

**CALUMET VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**CALUMET VILLAGE TOWN HALL**  
**340 SIXTH STREET**  
**CALUMET, MICHIGAN 49913**  
**SEPTEMBER 23, 2021 – 6:30 PM**

**Present:** President Brian Abramson, Trustees Elise Matz, Andrew Ranville, Rob Tarvis and Ken Olkkonen

**Absent:** Treasurer Debbie Aubin

**Vacancies:** Two Council Seats

**Also Present from Village:** Acting Manager Dave Geisler,

**Public:** 8 members of the public

**I. Call to Order**

President Abramson called the meeting to order at 6:47 PM.

**II. Acceptance of Agenda**

Motion made by Trustee Tarvis and seconded by Trustee Olkkonen

Motion Passed-5/0

**III. Petitions from the Public**

Members of the public addressed the Council with comments on the May special election, communications sent to the Calumet Theatre, the lease with the Theatre and the need to pay invoices in accord with policies set by the Council and as required by law.

**IV. Reports**

**A. DDA**

Minutes of the September 9, 2021 Regular DDA meeting were provided to the Council. No comments or questions.

**B. HDC**

No update.

**C. Planning Commission**

Minutes of the August 30, 2021 Special meeting and the September 5, 2021 Regular meeting of the Planning Commission were provided to the Council. No comments or questions.

The Planning Commission Chair Colleen Kobe provided a memo to the Council requesting that funds be provided to the Commission to employ an Administrator and outlining the responsibilities of that individual.

**D. Committee(s)/Work Session**

The Council had no comments on the Work Session.

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**E. Manager/Clerk Report**

The Clerk/Manager's Report was read to the Council and Public. The DPW Hrlp Wanted Ad and the need for administrators for the DDA and Planning Commissions are to be added as agenda items at the next Work Session.

A Council Work Session was set for Thursday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.

**V. Consent Agenda**

**Item 1.** The meeting minutes of the Village Council meeting of August 17, 2021 were withdrawn from the Consent Agenda to be considered separately.

Moved by Trustee Ranville and seconded by Trustee Tarvis to approve the minutes of the August 17 Regular Meeting of the Village Council as amended to correct a typo.

Motion Passed-5/0

**Item 8.** Previously Paid Bills were withdrawn from the Consent Agenda to be considered separately.

Moved by Trustee Ranville and seconded by Trustee Tarvis to approve previously paid bills in the amount of /\$48,139.50 which excludes a previously paid bill in the amount of \$1,036.63.

Motion Passed-5/0

**Item 9.** Current Bills were withdrawn from the Consent Agenda to be considered separately.

Moved by Trustee Olkkonen and seconded by Trustee Ranville to approve bills in the amount of \$43,242.58 amended to change the description of the payment made to Patrick's Heating.

Motion Passed-5/0

Motion made by Trustee Matz and seconded by Trustee Tarvis to approve the remainder of the Consent Agenda:

**Item 2.** Minutes of the Village Council Special Meeting of August 24, 2021

**Item 3.** Minutes of the Village Council Special Meeting of August 25, 2021

**Item 4.** Minutes of the Village Council Special Meeting of August 30, 2021

**Item 5.** Minutes of the Village Council Special Meeting of September 2, 2021

**Item 6.** Minutes of the Village Council Special Meeting of September 7, 2021

**Item 7.** Reports as provided in Agenda Item V.

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**VI. 5<sup>th</sup> Street Fire Site Update**

Trustee Ranville reported on the status of interpretive panels being prepared by the Park Service for installation at the fire site.

Trustee Matz reported that cleanup is underway, that the Street Department has done a good job in working with the EPA and EGLE, that air quality at the site is being monitored and the site kept damp.

**VII. Snow Fees**

Moved by Trustee Tarvis and seconded by Trustee Olkkonen to approve sidewalk snow fees at \$5.00 per linear foot and snow contract fees at \$1.00 per square foot.

Trustee Ranville requested abstention from vote due to ownership of property within snow fee area.- Motion was made from Trustee Olkkonen to accept Trustee Ranville abstention as a conflict of interest. No second made. Motion failed.

Motion passed – 5/04/0 with one abstention.

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at Council Meeting on 10/19/2021*

**VIII. DPW Part Time Hires**

Moved by Trustee Tarvis and seconded by Trustee Matz to approve hourly rates of \$16.00 per hour for operators and \$15.00 per hour for “call-ups.”

Motion Passed-5/0

**IX. Calumet Theatre Park Trees**

Moved by Trustee Olkkonen and seconded by Trustee Matz to obtain bids for the removal of the trees located in the Theatre Park.

Motion Passed-5/0

**X. Calumet Theatre Update**

Observations made during the walk-thru of the Theatre were reported to the Council.

Moved by Trustee Tarvis and seconded by Trustee Ranville to pay a retainer fee of \$500 to engage the legal services of Kirkpatrick, DuBois & Slough PLC.

Voice Vote: Ayes – President Abramson, Trustees Tarvis, Ranville, Matz and Olkkonen.

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Motion Passed – 5/0

A walk thru of the Theatre is scheduled for September 29th with representatives of the Park Service and UP Engineering.

**XI. Fall Clean Up Dates**

Moved by Trustee Tarvis and seconded by Trustee Olkkonen to set the Fall Clean Up Dates as October 22<sup>nd</sup> - November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

**XII. Manager Contract**

Moved by Trustee Tarvis and seconded by Trustee Matz to approve the Village Manager contract.

Motion Passed-5/0

**XIII. Rules of Procedures**

Review of Rules of Procedure were table to the work session scheduled for September 30<sup>th</sup>.

**XIV. Adjourn**

Prior to adjourning, Trustee Tarvis explained the financial impact that the decline in population reported by the 2020 Census would have on the Village and recommended that the Planning Commission look into limiting short term rentals in the Village.

Trustee Matz stated the need for the Village to partner with Laurium and the Township in the future including periodic, joint meeting.

Moved by Trustee Tarvis and seconded by Trustee Ranville to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 PM.

Motion Passed-5/0

Respectfully Submitted,

David Geisler  
Acting Manager