

**REGULAR MEETING
VILLAGE OF CALUMET
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
CALUMET VILLAGE TOWN HALL
340 SIXTH ST.
CALUMET, MICHIGAN
TUESDAY, April 4th, 2023 AT 1:00PM**

Present: Chair Leah Polzien; Board members; JW Miller, Tom Dumble, Pete Hahn Rick Campioni, Lorri Oikarinen

Absent: Village President Robert Tarvis. Board members; Andrew Ranville

Vacancies: One Member

Also Present from Village: Village Manager Megan Haselden, HDC Coordinator Val Pulido

Public: Nikki L'Esperance

I. Call to Order

Chair Leah Polzien called the meeting to order at 1:00pm, and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Acceptance of Agenda

Motion made by Board Member Campioni to accept the motion as written, seconded by Board Member Hahn.

Motion Passed 6/0.

III. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Board Member Miller and seconded by Board Member Hahn to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Tuesday, March 14th, 2023.

Motion Passed 6/0

IV. Agenda

1. Petitions from the Public

HDC Coordinator Val Pulido introduced himself to the Board and expressed his interest in additional coordinated efforts with the DDA.

2. New Board Member Recommendation

Nikki L'Esperance introduced herself to the board and reiterated her interest in joining the DDA Board. She provided a letter of interest on March 14, 2023, which was distributed via email to the DDA Board and Village Council. A motion was made by Board Member Oikarinen and supported by Board Member Campioni.

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Motion Passed 6/0

3. Assignment of Secretary & Treasurer Duties

A motion is made by Board Member Campioni and seconded by Board Member Miller to assign the duties of the DDA Secretary and Treasurer to the Village Staff.

Motion Passed 6/0

4. Logo & Branding Grant Opportunity

Board Member Ranville, Chair Polzien and Manager Haselden are pursuing a grant application through NEA that would fund creation of a new logo and a public input session.

5. Community Garden

The Board discussed the Community Garden and how it functions. The Board requested the Community Garden Committee request access to funds that accumulate from gardener bed fees.

6. DDA Property Updates

Chair Polzien reports she will follow up with Copper Island Printing to double check cost of property for sale signs for DDA properties.

7. Developer Meeting

Main Street Calumet will host a “Meet the Developers” meeting on April 20th, 6pm at Keweenaw Heritage Center. The community as well as all Village branches will be invited. A group of local developers will be invited to present about their projects and provide feedback to the municipality about challenges faced and how local government can make development in Calumet easier/more efficient.

Motion made by Board Member Campioni and seconded by Board Member Dumble to re-imburse advertising expenses for this co-branded Main Street Calumet/Village of Calumet DDA event, up to \$250.

Roll Call Vote:

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Ayes: Board Members Polzien, Miller, Campioni, Hahn, Oikarinen, Dumble

Nays: None

Absent: Board Members Tarvis, Ranville

Abstain: None

8. Updates from Village Council or Other

Manager Haselden provide the Board with updates on the financials for the DDA, reporting that TIF funds have been received from Calumet Township and Houghton County and that the TIF has been calculated for 2022 tax year/2023FY.

9. Bills

Motion made by Board Member Hahn and seconded by Board Member Campioni to approve the pre-paid bills for March and bills to be paid for April.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Board Members Miller, Dumble, Hahn, Polzien, Oikarinen, Campioni

Nays: None

Absent: Board Members, Tarvis, Ranville

Abstain: None

Motion Passes 6/0

10. Adjourn

Motion made to Board Member Campioni to adjourn, seconded by Board Member Hahn.

Motion passes 6/0.

Meeting adjourned at 1:56pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Leah Polzien
Chair, Village of Calumet DDA

Lorri Oikarinen
Secretary, Village of Calumet DDA