. . .May 29,2026 …

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Charter Township of Calumet was held at the Township office on May 29, 2026 at 1pm.

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

Guests: Ian Lewis: Laurium Village Manager, Larry Zurawski: Swedetown Trails Club, Dylan Boberg:Township Fire Dept, Pat Coleman: North of 45 LLC, Residents: Nathan Jones, Sarah Green,David Geisler, Charity Emkin and Joash Pfeiffelman from HKCD

The meetings opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Trustee West and supported by Trustee Helppi to approve the April 24, 2026 minutes.
Carried 6/0.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES:

Sarah Green spoke about the current political news, Charity Emkin from Centennial Heights came in to thank us for keeping up with the playground there and also wanted to reserve Calumet Lake for a fund raiser. Nathan Jones expressed concerns regarding the ordinance for short term rentals. Forester, Joash Pfieffelman thanked us for the use of the Drill Shop for the tree sale, it was a success. Laurium Village Manager, Ian Lewis, and Fireman, Dylan Boberg, spoke briefly about the consolidation of the fire departments.

NEW BUSINESS.

Motion by Trustee West and supported by Trustee Helppi to pass Resolution 26-06 for authorization to apply for Rural Heritage Partnership Grant Program to go towards the roof for the Keweenaw Heritage Center in the amount of $100K.
Voice Vote:
Ayes: Gasperich, Hyrkas, Hicks, Helppi, Lassila & West
Nays: 0
Absent: Yeo
Resolution 26-06 passed.
Copy is attached.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Township Planning Commission approved the final draft of the Zoning Ordinance and recommended that the Township Board approve the final draft dated 04/03/2026. Trustee Lassila motioned that we approve the final draft of the Calumet Township Zoning Ordinance, Treasurer Hyrkas supported.
Carried 6/0.

The Board was provided with copies of the Articles of Incorporation of the Calumet-Laurium Fire Authority. Trustee Helppi made a motion to pass it as a draft with the possibility of revising. Trustee Lassila supported. Carried 6/0.

Supervisor Gasperich informed the Board that we have been approved for the State Fire Insurance Withholding Program.

Clerk Hicks made a motion to approve moving forward with the plans for a new press box at the Colosseum. Treasurer Hyrkas supported.
Carried 6/0.

Correspondence: None

Fire Department report: Fireman, Dylan Boberg, stated there were 54 calls so far this year. They have applied for a few grants, one is for extraction tools. The Copper Country Firefighter's Tournament will be held at The Gipp this summer. He also informed us that Roger Heikkila has retired from the department.

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

Motion by Trustee West and supported by Treasurer Hyrkas to adjourn at 1:48. Carried 6/0.

Timothy Gasperich, Supervisor

Robin Hicks, Clerk