

. . .October 31, 2024 .

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Charter Township of Calumet was held at the Township office on October 31, 2024.

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

Guests: Joseph Snow from Knights of Columbus

The meetings opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES:

Public Comment: Joseph Snow presented the Township with a check from the Knights of Columbus to use towards an ADA picnic table for the Calumet Lake Lions Park

Motion by Trustee Yeo and supported by Trustee Lassila to approve the September 27, 2024 regular minutes as presented. Carried 7/0.

NEW BUSINESS.

Motion by Trustee West and supported by Trustee Helppi to approve the Service Agreement with the Houghton County Road Commission to provide certain road and highway construction and/or maintenance services.

Voice Vote:

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

Nays: 0

Service Agreement was passed.

Copy is attached.

The board agreed to move the monthly meeting date for November from November 22, 2024 to November 27, 2024.

A discussion was held regarding the Public Act 233 of 2023 regarding wind and solar power. The Township does currently have an ordinance that we will go over at a later date to discuss if changes are needed.

A motion was made by Trustee Helppi and supported by Treasurer Hyrkas to approve installing 2 new windows at the office. A quote was received from Keweenaw Glass & Door and the funds will come out of the Buildings and Maintenance Fund.

Carried 7/0.

OLD BUSINESS: None at this time

Correspondence: None

Fire Department report: The fire department responded to five 911 calls for the month of October to total 76 so far for 2024. The department assisted the VFW with their aerial to change light bulbs on their tower. They did a fire prevention for the Calumet kindergarten classes on October 25<sup>th</sup>. On the 19<sup>th</sup> of October they held a successful spaghetti dinner fund raiser serving over 265 individuals. The department would like to make a request to the board to allow them to put in for an Assistance to Firefighters Grant to replace their old airpicks they received in 2004 and new vehicle extrication tools that they have had since 2007. The cost for the grant writer would be \$1500.00 and that includes a hardship waiver that would eliminate the 5% match that the AFG requires. The board would like to meet with someone from the department before this is approved.

Motion by Trustee Helppi and supported by Trustee Yeo to pay the bills as presented.

Carried 7/0.

Motion by Trustee West and supported by Trustee Helppi to go into closed session regarding employee compensation.

Carried 7/0

Motion by Trustee Lassila and supported by Clerk Hicks to end the closed session at 1:43pm.  
Carried 7/0

Motion by Trustee West and supported by Trustee Helppi to accept the employee compensations recommended in the closed session  
Carried 7/0

Motion by Trustee West and supported by Treasurer Hyrkas to adjourn at 1:45.  
Carried 7/0

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Timothy Gasperich, Supervisor

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Robin Hicks, Clerk