

...December 29, 2016...

The regular monthly meeting and the public hearing of the Board of Trustees for the Charter Township of Calumet was held at the Township office on December 29, 2016.

Supervisor Lehto called the public hearing to order at 1:00 p.m. The purpose of this meeting was to review the 2017 Appropriation Act for the General Fund, Fire/Water Fund, Colosseum Fund, Fire Tax Fund, Road Tax Fund, Bldg. and Maint. Fund, DDA Operating Fund and the Keweenaw Heritage Fund.

Attending were Supervisor Paul Lehto, Treasurer Debra Aubin, Clerk Beth Salmela, Trustees, David Yeo, Jeffrey West, Robert Zander and Timothy Gasperich.

Absent: None

Guests: Joseph Snow and Tom Tikkanen; Township residents.

The 2017 budgets were presented by Clerk Salmela.

There were no comments from the public.

The public hearing closed and the regular monthly meeting was called to order at 1:05.

Motion by Trustee Yeo and supported by Trustee Zander to approve the November 23, 2016 minutes.

Carried 7 0.

Motion by Treasurer Aubin and supported by Trustee Zander to approve the 2017 budgets as presented.

Carried 7 0.

Amendments for the 2016 Appropriation Act for the General Fund and all other funds were reviewed.

Motion by Trustee Zander and supported by Trustee West to approve the amendments as presented.

Carried 7 0.

CORRESPONDANCE:

Supervisor Lehto received a letter from The Upper Peninsula Substance Enforcement Team (U.P.S.E.T.) asking for support. The Board will look into ways that we can help to support them in the upcoming months.

INFORMATION:

The AT&T contract to build a new tower at the old Police Post has been signed and sent.

Motion by Trustee Gasperich and supported by Trustee West to continue to put the rent from AT&T into the General Fund.

Carried 7 0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Trustee West and supported by Trustee Yeo to purchase new hardware and software for the assessing dept. for approx. \$7000.

Carried 7 0

Motion by Trustee Zander and supported by Trustee Gasperich to pay the school \$2000 for plowing our parking lot for the 2016/2017 school year.

Carried 7 0.

Motion by Treasurer Aubin and supported by Clerk Salmela to purchase carpeting for the Township Office for approx. \$7000.

Carried 7 0.

Motion by Trustee Zander and supported by Trustee Gasperich to waive the 3% penalty on tax bills paid between February 15 – February 28, 2016.

Carried 7 0.

Motion by Trustee West and supported by Trustee Yeo to appoint Nick Daavettila as the Township Attorney.

Carried 7 0.

Motion by Clerk Salmela and supported by Treasurer Aubin to appoint Paul Sturos, CPA, as the Township Auditor.
Carried 7 0.

Motion by Trustee Zander and supported by Treasurer Aubin to approve Range Bank, Superior National Bank, Huntington Bank and River Valley Bank as the depositors for the Township.
Carried 7 0.

Motion by Trustee Gasperich and supported by Trustee Zander to appoint Keith Koppernolle, John Larson and Lawrence Chopp to the Board of Review with Kenneth Toth has an alternate.
Carried 7 0.

Motion by Treasurer Aubin and supported by Trustee Yeo to set the meeting dates for the Charter Township Board of Trustees for 2017 as follows:
January 27, February 24, March 31, April 28, May 26, June 30, July 28, August 25, September 29, October 27, Thursday, November 30 and December 29.
All meeting dates are the last Friday of the month at 1:00 p.m. unless listed otherwise.
Carried 7 0.

Motion by Trustee West and supported by Trustee Yeo to move the following monies into the Equipment fund in 2016:
General Fund \$5000, DDA Fund \$3000, Fire Fund \$3000, Colosseum Fund \$5000 and the Road Fund \$3000.
Carried 7 0

Motion by Trustee Gasperich and supported by Trustee Yeo to pay off the balance of the John Deere Tractor in January.
Carried 7 0

Fire Department report: None.

Motion by Trustee Zander and supported by Trustee West to pay the bills as presented.
Carried 7 0.

Motion by Trustee Zander and supported by Trustee West to adjourn at 1:35.
Carried 7 0.

Paul Lehto, Supervisor

Beth Salmela, Clerk