

...January 25, 2019...

The regular monthly meeting and public hearing of the Board of Trustees for the Charter Township of Calumet was held at the Township office on January 25, 2019.

Attending were: Supervisor Paul Lehto, Treasurer Fay Johnson, Clerk Beth Salmela, Trustees, David Yeo, Robert Zander and Timothy Gasperich.

Absent: Trustee Jeffrey West

Guests: William Olsen; UPEA, Craig Hughes; Swedetown Ski Club and Tom Tikkanen; Houghton County Commissioner.

Motion by Trustee Zander and supported by Trustee Yeo to open the public hearing at 1:00.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

William Olsen spoke about the Charter Township of Calumet 5 year Recreation Plan 2019-2023.

He stated that he had a lot of great input from various groups in the community mainly, The Swedetown Ski Club the Curling Club and the Calumet Township Board.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Craig Hughes representing the Swedetown Ski Club thanked William Olson and The Calumet Township Board for the hard work that went into the recreation plan. Craig stated that he is very happy with the plan.

There were no other comments.

The hearing closed on a Motion by Treasurer Johnson and supported by Clerk Salmela at 1:05. Carried 6 0.

Supervisor Lehto called the regular monthly meeting to order at 1:05

Motion by Trustee Yeo and supported by Treasurer Johnson to approve the December 28, 2018 minutes.

Carried 6 0.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Copper Dog will once again use trails owned by Calumet Township for their 2019 race. They carry their own liability insurance.

Todd Lewellen representing Tillman Infrastructure sent a letter to the Board increasing the purchase offer of the Police Tower lease to \$162,500.

Motion by Trustee Gasperich and supported by Trustee Yeo to reject the offer to sell the Police Tower lease to Tillman Infrastructure.

Carried 6 0.

Motion by Clerk Salmela and supported by Treasurer Johnson to approve a \$2500 contribution to the Bi-Centennial Arena from the Colosseum Fund.

Carried 6 0.

Motion by Treasurer Johnson and supported by Trustee Zander to contribute \$3000 to UPSET Drug enforcement from the DDA Fund.

Carried 6 0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Clerk Salmela and supported by Trustee Gasperich to pass a resolution to adopt the Calumet Township Five Year Recreation Plan.

Voice vote:

Yeas: 6

Nays: 0

Absent: 1

Motion Carried

The resolution is attached.

Motion by Clerk Salmela and supported by Treasurer Johnson to accept the 2019 Federal poverty guidelines as presented for the March BOR.
Carried 6 0.

Supervisor Lehto spoke about getting flood insurance in Calumet Township. FEMA will enforce the guidelines. No motion was made at this time.

Motion by trustee Zander and supported by Trustee Yeo to pass a resolution to Prohibit Medical Marihuana Facilities in Calumet Township.

Voice Vote:

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Absent 1

Motion Carried

The resolution is attached.

Motion by Treasurer Johnson and supported by Trustee Zander to approve writing an ordinance to prohibit recreational marijuana establishments in Calumet Township. Wording approval will be at the February 22, 2019 regular monthly Board meeting.

Carried 6 0.

Motion by Trustee Gasperich and supported by Treasurer Johnson to approve transferring \$5000 each from following funds into the Equipment Fund for 2019:

General, Colosseum, Building and Maintenance, Fire, Roads, and the DDA.

Carried 6 0.

Fire Department report:

None.

Motion by Treasurer Johnson and supported by Trustee Zander to pay the bills as presented.

Carried 6 0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

The superintendent of Calumet Schools sent a letter asking again about the Township providing a Crossing Guard on School Street in Calumet Township.

The original motion stands. The Township will not provide a crossing guard on The School Street/US-41 intersection.

GUEST APPEARANCES:

Craig Hughes President of the Swedetown Ski Club thanked the Board for our partnership. He also stated that the snow bike trails are really being utilized.

Tom Tikkanen; Houghton County Commissioner stated that the County Solid Waste Committee is working on cardboard recycling.

Motion by Trustee Yeo and supported by Trustee Zander to adjourn at 1:48.

Carried 6 0.

Paul Lehto, Supervisor

Beth Salmela, Clerk