

. . .July 24, 2025 . . .

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Charter Township of Calumet was held at the Township office on July 24, 2025.

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

Guests: Township firemen: Pat Boberg (chief) and Mickey Phillips, Postmaster; Dan Zubiena, Laurium Village Manager: Ian Lewis, Laurium Village Trustees: Krista Carlson and John Sullivan, Swedetown Trails Club member: Larry Zurawski, Moyle, Inc: Ben Larson, Township residents: Bob Turner, Sarah Green and Paul Cossette

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Trustee Yeo and supported by Treasurer Hyrkas to approve the June 27, 2025 minutes.  
Carried 6/0.

#### PUBLIC APPEARANCES:

Township citizen, Bob Turner, spoke about concerns with chickens and roosters in a neighborhood where he owns rentals. One of his tenants moved out because of them and was hoping we could start putting together a new ordinance for them. We have sent the Ordinance Officer there and will continue trying to get it under control.

Sarah Green spoke about current concerns with Congress and ICE. She was also concerned about any new ordinances regarding farm animals as she has donkeys.

Larry Zurawski from Swedetown Trails Club said the goats have come and gone, the Deer Chase is coming up soon and spoke about grants from The Christopher Reeves Foundation for the ADA Trail and another from Great Lakes Sports for the Great Bear Chase.

#### NEW BUSINESS.

Supervisor Gasperich started a discussion of the possible formation of a Consolidated Fire Authority to combine the Villages with the Township. Trustee Lassila made a motion to keep moving forward and Clerk Hicks supported.

Carried 6/0.

The board spoke about building a new Township welcome sign. We decided to move forward, but will have to discuss with the Keweenaw Historical Park about the design wants.

There was a discussion regarding a rock donation to the Keweenaw Snowmobile Club for the parking lot. It was agreed by The Board to move forward with this also.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

The Township has applied for a Grant from the Michigan Tax Commission to pay for the BS&A Assessor improvements and to pay for the Clerk's conversion to the BS&A platform.

Correspondence: None

Fire Department report: The department responded to 6 emergency calls in the month of July which brings the yearly total to 56. They received the grant from Copper Shores and their equipment is ordered. On July 14<sup>th</sup> they had their review with ISO. The review went well and they will get the results in 3-4 months. The department participated in the Copper Country Volunteer Firefighters Tournament in Laurium. They put in and got the 2026 Copper Country Tournament and they set the date for June 27, 2026.

The department provided traffic control for the Keweenaw Car Show parade. The Township's three chiefs met with the chief and assistant chief of Calumet Village. It was discussed and agreed upon by both to have automatic mutual aid for all structure fires, brush fires and rope rescue. They will give it a trial basis and if it works well, they will be looking to do the same with Laurium.

On Monday, July 22, 2025 the department lost a long-time member, Ed Sever who passed away at the age of 67.

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

Motion by Trustee Lassila and supported by Treasurer Hyrkas to adjourn at 1:28. Carried 6/0.

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Timothy Gasperich, Supervisor

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Robin Hicks, Clerk

