

...May 30, 2025

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Charter Township of Calumet was held at the Township office on May 30, 2025.

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

Guests: Joseph Trevathan, Dylan Boberg & Patrick Boberg: Calumet Township Fire Department, Larry Zurawski: Swedetown Trails Club, Dan Zubiena: Post Master, Erik Kiilunen & Kurt Johnson: GatorBar, David Kroenke, Rick Koski

The meetings opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES:

A concern was voiced by David Kroenke regarding chickens running loose in his neighborhood and that there are now roosters there also. He cited the Right to Farm Act and that we need our ordinance officer to start enforcing the State standards. Larry from the Swedetown Trails Club stated the Club is bouncing back nicely and they will be investing in summer trail work, and will be looking for help with the buckthorn also. Rick Koski was concerned about the Calumet Lake water and was wondering if we were going to get the water tested at some point.

Representatives from the Gator Bar Company spoke about purchasing the Red Jacket Shaft Hoist House for expansion of their company. They would restore the outside to original and remodel the inside for laboratory and office spaces.

Motion by Trustee Yeo and supported by Trustee Lassila to approve the April 25, 2025 minutes.
Carried 7/0.

NEW BUSINESS.

A short discussion was held regarding the sale of the Red Jacket Shaft Hoist House to the Gator Bar Company. It was decided that we will have further discussions with more details before making our decision on selling.

The Calumet Township Planning Commission recommends allowing a Special Use Permit to John and Tahnee Hyrkas to build a duplex home in an R3 zoned area. Motion was made by Clerk Hicks to allow the permit and was supported by Treasurer Hyrkas. Trustee Helppi abstained from the vote due to conflict of interest.

Carried 6/0.

Supervisor Gasperich drafted a thank you letter to John Mueller and the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge for their donation of nine disc golf baskets to the Township, it is greatly appreciated.

Calumet Village would like the Township to donate \$1200.00 towards flyers to send out to Township residents to announce local summer events. Total cost is \$2400.00 and they would be sent to 3790 addresses. A motion was made by Trustee West to approve the donation, it was supported by Trustee Yeo.
Carried 7/0.

A motion was made by Trustee Lassila and supported by Trustee West to approve the BS&A conversion from .net to the cloud. The conversion will cost \$7800.00 with the service being approximately \$8655 a year.

Carried 7/0.

Supervisor Gasperich provided a copy of the agreement from UPEA for ongoing projects.

The CLK Rotary made a donation of \$5200 to the Township for new park benches. Royale Inc could make us 6 of them for \$900 each. It was agreed to engrave them with "CLK Rotary" and use them around the disc golf areas and one for the Township office.

OLD BUSINESS:

Supervisor Gasperich provided proposals from UPPCO and Keweenaw Power & Lite regarding getting power to Lion's Park. The cost will be around \$22,000.00 for Uppco's work and approximately \$12,000.00 for Keweenaw Power & Lite's work. A motion was made by Clerk Hicks to approve the proposals and it was supported by Trustee Lassila.
Carried 7/0.

A motion was made by Trustee Yeo and supported by Trustee West to approve the additional cost of \$2,000.00 for Northern Glow Technologies to update the internet at the Colosseum while they are working on the new sound system.
Carried 7/0.

Correspondence: None

Fire Department report: The Fire Dept responded to 13 emergency calls in the month of May with one of the calls being a fatal structure fire. This brings the total to 48 calls so far this year. They submitted the first responder grant to Copper Shores and are waiting to hear if they will receive it. The Department did pump training for the month at the two dry hydrants. The hydrant on M203 is working fine, but the one on Traprock Valley Road was broken or plugged. Supervisor Gasperich was notified and is having it looked at. On July 16th they will be meeting with ISO for a rating review. Their last review was in 2016. The Fire Chief, Pat Boberg, addressed the Township Board requesting we come up with an ordinance for rental housing safety inspections. The Board will look into moving forward with getting an ordinance in place.

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 1:40. Carried 7/0.

Timothy Gasperich, Supervisor

Robin Hicks, Clerk

