

**CALUMET VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA  
CALUMET VILLAGE TOWNHALL  
340 SIXTH STREET  
CALUMET, MICHIGAN 49913  
DECEMBER 15, 2020 – 5:30 PM**

**Present:** President Brian Abramson

Trustees: Roxanne King, Lori Weir, Andrew Ranville,

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

Vacant: Three Trustees, Treasurer, Clerk

Public Present: 6 members of the public.

**I. Call to Order**

- a. President Abramson called the meeting to order and recited the pledge at 5:31PM

**II. Acceptance of Agenda**

- a. Motion made by Ranville to put towing signs as new number #7 on agenda seconded by King.

Roll Call

Yeas: King, Ranville, Weir, Abramson

Nays: None

Motion Passed-4/0

**III. Agenda**

**1. Petitions from the Public—Four members of the public addressed the council.**

**2. Minutes**

A. Motion to approve November 23, 2020 statutory meeting minutes made by Weir and seconded by King

Roll Call

Yeas: King, Weir, Ranville, Abramson

Nays: None

Motion Passed-4/0

B. Motion to approve November 23, 2020 Regular meeting minutes with changes to include adding Clerk and Treasurer vacancies, changing page 4 section (A) (1) vote results, and title of the remote work policy on Page 4 made by Weir and seconded by Ranville.

Roll Call

Yeas: King, Weir, Ranville, Abramson

Nays: None

Motion Passed-4/0

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C. Motion to approve minutes of December 3, 2020 work session made by Ranville and seconded by King.

Roll Call

Yeas: Weir, King, Ranville, Abramson

Nays: None

Motion Passed-4/0

**3. Clerk/Treasurer Appointment**

A. Both Clerk and Treasurer applicants were in attendance for the meeting.

B. Treasurer-

a. The council interviewed Debbie Aubin, Trustee Ranville and King had questions for the applicant on software and setting it up.

b. Nomination made by President Abramson to nominate Debbie Aubin to be the treasurer.

Roll Call

Yeas: Weir, King, Ranville, Abramson

Nays: None

Appointment Successful-4/0

C. Clerk-

a. The council interviewed Kevin Weir for the Clerk position. Trustee Weir addressed the council asking them to decide if there is conflict. Manager Katz explained there could be a conflict, and to err on the side of caution and abstain/assume conflict. Council agreed there may be a possible conflict.

b. Trustees King and Ranville had questions for applicant Kevin Weir.

c. President Abramson nominated Kevin Weir to the Clerk position.

Roll Call

Yeas: King, Ranville, Abramson

Nays: None

Abstention: Weir

Nomination Successful-3/0

**4. DDA**

A. Leah Polzien addressed the council, gave the DDA update and report. She is needing support for the Historic Tax Credit and thinks it would be great for the community.

B. Motion made by King to have Manager and President Abramson draft a letter of support for SB54 to be sent to local state representatives, Markkanen and McBroom, seconded by Weir.

Roll Call

Yeas: King, Weir, Ranville, Abramson

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Nays: None

Motion Passed-4/0

**5. HDC**

A. Did not meet, however Manager is still waiting on fee schedule opinion from Chris Green.

**6. Planning Commission**

A. Did not meet, however Chair Kobe was asked for opinions on updated fee schedule, and the council would like to have the positions for DDA, Planning Commission and Trustee.

B. President Abramson nominated Peggy Germain to the Planning Commission. Trustees King and Ranville had questions for applicant.

C. Peggy Germain officially withdrew her letter of interest and request to join the planning commission.

**7. Towing Signs**

A. Discussion was had on Funeral Home's private land across from building, and the tow away sign that they have in place. The Village will look into if this is correct/proper.

**8. Committee (Department) Reports**

**A. Work Session Update**

1. Council would like to have a street closure form and policy for next work session. Discussion was had on who should close the streets/approve the closure form.

2. Fee Schedule will be tabled until HDC and Planning Commission give their opinions.

3. Next work session will be January 6, 2021 at 6:30PM.

**B. Clerk/Manager Report**

**1. Personnel Issue**

i. Discussion was had on accusations of improper electrical usage.

**2. COVID Money Update**

ii. Manager Katz updated Council on expenditure of COVID money.

**3. Accounting and Update**

iii. Manager Katz updated council on expenditures, and revenues.

**4. DPW Assistant Contract**

iv. Manager Katz updated council on contract of DPW Assistant.

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**5. Fee Schedule**

v. Manager Katz updated council on where fee schedule stands.

**6. Bulldozer**

vi. Manager Katz updated council on bulldozer and that nothing has changed.

**7. Health/Safety in Village**

vii. Discussion was had on how the Village stands with the State of Michigan and wants all best practices for health and safety regarding COVID-19 to be followed.

**7. Bills**

A. Previously Paid Bills-\$38,137.72

A. Motion made by King seconded by Weir to pay previously paid bills.

Roll Call

Yeas: Weir, King, Ranville, Abramson

Motion Passed-4/0

B. Current Bills-\$14,830.32

A. Motion made by King seconded by Weir to pay current bills.

Roll Call

Yeas: Weir, King, Ranville, Abramson

Motion Passed-4/0

**8. Adjourn @8:19PM**

Motion to adjourn made by King and had no second, motion failed.

Motion to adjourn made by Ranville and seconded King

Roll Call

Yeas: King, Weir, Ranville, Abramson

Nays: None

Motion Passed-4/0

Respectfully Submitted,

Caleb C.D. Katz  
Manager