

CALUMET SPECIAL VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING  
 CALUMET VILLAGE TOWN HALL  
 340 SIXTH STREET  
 CALUMET, MICHIGAN 49913  
 August 8, 2019 - 7:00 PM

**Present:** President David Geisler

Trustees: Brian Abramson, Nathan Anderson, Doug Harrer, Andrew Ranville, Joshua Rowe

Also present from the village: Village Administrator Caleb Katz, Village Clerk Kevin Weir, Village Attorney Jim Tercha

Public present: 1 member of the public present

**Absent:** Trustee Roxanne King, Treasurer Stephani Camp

**I. 7:00 PM President David Geisler called the meeting to order and the pledge was recited**

**II. Acceptance of Agenda**

Motion made by Trustee Harrer and seconded by Trustee Anderson to accept the agenda contingent on agenda items 6 through 8 being information only.

President Geisler conducted a voice vote:

Yes: All Nays: None

Motion Carried 6/0

A brief discussion was had regarding the appropriateness of adding additional items to a special meeting agenda.

**III. Agenda**

**1. Petitions from the Public**

Peggy Germain addressed the council regarding new open office hours, as well as her FOIA request.

**2. Marc's DPW Contract**

A discussion was held regarding the proposed contract being in conflict with the administrator's contract in regard to reporting, the rate of pay, alleged incidents of property damage and misconduct, as well as length of contract, banking hours, and vacation time.

Motion made by Trustee Anderson to change the [DPW Superintendent] contract language from where it says, "under the direction of the council," to read, "under the direction of the council and the Village Manager," and eliminate the \$2 per hour raise, and can give it to him after the review upon recommendation.

No Second  
Motion Failed

Trustee Harrer requested his personal apology be relayed to Marc Klein for not getting his contract done sooner.

Motion made by Trustee Anderson and seconded by Trustee Ranville to table the contract until the Personnel and Street Committees can meet to discuss, and handle [the contract] at the next meeting. President Geisler conducted a voice vote:  
Yeas: All Nays: None  
Motion Carried 6/0

### **3. Street closing for Luigi's (see attachment)**

Administrator Katz presented a request for street closure by Luigi's for the evening of Friday the 22nd, all day the 23rd, and the morning of the 24th.

Motion made by Trustee Anderson and seconded by Trustee Rowe to approve Luigi's [street closure] request on the condition that they leave an opening for vehicle access to the alley and there are no fireworks. President Geisler conducted a voice vote:  
Yeas: All Nays: None  
Motion Carried 6/0

### **4. Discussion on top Street Assistant Candidates**

Administrator Katz updated the council on the Street Assistant selection process to date.

A discussion was held regarding the previously identified interview process as well how many, and how to proceed with the top candidates. The council agreed (no motion) that the Personnel Committee would identify three candidates and that they are present at the next council meeting.

### **5. Legal Counsel for Marihuana Ordinance/Ballot Language**

Trustee Anderson presented the proposed ballot language for the proposed Adult-Use Marihuana Facilities Ordinance No. 153, with suggested changes including:

- Strike text: "a \$5,000 facility application fee and," as it is redundant.
- Add text: "application," between "facility," and "fee," in the same sentence.
- Strike opening text: "The Ordinance", and replace with, "Ordinance No 153."

A discussion was held regarding legal review of proposed Adult-Use Marihuana Facilities Ordinance No. 153, the proposed ballot language, the reasons why it is being placed on the ballot, the potential financial benefit to the village, as well as the appropriateness of placing an ordinance directly on the ballot.

Motion made by Trustee Anderson and seconded by Trustee Rowe that we, the Council Members of the Village of Calumet, resolve that Ordinance No. 153 is hereby adopted and will take effect after approval by the voters on the November 2019 special election [ballot], and the ballot language will read:

*“Ordinance No. 153, if approved, would authorize and regulate the operation of marijuana establishments [Micro Businesses, Marihuana Retailers, Temporary Marihuana Event Organizers, Safety Compliance Facilities, Secure Transporters, Processors, Designated Consumption Establishments and Excess Marihuana Growers] at 8 locations within the general commercial, downtown commercial, and industrial districts as defined by the Village of Calumet Zoning Ordinance, subject to compliance with the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act Initiated Law 1 of 2018, and set an annual nonrefundable adult-use marihuana facility application fee in the amount of \$5,000.00 for each license at each authorized location.*

*Shall the Village of Calumet adopt ordinance 153? Vote Yes or No”*

President Geisler conducted a voice vote:

Yeas: 3 Nays: 3 (Yeas: Ranville, Rowe, Anderson Nays: Harrer, Abramson, Geisler)

Motion Defeated 3/3

Motion made by Trustee Anderson and seconded by Trustee Ranville that the ordinance [No. 153] be sent to the Planning Commission.

President Geisler conducted a voice vote:

Yeas: All Nays: None

Motion Carried 6/0

Motion made by Trustee Anderson and seconded by Trustee Rowe to accept the resignation of Village Attorney Jim Tercha.

A discussion was held regarding whether the Village Attorney did actually resign.

Trustee Anderson withdrew the motion on the table.

Motion made by Trustee Abramson and second by Trustee Anderson to end discussion.

President Geisler conducted a voice vote:

Yeas: All Nays: None

Motion Carried 6/0

## **6. Antenna Request**

Administrator Katz presented information about a request to post an antenna for a fee on the roof of the Theatre/Village Hall.

A discussion was held regarding sending the antenna request to the Historic District Commission and the Streets Committee for review.

## **7. Police car**

Administrator Katz presented information regarding an offer made on the police car and inventory.

A discussion was held regarding what inventory the offer was made for, what the vehicle and inventory is worth, as well as moving the discussion to the Public Safety Committee.

#### **8. Trustee Email Use Pre-Meeting/Leaving Meetings Early**

Trustee Harrer facilitated a brief discussion about electronic communication expectations, responsibilities, and boundaries, as well as respecting everyone's time commitment.

#### **9. Adjournment**

Motion made by Trustee Anderson and seconded by Trustee Harrer to adjourn at 8:26 PM

President David Geisler conducted a voice vote:

Yeas: All Nays: None

Motion Carried 6/0

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin P. Weir  
Calumet Village Clerk  
August 14, 2019

