

CALUMET SPECIAL VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING  
CALUMET VILLAGE TOWN HALL  
340 SIXTH STREET  
CALUMET, MICHIGAN 49913  
June 4, 2019 - 5:30 PM

**Present:** President David Geisler

Trustees: Joshua Rowe, Roxanne King, Nathan Anderson, Brian Abramson,  
Andrew Ranville

Also present from the village: Village Clerk Kevin Weir, Mainstreet Calumet Executive  
Director/DDA Leah Polzien, Village Attorney Jim Tercha

Attending by phone from the village: Incoming Village Administrator Caleb Katz

Public present: 1 member of the public present

**Absent:** Trustee Doug Harrer, Village Treasurer Stephani Camp

**I. 5:30 PM President David Geisler called the meeting to order and the pledge was recited**

**II. Acceptance of Agenda**

Motion made by Trustee Anderson and seconded by Trustee Ranville to accept the agenda with the  
addition of *Old & New Business* prior to *Petitions from the Public*.

President David Geisler conducted a voice vote:

Yeas: All Nays: None

Motion Carried 6/0

**III. Agenda**

**1. Old & New Business**

Motion made by Trustee Anderson to have the street department begin spring cleanup pickups.

Motion withdrawn by Trustee Anderson as the council agreed a motion was not necessary and President  
Geisler would speak with the street department about beginning spring cleanup pickups.

**2. Petitions from the Public**

Main Street Calumet Executive Director Leah Polzien addressed the council in regard to  
requested street closures and village property usage for 4th of July activities and events.

Motion made by Trustee King and seconded by Trustee Abramson to approve the following request:

**Main Street Calumet 4<sup>th</sup> of July Children's Celebration  
Requests for Calumet Village Council**

**Preparation for Street Closures**

1. Request that Village of Calumet Streets Department place barriers along 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Streets at Scott, Portland, Oak and Elm Street (next to buildings) as well as next to driveways to Agassiz Park parking lot as indicated by attached map on Wednesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> or anytime prior to the event on July 4. Volunteers will be used to put barricades in place.

**Street Closures**

2. Request that 5<sup>th</sup> Street be closed on Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup> from 1:45pm-2:30pm, or from just before to just after the parade.
3. Request that 4<sup>th</sup> Street be closed on Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup> from 1:45-2:30pm, or from just before to just after the parade.
4. Request that the parking lot in front of Agassiz Park be closed from 9am-7pm, Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Use of Village Property**

5. Request use of the Agassiz Park Pavilion all day on Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup> for the event including electrical access, water use and bathrooms.
6. Request use of Village dumpster to dispose of garbage generated during the event.

President David Geisler conducted a voice vote:

Yeas: All Nays: None

Motion Carried 6/0

**3. Minutes**

Motion made by Trustee Anderson and seconded by Trustee Rowe to accept the May 16, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes.

President David Geisler conducted a voice vote:

Yeas: 6 Nays: 0

Motion Carried 6/0

Motion made by Trustee Anderson and seconded by Trustee King to accept the May 21, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes.

President David Geisler conducted a voice vote:

Yeas: All Nays: None

Motion Carried 6/0

Motion amended by Trustee Rowe and seconded by Trustee Anderson to accept the May 28, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes to reflect that Trustee Ranville did not vote for the motion nominating Trustee Harrer for President Pro Tempore due to an inability to hear the motion over the phone. The vote should be 6/0 as opposed to 7/0 and should include a notation.

President David Geisler conducted a voice vote:

Yeas: All Nays: None

Motion Carried 6/0

#### **4. Fire Truck Authorization**

Motion made by Trustee Anderson and seconded by Trustee Rowe to purchase a fire truck from Tim Gasperich for \$19,184.00; the bill of sale to be prepared by Jim Tercha, and title to be turned over to the Village of Calumet and registered with the state, and insurance provided by Hannula Agency.

President David Geisler polled the council:

Yes: King, Rowe, Anderson, Geisler

No: Ranville, Abramson

Motion Carried 4/2

A discussion was had regarding any potential terms of repayment from the firefighters to the village for the unauthorized purchase of the fire truck.

Motion made by Trustee Anderson and seconded by Trustee King that the village fire department no longer keep their own checking account, and the checking account be kept by the Village of Calumet and that they be subjected to an audit each and every year as part of the village audit.

President David Geisler polled the council:

Yes: Anderson, Geisler

No: King, Ranville, Rowe, Abramson,

Motion Defeated 4/2

A discussion was had regarding the village not having access to the firefighters fundraising checking account.

#### **5. Sanitation Ordinance and Mileage Adjustment**

Village Attorney Jim Tercha presented a proposed amendment to the Sanitation Ordinance and Mileage Adjustment.

Motion made by Trustee Anderson to reduce the proposed mileage from 2.45 mills to 1.3 mills.

No Second

Motion Failed

A discussion was had regarding garbage pickup.

Motion made by Trustee King and seconded by Trustee Abramson to end discussion.

President David Geisler conducted a voice vote:

Yeas: All Nays: None

Motion Carried 6/0

Motion made by Trustee King to amend the Sanitation Ordinance (Ordinance 106) to levy a mileage in the amount of 2.6 mills for the coming fiscal year.

No Second

Motion Failed

Motion made by Trustee Anderson and seconded by Trustee Rowe to amend the Sanitation Ordinance (Ordinance 106) to levy a mileage in the amount of 1.7 mills for the coming fiscal year.

President David Geisler polled the council:

Yes: Ranville, Rowe, Anderson, Geisler

No: King, Abramson

Motion Carried 4/2

**Village of Calumet**

**County of Houghton, State of Michigan**

**ORDINANCE NO. 106**

**Amended**

An Ordinance concerning a tax levy for the purpose of collection and disposing of garbage.

