

...August 29, 2025 ...

The regular monthly meeting and the public hearing of the Board of Trustees for the Charter Township of Calumet were held at the Township office on August 29, 2025.

Attending were Supervisor Timothy Gasperich, Clerk Robin Hicks, Treasurer Lana Hyrkas, Trustees, David Yeo, Jeffrey West, Thomas Helppi and Gary Lassila Absent: none

Guests: Sam Stonelake: KEDA, Dan Zubiena: Postmaster, Tyler Harri: Northern Glow Technologies, Township residents: Susan Cristanelli, Reece White, Paul Cossette, Alexandra Ziemba and Sarah Green

The meetings opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Gasperich called the Public Hearing to order at 1:00. The purpose of this hearing was regarding Royale Inc.'s application for Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption. Sam Stonelake from KEDA spoke about transferring the exemption from Royale Inc. to the new owners of the business for the next 10 years. There were no public comments. Trustee West motioned to close the public hearing at 1:05, Trustee Yeo supported.

Carried 7/0.

Motion by Trustee Yeo and supported by Trustee Lassila to approve the July 11, 2025 minutes and the July 24, 2025 minutes

Carried 7/0.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES:

Sarah Green spoke about the military being present in Washington D.C. as ordered by President Trump and other issues she doesn't feel are legal and she would like us to reach out to our State Government with the concerns she presented. Township resident, Susan Cristanelli, spoke about wanting the Township to create an ordinance regarding loud fireworks now that the larger ones are legal. Paul Cossette asked if we were getting any further with the chicken problem on Eleventh Street, he was told the Ordinance Officer has been visiting frequently, but there has not been much progress as of yet on the owner's part. Alex Ziemba asked if we are any further in creating an ordinance regarding farm animals as she does own chickens, but they are contained within her property. There was also a brief discussion regarding the Township getting a dog park in the area.

NEW BUSINESS.

Motion by Trustee Helppi and supported by Trustee West to pass Resolution 25-05 approving the application of Royale Inc. under new ownership for continuation of an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for their new facility that was previously approved.

Voice Vote:

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Resolution 25-05 passed.

Copy is attached.

Tyler Harri of Northern Glow Technologies handed out a proposal for an official website for the Calumet Colosseum with the points of: honoring the legacy, having centralized information, promoting off-season rentals and enabling donations to be given online. It would be a labor cost of \$780 and then \$23 monthly. We can also secure CalumetColosseum.com as the official site and integrate direct links to all organizations that use the facility. A motion was made by Trustee Lassila and supported by Trustee Helppi to approve the website.

Carried 7/0.

The donation from the Calumet Lions Club was received and was used towards the installation of power at Lion’s Park. We will look into getting a plaque or sign for the park acknowledging them for the support.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Township received a proposal from Bronze LLC to acquire the Red Jacket Shaft Hoist building along with the .93 acres of land for \$45,000.00. Renovation work would commence immediately after the sale. Motion was made by Treasurer Hyrkas and supported by Trustee Yeo to approve the sale. A voice vote was held.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

The sale was approved.

Correspondence: None

Fire Department report: None

Motion by Trustee Helppi and supported by Treasurer Hyrkas to pay the bills as presented. Carried 7/0.

Motion by Trustee Lassila and supported by Clerk Hicks to adjourn at 1:34. Carried 7/0.

Timothy Gasperich, Supervisor

Robin Hicks, Clerk