nays: 0

Absent: Trustees West and Yeo

Resolution 25-02 passed.

Copy is attached.

Motion by Trustee Lassila and supported by Trustee Helppi to send our annual payment of \$2500.00 from the Colosseum Fund to Laurium Village to support the Bicentennial.

Carried 5/0.

Motion by Trustee Helppi and supported by Clerk Hicks to purchase an old police vehicle from the Village of Laurium in the amount of \$5000.00.

Carried 5/0.

A motion was made by Treasurer Hyrkas and supported by Trustee Lassila to approve upgrading the sound system in the Colosseum, to be done by Northern Glow Technologies. Carried 5/0.

Motion by Trustee Helppi and supported by Treasurer Hyrkas to renew our computer contract with REMC 1 for the 2025/26 year. Carried 5/0.

There was a discussion held regarding a contract with Laurium Village to be able to use their police officers within the Township. Supervisor Gasperich will work further with the Village Manager on a contract and represent it for approval at a later date.

OLD BUSINESS:

Supervisor Gasperich updated the Board on getting power in at Lion's Park. Uppco stated they will look at the project and give us an estimate once the snow is gone.

There was a further discussion regarding the close out of the Swedetown Standpipe Project. There is still over \$50K left in the construction account. It was suggested we use it to treat the standpipe to prevent rusting.

Correspondence: We received a thank you card from Faith Morrison for letting them use the office for a presentation to promote approving new millage to help build the new jail for Houghton County.

Fire Department report: The fire dept has responded to one 911 call for the month of April, bringing the year’s total to 35 calls. The kitchen renovations were done by the members and we were provided photos. They had their annual pancake breakfast on April 19th and served 450 people. The department would like to apply for a grant through Copper Shores For \$5,000.00 and would have to match the \$5000.00 to purchase equipment. Motion was made by Clerk Hicks and was supported by Treasurer Hyrkas to approve this match. Carried 5/0.

Motion by Trustee Helppi and supported by Clerk Hicks to pay the bills as presented. Carried 5/0.

Motion by Trustee Lassila and supported by Treasurer Hyrkas to adjourn at 1:25pm. Carried 5/0.

Timothy Gasperich, Supervisor

Robin Hicks, Clerk