

**CALUMET VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
CALUMET VILLAGE TOWNHALL
340 SIXTH STREET
CALUMET, MICHIGAN 49913
OCTOBER 20, 2020 – 5:30 PM**

I. Call to Order

- a. President Geisler called the meeting to order at 5:30PM and took a roll call.

Present: Dave Geisler, Doug Harrer, Lori Weir, Andrew Ranville (arrived at 5:36PM), Roxanne King, Brian Abramson

Absent: None

Vacant: One

II. Acceptance of Agenda

- a. Motion to amend agenda to add arborist report before petitions from the public made by Doug Harrer and seconded by Lori Weir:

President Geisler polled the council:

Yeas: Dave Geisler, Roxanne King, Lori Weir, Brian Abramson, Doug Harrer

Nays: None

Motion Carried 5/0

III. Agenda

1. Arborist

- a. Bob from Lake Superior Tree Service spoke about the four maple trees by the theatre park. He discussed their appearance and health. He believes they will continue to get worse health wise. Roxanne King stated she hoped to save some of the trees, and wanted to know if that is possible. The arborist believed it was possible to thin and try to cut out infected areas, or find something to treat them with. President Geisler asked for a written report and proposed course of action. The arborist does not know how long it could extend their life, if it were up to him, he would take them out.

***Andrew Ranville arrived at 5:36PM.**

2. Petitions from the Public

- a. The first caller from the public wanted a copy of the manager's contract, and had questions about the agenda, and she also was curious on the status of the park representative approval.
- b. The second caller spoke about the Italian Hall granite plaque. He read a short statement about what will be on the plaque on the arch at the memorial.

Motion to allow plaque above the archway at the Italian Hall as described by Mike Lahti made by Roxanne King and seconded by Doug Harrer:

President Geisler polled the council:

Yeas: Dave Geisler, Roxanne King, Lori Weir, Andrew Ranville, Brian Abramson, Doug Harrer

Nays: None

Motion Carried 6/0

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- c. The last three callers had no comment.

3. Minutes

Motion made by Doug Harrer to accept the minutes as amended from September 15, 2020 with changes on page 4 regarding the revised manager contract, specifically the language changes about accepting the updated manager contract seconded by Andrew Ranville:

President Geisler polled the council:

Yeas: Dave Geisler, Roxanne King, Lori Weir, Andrew Ranville, Brian Abramson, Doug Harrer
Nays: None

Motion Carried 6/0

4. DDA

- a. President Geisler asked if there were any questions on the DDA minutes. There were no questions.

5. HDC

- a. President Geisler gave an update on the HDC, they are meeting this week to choose a coordinator.

5. Planning Commission

A. Chair Kobe gave an update on the Planning Commission and explained they cancelled the last meeting, and the next meeting will be in November. She would like to interview the applicant. She also updated the council that someone from the council will need to step in and take President Geisler's seat after the next council is seated.

B. Appointment of Virginia Dwyer to Planning Commission

President Geisler nominated Virginia Dwyer to join the planning commission. Motion made by Doug Harrer and seconded by Lori Weir to appoint Virginia Dwyer to the Planning Commission.

President Geisler polled the council:

Yeas: Dave Geisler, Roxanne King, Lori Weir, Andrew Ranville, Brian Abramson, Doug Harrer
Nays: None

Motion Carried 6/0

Trustee King wanted to check with Chair Kobe that Virginia Dwyer would fit the needs of planning commission. President Geisler explained it was a unanimous nomination by the Planning Commission. Virginia Dwyer stated she has not been interviewed and she went through what controls the nomination, and feels it is unfair that additional training be needed for new members.

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Trustee Ranville wanted to have additional discussion, and he would like to interview Virginia Dwyer, however she will not answer any questions that have never been asked to previous applicants.

6. Committee (Department) Reports

A. Street Committee

a. Trustee Harrer gave the street committee update. Street Committee talked about the part time seasonal positions, as well as giving Manager Katz and Superintendent Klein the ability to take offers on equipment and machinery that we wish to sell, and that the committee would like to see the side walk snow removal rate up to \$6.00/linear foot.

