

...December 19, 2025 ...

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Charter Township of Calumet was held at the Township office on December 19, 2025 at 1pm.

Attending were Supervisor Timothy Gasperich, Clerk Robin Hicks, Treasurer Lana Hyrkas, Trustees, David Yeo, Jeffrey West, Thomas Helppi and Gary Lassila Absent: none

Guests: Dan Zubiena: Postmaster, Adam Loukus: Loukus Technologies, Larry Zurawski: Swedetown Trails Club, Jeff Radcliffe from KEDA, Chris Holmes: UPEA, Brendon Presnell: WUPPDR and resident Rick Koski

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Trustee Yeo and supported by Treasurer Hyrkas to approve the November 21, 2025 regular meeting minutes.
Carried 7/0.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES: Resident, Rick Koski, discussed concerns about Calumet Lake. He stated that people are burning regular home garbage in the fire pits and he is concerned about the water also. He would like signs posted regarding going into the water.

Laurium Village Manager, Ian Lewis, talked about the fire departments merging and some of what that would entail, including decisions on how the millage will work.

NEW BUSINESS.

Brendon Presnell from WUPPDR had a presentation regarding local recycling in hopes to keep the landfill capacity down so we can keep the site longer. He said they would apply for a grant through EGLE, but would like the local municipalities to provide letters of support. The Board agreed that we would support moving forward with a local recycling project.

Adam Loukus spoke regarding purchasing the Centennial #6 building that he currently rents for his business, Loukus Technologies. He stated he is open to drafting an agreement to accommodate whatever may come up in the future regarding the building and site.

A motion was made by Trustee West and supported by Clerk Hicks approving the Conservation Activity Lease Agreement with USDA and Swedetown Trails Club which is good for 5 years.
Carried 7/0.

Trustee Yeo motioned and Trustee Lassila supported approving the following entities for the Township: Financial Institutions: Range Bank, Superior National Bank and Incredible Bank as depositors for the Township.

Charles Miller, Patrick Greeley and Miller Canfield as the Township Attorneys.

Anderson Tackman as the Township's Auditor.

Carried 7/0.

A motion was made by Trustee West and supported by Trustee Lassila to approve a 3% raise to all employees with the exception of elected officials. This is to include the Township Firemen.
Carried 7/0.

Trustee Lassila made a motion and Trustee West supported adding Jeff Kalcich as a new member to the North Houghton County Water and Sewage Authority Board.
Carried 7/0.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Board received a draft copy of the Calumet-Laurium Fire Authority articles of incorporation for review.

Motion by Treasurer Hyrkas and supported by Trustee Yeo to pass Resolution 25-10 to close out the Swedetown Standpipe Project.

Voice Vote:

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstained: West

Resolution 25-10 passed.

Copy is attached.

Correspondence: We received a request from Copper Dog to use the trails located in Calumet Township. The Board agreed to allow use of the trails.

Fire Department report: None

Motion by Trustee Helppi and supported by Treasurer Hyrkas to pay the bills as presented. Carried 7/0.

Motion by Trustee Yeo and supported by Trustee West to adjourn at 2:13. Carried 7/0.

Timothy Gasperich, Supervisor

Robin Hicks, Clerk