

CALUMET VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
CALUMET VILLAGE TOWN HALL
340 SIXTH STREET
CALUMET, MICHIGAN 49913
August 18, 2020 – 5:30 PM

Present: President David Geisler

Trustees: Roxanne King, Lori Weir, Andrew Ranville, Brian Abramson

Also present from the village: Village Manager Caleb Katz, and Colleen Kobe Planning Chair.

Public Present: Numerous members of the public, and Chris Holmes from UPEA.

Absent: Village Treasurer Stephani Camp, Trustee Doug Harrer, Marc Klein DPW Superintendent

Vacant: One Council Seat, and Village Clerk

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

II. Acceptance of Agenda

John Slayton did not appear for the meeting.

Motion made by Trustee Ranville and seconded by Trustee King to accept agenda as amended, with date change and format change.

President David Geisler polled the council:

Yes: Dave Geisler, Roxanne King, Lori Weir, Andrew Ranville, Brian Abramson

No: None

Motion Carried 5/0

III. Agenda

a. Petitions from the Public

A. John Slayton—Cedar Lane/Alley Issues

Mr. Slayton did not appear.

Chris Holmes addressed the council about the final draw for the Elm St., project. President Geisler overviewed the amounts, and asked for council approval. Chris Holmes wanted to do the change order first, which adjusts quantities, which allows for the final draw being paid. Chris Holmes went through the change order and explained the changes.

Motion made by Trustee King and seconded by Trustee Abramson to accept the change order.

President David Geisler polled the council:

Yes: Dave Geisler, Roxanne King, Lori Weir, Andrew Ranville, Brian Abramson

No: None

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Motion made by Trustee King and seconded by Trustee Ranville to approve the final draw for \$87,412.68.

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Yes: Dave Geisler, Roxanne King, Lori Weir, Andrew Ranville, Brian Abramson

No: None

Motion Carried 5/0

Manager Katz took public comments, and began by reading comments he had received.

- The first email was in favor of a 1000ft buffer from the school.
- The first caller spoke in favor of 1000ft buffer from the school, and voiced his concerns with amendments mentioned by Trustee Ranville at the public hearing, as well as concerns about marihuana businesses near homes.
- The next caller spoke in favor of marihuana, she is a medical marihuana patient, and talked about her health issues that have been changed and remedied by marihuana.
- The next caller spoke in favor of marihuana, and expressed displeasure with how long this has taken, and concerns about kids hanging around bars. Further, she believes in the monetary positives this marihuana business can bring.
- The next caller spoke in favor of marihuana, believes bars are much worse than marihuana. She does not believe a marihuana business will be as bad as a bar, and will bring much needed revenue.
- The next caller expressed issues with the Village, four in particular. 1) the 8/12 minutes for the Planning Commission, and wants a copy of the 7/8 minutes; 2) She viewed the previous minutes and wanted a change to it; 3) the agenda for this evening had John Slayton under 1B; 4) the Manager is wearing sandals to the garage; 5) she is concerned about the amended agenda; 6) she was upset that the ballot was incorrect.
- The next caller expressed his displeasure with how long it has taken to get this marihuana ordinance and businesses going. He is very pro-marihuana, and has faith in this, and wishes people would change their perceptions.
- The next caller is pro-marihuana, and believes it will be monetarily positive, and she has seen marihuana in other states, and the regulations keep it in check, and it is far better than alcohol.
- The next caller shared their opinion and experiences with medical marihuana and the benefits she received.
- The next caller voiced support for marihuana, and believes laws are meant to be broken, but not in a negative way, rather to create a break in time. He believes the community of Calumet needs progress, but we need to figure out how. He wants to see progress.
- The next caller voiced support for marihuana, and reiterated a few points, that his microbusiness will have everything a medical dispensary will have. Explained there is no difference between medical and recreational testing of marihuana. He believes the school purchasing the new building is in violation of the rules they wish to hold the marihuana store to. He has been in contact with Chris Davidson.
- The next caller expressed his support for the change for Calumet Township, and he believes the council can look like they are doing something right. He believes it is the council wasting money and not doing anything.
- The next caller expressed his support for 906 and for the council to do the right thing.
- The next caller expressed her opinion to support the CLK schools, and that she wants 1000ft between schools and marihuana facilities. She is a resident and a former business owner
- The last caller wanted to make a few comments, including, discussing the comments regarding bars, and she went into the law regarding bars/liquor establishments and their relation to schools. She also had issue with minutes from the last meeting,