THE VILLAGE OF CALUMET, HOUGHTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN ORDAINS:

Pursuant to Public Act No. 298 of 1917, as amended, MCL 123.261, Ordinance No. 106 of the ordinances of the Village of Calumet is amended and restated as follows:

A tax of One and Seven-tenths (1.7) Mills (One and Seventy Hundredths (1.70) Dollars on each One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars of taxable value on property located within the Village of Calumet) is levied for the purpose of paying, in part, costs incurred by the Village for the collection and disposal of garbage beginning with the summer tax of July, 2019.

This Ordinance shall become effective after its publication, as required by law.

Passed and adopted by the Village Council of the Village of Calumet, County of Houghton, and State of Michigan on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2019.

VILLAGE OF CALUMET

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By: David Geisler,  
Its President

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 21<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2019.

Attest:

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KEVIN P. WEIR,  
Village Clerk

Yeas: Nathan Anderson, Joshua Rowe, Andrew Ranville and David Geisler

Nays: Roxanne King and Brian Abramson

Absent/Abstain: Douglas Harrer

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of Ordinance No. 106, as amended and restated, duly adopted by the Village Council of the Village of Calumet, County of Houghton, and State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held on June 4, 2019, and that this meeting was conducted and a public notice of this meeting was given, pursuant to and in full

compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan 1976, and that the minutes of this meeting were kept and will be or have been made available, as required by said Act.

I further certify that the following members were present at said meeting: Brian Abramson, Nathan Anderson, Roxanne King, Andrew Ranville, Joshua Rowe, and David Geisler (Village President); and that the following member was absent: Douglas Harrer.

I further certify that the Ordinance has been recorded in the Ordinance Book of the Village, and that such recording has been authenticated by the signatures of the Village President and the Village Clerk.

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KEVIN P. WEIR,  
Village Clerk

#### **6. Resolution Submitting Bond Proposal - Format Adjustment**

Village Attorney Jim Tercha updated the council on a ballot language formatting change.

#### **7. Houghton County Jail Task Force Alternative Appointments**

Motion made by Trustee Ranville and seconded by Trustee Rowe to appoint Nathan Anderson as the Houghton County Jail Task Force Alternative Appointment.

President David Geisler conducted a voice vote:

Yeas: All Nays: None

Motion Carried 6/0

#### **8. Tax Foreclosures**

Motion made by Trustee Anderson and seconded by Trustee Ranville to table the decisions regarding the village being offered two properties due to tax foreclosure until the next regular meeting.

President David Geisler conducted a voice vote:

Yeas: All Nays: None

Motion Carried 6/0

#### **9. DDA**

Chairperson Leah Polzien updated the council on existing projects including: the Calumet Greenspace Steering Committee, Downtown Development Plan, TIF Plan, the CDBG Facade Grant, and building stabilization and demolition grant(s).

Motion made by Trustee Anderson and seconded by Trustee Abramson to approve the purchase of a power broom attachment and bracket for the trackless, upon the Superintendent of Public Works recommendation, with the village expending up to \$1400.00 and the DDA expending \$500 towards the purchase.

President David Geisler polled the council:

Yes: King, Ranville, Rowe, Abramson, Anderson, Geisler

No: None

Motion Carried 6/0

**10. HDC**

President Geisler provided a brief update regarding the old family dollar building.

**11. Planning Commission - Did Not Meet****12. Committee Reports**

## A. Administration

Village Clerk Kevin Weir presented the clerk report (see addendum 1).

President David Geisler updated the council on a disputed snow removal bill. This issue will be sent back to the Streets Committee for a recommendation.

## B. Finance

## C. Ordinance - Did Not Meet

## D. Personnel - Did Not Meet

**13. Adjournment**

Motion made by Trustee Anderson and seconded by Trustee King to adjourn at 7:18 PM.

President David Geisler conducted a voice vote:

Yeas: All Nays: None

Motion Carried 6/0

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin P. Weir  
Calumet Village Clerk  
June 10, 2019

## Addendum 1

### **Clerk Report – June 4, 2019**

#### **Minutes**

April 16, 2019 – Produced Regular Village Council Meeting Minutes (Approved)

April 30, 2019 – Produced Special Village Council Meeting Minutes (Approved)

May 7, 2019 – Produced DDA Meeting Minutes

May 16, 2019 – Produced Special Village Council Meeting Minutes

May 21, 2019 – Produced Regular Village Council Meeting Minutes

May 28, 2019 – Produced Special Village Council Meeting Minutes

#### **Notices, Agenda, & Board Packets**

April 24, 2019 through present – Posted weekly meeting notices, and village council meeting minutes at the Village Hall, on the Village Website and via email.

April 24, 2019 through present – Created and/or Compiled, and disseminated village council meeting agendas and board packets.

#### **FOIA**

May 21, 2019 - Renewed FOIA subscription request from John Slayton.

#### **Council Vacancies**

Conducted and recorded the vote for (2) two new trustees.

#### **Oaths**

Administered the Oath of Office to (2) two new trustees.

#### **Other Duties**

Assisted in the creation of the Spring Cleanup Flyer. Posted to website.

Updated and disseminated Council Contact list.

Forwarded new trustee materials (Open Meetings Act, General Village Law Handbook, Village Rules and Procedures, and FOIA Law) to new trustees.

Assisted the accounts clerk with street sweeping outreach. Posted notice to the website, and sent out PSA's.

Working with other village officials to create a Medical Marihuana Facility Application.