Motion made by Trustee Abramson and seconded by Trustee Ranville to allow Manager Katz and Superintendent Klein to sell equipment in a manner they deem fit. President Geisler polled the council:

Yeas: Dave Geisler, Roxanne King, Lori Weir, Andrew Ranville, Brian Abramson, Doug Harrer

Nays: None

Motion Carried 6/0

b. Trustee Harrer gave overview as to why Street Committee decided to raise the sidewalk snow removal rate, and they hoped the new council would look into the costs and issues and make additional changes next year. Trustee Ranville voiced a conflict and abstained.

Motion made by Trustee Abramson and seconded by Trustee Harrer to raise the sidewalk snow removal rate to \$6.00/linear foot. Discussion was had by Trustee King, stating support for President Geisler's opinion that he wants more information and the town and businesses have struggled this year and this may not be the appropriate time. President Geisler polled the council:

Yeas: Brian Abramson

Nays: Dave Geisler, Roxanne King, Lori Weir, Doug Harrer

Abstention: Andrew Ranville

Motion Failed-1/4

B. Public Safety Committee

a. Trustee Harrer gave an overview about what was discussed. They discussed the police and they are making a recommendation that the Village quit advertising the police position. They want to look at other avenues for the Village, whether it is neighborhood watch or working with Laurium or installing cameras. Trustee Harrer gave additional

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information that the council needs to find out what happens with all the files that are in the police office.

C. Ordinance

- a. Did not meet.
- b. Council would like to have Manager Katz look into what has to happen if the marihuana ordinance is brought back up. President Geisler spoke about the recodification draft we have received and everyone needs to start reviewing.

D. Personnel

- a. Personnel Committee suggested that the office be open to the public 9am-1pm MWF and TTH 1pm-4pm all hours should be posted and if we are closed it should be posted.

Motion made by Trustee Weir and seconded by Trustee Ranville to change the office hours as outlined above.

Yeas: Dave Geisler, Roxanne King, Lori Weir, Andrew Ranville, Brian Abramson, Doug Harrer

Nays: None

Motion Carried 6/0

- b. Personnel also discussed about needing best practice to track vacation and sick time and to make sure we are doing that. As well as, whether or not committees will meet again in November or if October is the last meeting.

E. Finance

- a. Did not meet, but President Geisler is updating the financials and planning to set up a meeting soon.

F. Clerk/Manager

A. Manager Katz gave an update on Village matters, including needing to make an appointment to the Houghton County Recreational Authority. The council believes they have already appointed Manager Katz, but he will double check. Manager Katz also gave an update on new Christmas lights that have been ordered and put up, as well where we are at with spending the COVID-19 Federal revenue sharing, and that we have been contacted by a Michigan Tech volunteer group.

Motion made by Trustee Abramson and seconded by Trustee Harrer to accept the committee and manager reports. President Geisler polled the council:

Yeas: Dave Geisler, Roxanne King, Lori Weir, Andrew Ranville, Brian Abramson, Doug Harrer

Nays: None

Motion Carried 6/0

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Additional discussion was had about Luigi's and that there has been several complaints about it. Trustee Ranville also mentioned that Luigi's appears to be building into the alley, and he wants to make sure President Geisler or Manager Katz enforce the ordinances.

7. Bills

- A. Previously Paid Bills--\$97,102.22
- B. Current Bills--\$17,753.26
- C. President Geisler asked for any questions, and there were no questions.

Motion made by Trustee Abramson and seconded by Trustee King to approve the previous and current bills. President Geisler polled the council:

Yeas: Dave Geisler, Roxanne King, Lori Weir, Andrew Ranville, Brian Abramson, Doug Harrer

Nays: None

Motion Carried 6/0

8. Adjourn

Motion made by Trustee Harrer and seconded by Trustee Abramson to adjourn at 7:08PM.

Yeas: Dave Geisler, Roxanne King, Lori Weir, Brian Abramson, Doug Harrer

Nays: Andrew Ranville

Motion Carried 6/0

Respectfully Submitted,

Caleb C.D. Katz

10/30/2020