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because a trustee was made temporary clerk, she believes it is an incompatible office. She also feels sorry for Jeff McMahon because of promises a former trustee made to him. She also had concerns about minutes from Planning Commission and that she did not think they were done correctly.

b. Minutes

President Geisler asked for discussion on the minutes and if they will be accepted. He asked for a motion to amend the minutes for the last meeting including, changing the wording of new clerk and the document clarification brought up by the member of public.

Motion made by Trustee Ranville and seconded by Trustee Weir to accept the minutes as amended.

President David Geisler polled the council:

Yes: Dave Geisler, Roxanne King, Lori Weir, Andrew Ranville, Brian Abramson

No: None

Motion Carried 5/0

c. DDA

Leah Polzien began by introducing Mike Lamb and getting him online so that he could address the council if needed. Leah gave an overview of who Mike Lamb is and that they are asking for a limited temporary outdoor service area on the Village sidewalk. Manager Katz shared the documents Leah Polzien had sent via email. There were two options shown, Option A and Option B (both are attached), as well as options for containment with railings/chains. Only concern was from Marc Klein, DPW Superintendent, which was concerns about if there is snow. Trustee Ranville had concerns about keeping a six-foot distance. The liquor commission needs permission from the Council to allow for this closure. President Geisler mentioned that Trustee Weir has brought up Ordinance 91 regarding public consumption of alcohol on public property. Trustee Ranville had three questions: 1) the documents were sent too late; 2) Option B does not allow enough room for 6 feet of social distancing; and 3) have all the neighboring businesses been contacted? Trustee Weir had a question regarding how do these plans comply with ADA requirements? The council further wanted to have a discussion with Luigi's about their outside service.

Motion made by Trustee Ranville and seconded by Trustee King to table UP Pub application for outdoor serving.

President David Geisler polled the council:

Yes: Dave Geisler, Roxanne King, Lori Weir, Andrew Ranville, Brian Abramson

No: None

Motion Carried 5/0

Leah Polzien gave an update on the DDA. She mentioned that the DDA plan update is underway. Waiting on a visit from Beckett and Raeder for a site visit. This is up in the air still unfortunately. The greenspace had a public input session the week prior, around ten attendees, and additional comments are coming in online. Have received a lot of good input and comments. Greenspace Committee will be needing to meet in the near future to review the comments. Main St. did receive the Match on Main funds, and the money is going out for use. Leah has received quotes for tree planting, and water installation for the proposed community garden on the 400 Block. The grant application will be in very soon for the project.

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*Trustee Ranville gave condolences on behalf of the Village to Trustee Harrer due to the loss of his father. President Geisler gave details on the memorials, and visitation/funeral.

d. Planning Commission

Chair Kobe gave the Planning Commission update/report. Chair Kobe summarized the minutes of the last meeting. Trustee King believed that at the last meeting that both ordinances were moved on to the Village Council. President Geisler will review. Chair Kobe explained that she had been asked what are the next steps going forward on this, Chair Kobe updated everyone that she spoke with Brad Neumann from MSUE regarding zoning/planning. She read her email conversation with Mr. Neumann out loud. The Planning Commission must meet again based on the previous meeting regarding Ordinance 127, and they must recommend to the council. If the recommendation passes, it goes to the council. If the vote fails or there is a tie, then Planning Commission must report that to the council about this. Ordinance 127 is now in the hands of the council. They have options including, voting on it as is, or amend the ordinance, or they can return it to the Planning Commission. The entire adoption path for Ordinance 127 must occur first, then focus on Ordinance 153. Mr. Neumann explained a school is its own zone as well, and are not affected by local zoning.

Trustee King had questions about the new school building, and wanted to clarify that once the school is established there will be possible buffers between it and new businesses with alcohol and alcohol service. She expressed concerns about problems for new businesses.

Trustee Weir had a question about what is the legislation that sets the 500ft buffer between schools and new bars/liquor establishments.

