

CALUMET VILLAGE COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
CALUMET VILLAGE TOWNHALL
340 SIXTH STREET
CALUMET, MICHIGAN 49913
AUGUST 25, 2020 – 5:30 PM

Present: President David Geisler

Trustees: Roxanne King, Doug Harrer, 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.

Absent: Village Treasurer Stephani Camp, Lori Weir

Vacant: One Council Seat, and Village Clerk

I. Call to Order

- a. The meeting was called to order at 5:30PM.

II. Acceptance of Agenda

- a. President Geisler asked for input about adding Virginia Dwyer to the agenda. Discussion was had, with Trustees King and Abramson believing it would not be suited for this special meeting. Trustee Ranville asked for details on how we can vote and move forward with this.
- b. Trustee Ranville made the motion to amend the agenda to add Virginia Dwyer to the agenda, however there was no second, thus the agenda was not amended and Virginia Dwyer would not be considered to be added to the council.
- c. Motion made by Trustee Abramson and seconded by Trustee Harrer to accept agenda.

President David Geisler polled the council:

Yes: Dave Geisler, Roxanne King, Doug Harrer, Andrew Ranville, Brian Abramson

No: None

Motion Carried 5/0

III. Agenda

1. Petitions from the Public

President Geisler gave update on buffer after conversation with CLK, they can live with a 500ft buffer. Manager Katz read two emails with comments from the public. Then numerous members of the public spoke via telephone or web camera.

- A member of the Village spoke to the council wishing to compromise on the location of a marihuana facility location. He is wanting to discuss the 500ft from Marquette's ordinance and why they chose the 500ft distance, and why Houghton chose the location they did. He believes the stores should not be in the downtown district.
- Another caller spoke in support of marihuana and that it has taken a while, but it can get finished.
- A caller spoke and disagreed with Trustee King's position that a trustee should not get appointed this close to the election. She does

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not like the idea of shrinking the council and appointing the clerk and treasurer.

- Another caller complimented Chris Green and liked his point and was impressed with the participation from the public. He believes that the Village needs to be put on the map, no matter how it is.
- Another caller mentioned his appreciation for the school compromising, and this process has been very long.
- A member of the public called and voiced her support for Chris Green, she has been a long time Village resident. She does not believe this will be the best for the Village.
- The last caller wanted to clarify a point about letters of interest. She was concerned about the timing of agendas getting to the council members. She was also concerned about last night's meeting, where people stated that you can referendum petition the new ordinances that are being discussed.

2. Luigi's Special Use Permission

A. Keary Ecklund addressed the council about this topic. He stated that the outdoor sidewalk serving is allowed under his liquor license. He is going to send a copy to the Manager to disseminate.

B. Leah Polzien spoke that the license does cover outside service. She recommended the council review Luigi's application to see if it covers the sidewalk. Further she gave an update on what other municipalities are doing as far as allowing service on sidewalks/public property.

C. Discussion was had as to whether we can allow service on the sidewalk due to our ordinance disallowing service on Village property. Further discussion was had regarding concerns with doing this and balancing those concerns with how we also want to also help local businesses.

3. UP Pub Outdoor Seating

A. Discussion began on the UP Pub and their outdoor set up and plans. They had two plans, which were discussed and sent to the council before the previous meeting.

B. Leah Polzien explained and walked the council through the new options put forth by the UP Pub which were labeled as Options A and B. Trustee Ranville asked for updates on conversations between adjacent business owners, and Mike Lamb gave update.

C. Leah Polzien also added that Calumet Pizzaworks may be interested in a space sharing set up with the UP Pub. This could be a good situation for both businesses and be an attractant to this area of the Downtown. Leah Polzien would like approval for one or the other options, and she will need written approval from the Council.

D. Trustee Ranville thought it may be a good idea for the UP Pub and Calumet Pizzaworks to submit a joint request/document, it was clarified that the liquor license/service would only apply to UP Pub, so Calumet Pizzaworks would not need to be on it.

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President Geisler asked for a motion to approve option B from the UP Pub. Motion made by Trustee Ranville conditioned on the special service permit being filled out and service has to stop at midnight and seconded by Trustee King.

President Geisler polled the council:

Yes: Dave Geisler, Roxanne King, Doug Harrer, Andrew Ranville, Brian Abramson

No: None

Motion Carried 5/0

4. SEMCO Gas Ordinance

A. President Geisler gave a brief overview of the ordinance and what it covers and if anyone had any questions or concerns.

Motion made by Trustee Abramson and seconded by Trustee King to pass the Semco Gas Ordinance.

President David Geisler polled the council:

Yes: Dave Geisler, Roxanne King, Doug Harrer, Andrew Ranville, Brian Abramson

No: None

Motion Carried 5/0

5. Ordinance 153—Marihuana

A. President Geisler gave a brief overview of the ordinance and buffer zones as laid out in the ordinance and the issues that have been sticking points. President Geisler has also spoken with CLK about their opinion on buffer zones.

B. The council was updated that buffers can be 1000 or 500ft for schools and Houses can be 500ft or 100ft or 0ft.

C. President Geisler requested discussion and comments and opinions on these possible buffer options. Trustee King gave an opinion that she thought the buffer for homes is 100ft.

D. Trustee Ranville spoke and explained his feelings of responsibility to the people of Calumet. He gave a detailed overview of his reasons and thought processes for his positions.

E. Trustee Ranville made a motion to pass Ordinance 153 with amendments including a 125ft buffer between a house in a C1, C2, I1 districts, and a buffer of 500ft from a school, with an exception for any school in the C1/C2 zones, and 500ft of any church and 1000ft from a drug/rehab facility. The motion was seconded by Trustee Abramson.

F. Discussion was had following the motion and Manager Katz, President Geisler and Planning Chair Kobe all cautioned against a motion making exceptions or singling out any business. Both Chair Kobe and Manager Katz thought it would be best to double check with legal counsel if a motion like this were to be tried.

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No: David Geisler, Doug Harrer
Motion Failed 3/2

Trustee Ranville made a second motion to pass Ordinance 153 with the same language as his first motion, without the language that created an exception for schools in the C1/C2 districts. Motion was seconded by Trustee King.

President David Geisler polled the council:
Yes: Roxanne King, Andrew Ranville, Brian Abramson
No: David Geisler, Doug Harrer
Motion Failed 3/2

Motion made by Trustee Abramson and seconded by Trustee Harrer to send Ordinance 153 back to the Ordinance Committee.

President David Geisler polled the council:
Yes: Dave Geisler, Roxanne King, Doug Harrer, Brian Abramson
No: Andrew Ranville

6. Ordinance 127—Zoning

A. President Geisler asked for comments, opinions and any changes to Ordinance 127. Trustee Ranville had several changes to the ordinance, most of which were grammatical or formatting.

B. President Geisler and the council ceased discussion on Ordinance 127 since Ordinance 153 did not pass, and the Planning Commission passed Ordinance 127 as being contingent on Ordinance 153 passing.

7. Adjourn

President Geisler asked for a motion to adjourn.

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

President David Geisler polled the council:
Yes: Dave Geisler, Roxanne King, Doug Harrer, Brian Abramson
No: Andrew Ranville
Motion Passed 4/1

Discussion was had following the seconding of the motion, and Trustee Ranville gave his input that it was very sad that this could not be accomplished at the meeting, and he believes no one is correctly representing their constituents. Trustee King also gave her opinion that

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She felt there was large input from the “yes” crowd, and little opinion from the “no” crowd. She also believed that the “no” crowd obstructed this.

Meeting adjourned at 7:49PM

Respectfully Submitted,

**Caleb C.D. Katz
Village Manager**