

**CALUMET VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
CALUMET VILLAGE TOWNHALL
340 SIXTH STREET
CALUMET, MICHIGAN 49913
NOVEMBER 23, 2020 – 7:30 PM**

I. Call to Order

1. President Abramson called meeting to order at 7:44PM

Roll Call:

Present-Abramson, King, Weir, Ranville

Absent: None

Vacancies: 3 Trustees

3 members of the public

II. Acceptance of Agenda

1. President Abramson asked for a motion to accept or amend the agenda. King made the motion to accept the motion as written. Motion failed due to lack of second.
2. King made motion to amend agenda adding the subject of consideration of applicants for Treasurer and Clerk following department reports, item 7, seconded by Ranville.

Roll Call:

Yeas: King, Ranville, Weir, Abramson

Nays: None

Motion Passed: 4/0

III. Agenda

1. Petitions from the Public

Peggy Germain addressed the council, and requested a packet, as well as information on who applied for the vacancies.

2. Minutes

A. Trustee Weir had corrections/changes to the meeting minutes. Regarding the motion made by Trustee Harrer on the Manager contract. As well as the spelling of committee, and Christmas, and what the “it” is under Ordinance Committee.

B. Motion made by Lori Weir and seconded by Andrew Ranville to accept the October 20, 2020 minutes as amended.

Roll Call

Yeas-King, Ranville, Weir, Abramson

Nays-None

Motion Passed-4-0

3. DDA

A. Leah Polzien gave a presentation on behalf of the DDA, and gave updates on happenings in the DDA including, Greenspace Project, Grants, blight enforcement, and DDA plan update.

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B. Trustee Ranville asked if there was a priority from the DDA regarding the blighted properties.

Ranville made motion and seconded by King for Manager to continue enforcing blight enforcement on presented properties, and get legal opinion from Kendricks about which of the two properties will be best to pursue for legal action.

Roll Call

Yeas: King, Weir, Ranville, Abramson

Nays: None

Motion Passed-4/0

Motion to accept DDA minutes by Ranville and seconded by King.

Roll Call

Yeas: King, Weir, Ranville, Abramson

Nays: None

Motion Passed-4/0

4. HDC

A. Manager Katz asked for a motion to reappoint Cassandra Dronet and Abe Voelker to the HDC, motion made by Weir, seconded by Ranville.

Roll Call

Yeas: King, Weir, Ranville, Abramson

Nays: None

Motion Passed-4/0

5. Planning Commission

A. Chair Kobe asked for a reappointment of Chris Green to Planning Commission, and asked who would join the Planning Commission from the Village Council. Motion to reappoint Chris Green to Planning Commission made by Weir and no second. Motion failed for lack of second.

B. Andrew Ranville volunteered to join the Planning Commission.

Motion made by King and seconded by Weir to appoint Andrew Ranville to the Planning Commission.

Roll Call

Yeas: King, Weir, Abramson

Nays-None

Abstain-Ranville

Motion Passed-3/0

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C. Discussion was had on what the makeup of the Commission has to be and that meetings will be on hold until a quorum can be made.

Motion made by King and seconded by Ranville to accept the Planning Commission report.

Roll Call

Yeas: King, Weir, Ranville, Abramson

Nays: None

Motion Pass-4/0

The council revisited nominating Chris Green to the Planning Commission.
President Abramson nominated Chris Green.

Roll Call

Yeas: Ranville, Weir

Nays: Abramson, King

Reappointment Failed

The council revisited nominating Andrew Ranville. President Abramson nominated Andrew Ranville.

Roll Cal

Yeas: Abramson, Weir, King

Nays: None

Abstain- Ranville

Motion Passed-3/0

6. Committee (Department) Reports

A. Street Committee-Did Not Meet

B. Public Safety Committee-Did Not Meet

C. Ordinance-Did Not Meet

D. Personnel –Did Not Meet

E. Finance-Did Not Meet

F. Clerk/Manager

A. The Village Fire Department has requested additional storage space, specifically, in the Police office.

1. Manager Katz explained that Fire Department would like to use the Chief's office for storage. Trustee King would like to see a decision

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made as to keep it locked, or box everything. Trustee Ranville wants the Houghton County Prosecutor called about the evidence in the Police Department.

Motion made by Ranville, and seconded by King to allow the Village Fire Department to use the Police Chief's Office as long as the evidence can be stored or moved.

Roll Call

Yeas: King, Weir, Abramson

Nay-Abramson

Motion Passed-3/1

B. COVID Money

1. Manager Katz gave overview of the COVID money and how it can be spent and explained who would get laptops or iPads. Discussion was had on how many, and who would receive them.

2. Motion made by Ranville and seconded by King to spend the COVID money up to the amount of the COVID money, including the Up and Running quote, including the online property tax software, and it is at the Manager's discretion to spend the remainder.

Roll Call

Yeas: Weir, King, Ranville, Abramson

Nays: None

Motion Passed-4/0

C. COVID Preparedness Plan

Weir made motion and seconded by Ranville to adopt the COVID Response and Preparedness plan.

Roll Call

Yeas: King, Weir, Ranville, Abramson

Nays: None

Motion Passed 4-0

D. Remote Policy

Ranville made motion and seconded by King to adopt the Calumet Remote Work Policy.

Roll Call

Yeas: Weir, King, Ranville, Abramson

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Nays: None

Motion Passed: 4/0

E. BS&A and Point & Pay

Manager will try to work both of these into the COVID money.

F. Accounting

Discussion was had on possibly farming out accounting, and Manager will look for costs and send to council when costs are determined.

G. Fee Schedule

Manager gave update on the fee schedule. Council will look at and decide on fee schedule passage when recodification is being determined.

H. Committees

Council discussed setting up next meeting or work session. Council decided to hold a work session on Wednesday, December 2, 2020 at 6:30PM.

Motion to accept Manager report made by Weir, seconded by Ranville.

Roll Call

Yeas: King, Weir, Ranville, Abramson

Nays: None

Motion Passed 4-0

7. Appointment Consideration

A. Clerk

Applicant Kevin Weir attended meeting, and is interested in the position. He fielded questions from the council. The President asked if the Village should advertise this position in the paper. The council would like to have the Treasurer, Clerk and Trustee vacancies placed in the paper.

B. Treasurer

The council would like to have the Treasurer, Clerk and Trustee vacancies placed in the paper.

8. Bills

A. Previously Paid Bills-\$51,325.98

B. Current Bills-\$23,243.59

Ranville made motion and seconded by King to pay previously paid bills totaling \$51,325.98.

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Roll Call

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Nays: None

Motion Passed-4/0

King made motion and seconded by Ranville to pay current bills totaling \$23,243.59.

Roll Call

Yeas: King, Weir, Ranville, Abramson

Nays: None

Motion Passed-4/0

9. Adjourn

Ranville made motion and seconded by Weir to adjourn at 10:08PM.

Roll Call

Yeas: King, Weir, Ranville, Abramson

Nays: None

Motion Passed-4/0

*The council made special mention thanking Doug Harrer and Dave Geisler for their long service on the Village Council and appreciated their work.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Caleb C.D. Katz
Manager**

11/25/2020