President Geisler attempted to arrange a special meeting to go over Ordinance 127, Thursday at 5:30PM August 20, 2020. Trustee Ranville believes the ordinance has been presented to the council, and it is now out of the Planning Commission's hands. Trustee Ranville gave his corrections to Chair Kobe.

e. Street Department

Manager Katz gave the Street Report as proxy for Marc Klein DPW Superintendent. Everything at the garage is running smoothly, and a discussion needs to be had on the front right tree in the Theatre Park/Lot. The tree needs pruned and half of the tree appears dead. Discussion was had, Trustee Abramson believes it is a liability, Trustee King agreed. Trustee Weir trusts Marc's permission, President Geisler asked for a motion, however Trustee Ranville wants an arborist to view the tree.

Manager Katz also explained that we received four tires for the sander and the tires at \$260.00/each. The council agreed he has the power to buy them.

Further, Superintendent Klein would like new snow radials for the small loader, normally the tires are \$2400.00/each and they are on sale for \$1300.00/each for a total of \$5200.00. Discussion was had on how much we would save in time and money and man power. Trustee Abramson explained to Trustee King that it would be a man hour and money saving option.

Motion made by Trustee Abramson and seconded by Trustee King to purchase four snow radials for the small loader in the amount of \$5200.00.

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No: None

Motion Carried 5/0

Motion made by Trustee Abramson and seconded by Trustee Weir to accept the street department report.

President David Geisler polled the council:

Yes: Dave Geisler, Roxanne King, Lori Weir, Andrew Ranville, Brian Abramson

No: None

Motion Carried 5/0

f. Committee Reports

A. Streets Committee

B. Public Safety

1. They did not meet.

C. Ordinance Committee

1. Ordinance did not meet, however President Geiser asked for input as to whether there was any interest in shrinking the council from seven members to five, and appointing the clerk and treasurer. There was support for Ordinance Committee to review. Manager Katz explained the Semco Gas Ordinance.

D. Personnel Committee

1. Personnel met, they went over a proposed manager contract, and setting yearly goals for the manager. Since Trustees Weir and Abramson have only been on the council for a short time, they did not feel comfortable giving a review. Manager Katz gave his opinion on a few things he would like changed, discussion was had.

Motion made by Trustee King and seconded by Trustee Abramson to accept the contract as presented.

President David Geisler polled the council:

Yes: Dave Geisler, Roxanne King, Lori Weir, Andrew Ranville, Brian Abramson

No: None

Motion Carried 5/0

E. Clerk/Manager

1. Manager Katz delivered the manager report. There was not a lot to report, he gave an update on the DDA and Zoning updates with Beckett and Raeder. He also brought up the idea of giving Greg the custodian a raise and questions were asked about what he was making currently. Personnel will be reviewing the matter and requested his job description. There was also an update on the Monkey Business sidewalk and Manager Katz updated them that Monkey Business will not pave anything unless the Village covers some of the costs.

Motion made by Trustee Abramson and seconded by Trustee King to accept Personnel and Manager reports.

President David Geisler polled the council:

Yes: Dave Geisler, Roxanne King, Lori Weir, Andrew Ranville, Brian Abramson

No: None

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Trustee Ranville changed the topic to zoning, and he was wondering he if could make a motion to vote on and discuss about passing ordinance 127, upon recommendation from the Planning Commission. Chair Kobe did not see what could be gained by this, and President Geisler did not feel comfortable with the idea.

g. Bills

A. Previously Paid-\$21,083.63

B. Current-\$14,558.79

Motion made by Trustee Abramson and seconded by Trustee King to pay current bills \$14,558.79 and previous bills in the amount of \$21,083.63.

President David Geisler polled the council:

Yes: Dave Geisler, Roxanne King, Lori Weir, Brian Abramson

No: Andrew Ranville (attempted to abstain)

Motion Carried 4/1

h. Adjourn

Motion made by Trustee Abramson and seconded by Trustee Ranville to adjourn.

President David Geisler polled the council:

Trustee Ranville wanted discussion as to when there will be a finance meeting, and he believes one is needed.

Yes: Dave Geisler, Roxanne King, Lori Weir, Andrew Ranville, Brian Abramson

No: None

Motion Carried 4/1

Meeting adjourned at 8:13PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Caleb C. D. Katz

Village Manager

August 27, 2020