

. . .July 31,2026 . . .

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Charter Township of Calumet was held at the Township office on July 31, 2026 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, Larry Zurawski: Swedetown Trails Club, Patrick Boberg: Calumet Township Fire Dept Chief along with Firemen: Joseph Trevathan, Michael Phillips, Dylan Boberg, Travis Bonin and Sean Jacques. Houghton County Commissioner: Tom Tikkanen and resident: Esther Waters

The meetings opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Trustee Yeo and supported by Trustee Lassila to approve the June 26, 2026 minutes.
Carried 7/0.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES:

Resident, Esther Waters, spoke about a concern of stray dogs in her neighborhood around D Street. We told her we will send our ordinance officer over there and talk to the Sheriff about the issue.

Dan Zubiena spoke about the proposed fire authority. He would like the Board to keep an open mind and keep moving forward with the idea.

Tom Tikkanen spoke briefly regarding the proposed millage for the jail on the November 2026 ballot.

NEW BUSINESS.

Motion by Trustee West and supported by Trustee Yeo to pass Resolution 26-09 regarding the Bond for the Swedetown Chalet

Voice Vote:

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Resolution 26-09 passed.

Copy is attached.

A motion was made by Trustee West and supported by Trustee Helppi to move forward in replacing the furnaces in the garage. We received an estimate from Ronald Hyrkas Contracting for \$7200.00.

Carried 7/0.

The Board received a letter from Kim King and Connie Beaudoin regarding a life jacket borrowing station being put up at Calumet Waterworks in memory of their sons whom they lost last year in a drowning accident. There would be no cost to the Township and there will be 18-21 jackets in all sizes. The Board agreed to allow the station.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was a long open discussion regarding the Fire Department consolidation. We briefly went over the costs of an authority and how we should move forward in the best interest of the taxpayers. It was agreed to look further into everything and circle back around before a final decision is made.

Supervisor Gasperich said the Media Room at the Colosseum is moving along and so is the progress of the pickle ball court on Sixth Street Extension and we are hoping to have both done soon.

The rental of the old State Police Post is also moving forward. The tenant will be using it as a daycare place called Gabby’s Guppies.

Correspondence: None

Fire Department report: There have been 72 calls so far this year. The aerial truck and rescue truck are in need of repairs. They are applying for a grant for new air packs. We were fined for having outdated air packs.

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 Lassila to adjourn at 1:48. Carried 7/0.

Timothy Gasperich, Supervisor

Robin Hicks, Clerk