

CALUMET REGULAR VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING  
CALUMET VILLAGE TOWN HALL  
340 SIXTH STREET  
CALUMET, MICHIGAN 49913  
December 17, 2019 - 5:30 PM

**Present:** President David Geisler

Trustees: Doug Harrer, Brian Abramson, Roxanne King, Lori Weir joined the Council at 5:45 PM as Trustee.

Also present from the village: Village Administrator Caleb Katz, Village Clerk Kevin Weir, Superintendent of Public Works Marc Klein

Public present: 11 members of the public present

**Absent:** Trustee Andrew Ranville, Treasurer Stephani Camp

**I. 5:31 PM President David Geisler called the meeting to order and the pledge was recited**

**II. Acceptance of Agenda**

Motion made by Trustee Abramson and seconded by Trustee King to accept the agenda as presented with the following amendment: Move a personnel matter to after council vacancies.

President David Geisler conducted a voice vote:

Yeas: All Nays: None

Motion Carried 4/0

**III. Agenda**

**1. Petitions from the Public**

Jean Ellis and a representative updated the Council and the community on a recent trip to Calumet's Twin City, Camborne in Cornwall, where they met with the Mayor. A gift from the Camborne Council was presented to President Geisler, and information regarding the similarities between the two communities was shared.

Chris Holmes of U.P. Engineers & Architects (U.P.E.A.) provided an update on the Elm Street Project and the Capital Improvement Plan.

Peggy Germain inquired about an update on the petition challenging the Village Manager Ordinance.

Clerk Weir provided an update that the petition is valid and it will go before the voters in the spring.

## 2. Minutes

Motion made by Trustee King and seconded by Trustee Abramson to accept the meeting minutes from the USDA RD Public Information Meeting, The Statutory Meeting, and the Regular Meetings of November 19, 2019, and the Special Meeting of November 25, 2019 as presented.

President David Geisler conducted a voice vote:

Yeas: All Nays: None

Motion Carried 4/0

## 3. Council Vacancies

The Council asked questions of the sole candidate, Lori Weir.

Motion made by Trustee Harrer and seconded by Trustee Abramson to honor President Geisler's request to appoint Lori Weir to the Village Council.

President Geisler polled the Council:

Yes: King, Harrer, Abramson, Geisler

No: None

Motion Carried 4/0

Clerk Weir administered the Oath of Office to Lori Weir.

Trustee Weir was seated on the Council at 5:45 PM.

## 4. Street Assistant Personnel Matter

Street Assistant Erik Berryman requested the matter be dealt with in closed session.

*"...15.268 Closed sessions; permissible purposes. Sec. 8. A public body may meet in a closed session only for the following purposes: (a) To consider the dismissal, suspension, or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, or to consider a periodic personnel evaluation of, a public officer, employee, staff member, or individual agent, if the named person requests a closed hearing. A person requesting a closed hearing may rescind the request at any time, in which case the matter at issue shall be considered after the rescission only in open sessions..." - Open Meetings Act 267 of 1976*

Motion made by Trustee Abramson and seconded by Trustee King to go into closed session for the above stated reason to deal with a personnel matter.

President David Geisler polled the Council:

Yes: King, L. Weir, Harrer, Abramson, Geisler

No: None

Motion Carried 5/0

Council entered closed session at 5:48 PM.

Council returned from closed session at 6:04 PM.

Motion made by Trustee Harrer and seconded by Trustee King to accept the resignation of street assistant Erik Berryman effective December 31, 2019.

President David Geisler conducted a voice vote:

Yeas: All Nays: None  
Motion Carried 5/0

## 5. Committee (Department) Reports

### A. Streets, Sanitation, Public Buildings

Superintendent Klein presented the street report:

- Equipment failures
- No second estimate for insulators on the lights as of yet

Administrator Katz updated the council on potential equipment acquisitions and potential garbage pick up collaboration with Laurium.

A discussion was held regarding the acquisition of a street sweeper, the replacement broom costs, and replacement frequency.

Motion made by Trustee King and seconded by Trustee Weir to approve the purchase of a street sweeper for a total cost up to \$6000 to be split with the DDA contingent on their vote.

President David Geisler polled the Council:

Yes: King, L. Weir, Harrer, Abramson, Geisler

No: None

Motion Carried 5/0

A discussion was held regarding the acquisition of a sander with an underblade via auction, versus continuing to put money into the existing sander, as well as the potential acquisition of a drop-in sander that would fit in the pick up truck and how the acquisitions would impact the budget.

Motion made by Trustee Harrer and seconded by Trustee Abramson that we bid (authorize purchase) for no more than \$8000.00 on the sander with underblade and if successful to defer the purchase of a street sweeper.

President David Geisler polled the Council:

Yes: King, L. Weir, Harrer, Abramson, Geisler

No: None

Motion Carried 5/0

Motion made by Trustee King and seconded by Trustee Harrer that if unsuccessful in acquiring the sander with underblade, that we bid (authorize purchase) for no more \$1500.00 on the drop-in sander and if successful to defer the purchase of the street sweeper.

President David Geisler polled the Council:

Yes: Abramson, L. Weir, King, Geisler

No: Harrer

Motion Carried 4/1

Motion made by Trustee Harrer and seconded by Trustee Abramson to accept the street department report.

President David Geiler conducted a voice vote:

Yeas: All Nays: None  
Motion Carried 5/0

**B. Public Safety - Did Not Meet**

Administrator Katz updated the Council on preliminary talks with Calumet Township and the Village of Laurium regarding potential options for police.

**C. Finance - Did Not Meet**

Trustee King updated the Council on her efforts to set up Quick Books as a potential replacement for Sage.

**D. Ordinance - Did Not Meet**

**E. Personnel**

Doug Harrer presented the personnel report and updated the council regarding the part-time police officer search.

Motion made by Trustee Harrer and seconded by Trustee Weir to purchase five (5) \$50.00 gift cards to Pat's IGA for Christmas presents from the Council to five (5) employees: The Administrator, Accounts Clerk, Superintendent of Public Works, Street Assistant, and the Custodian.

President David Geisler polled the Council:

Yes: King, L. Weir, Harrer, Abramson, Geisler

No: None

Motion Carried 5/0

Motion made by Trustee King and seconded by Trustee Harrer to empower Caleb Katz to continue in his current position with the rights and responsibilities as outlined in the Village Manager Ordinance, this would include purchasing items up to \$1500.00 without bringing it before the Village Council and the hiring and firing of subordinate personnel.

President David Geisler conducted a voice vote:

Yeas: 4 Nays: 1 (Yeas: Abramson, Geisler, Harrer, King Nays: L. Weir)

Motion Carried 4/1

Motion made by Trustee Harrer and seconded by Trustee Abramson to accept the personnel report.

President David Geisler conducted a voice vote:

Yeas: All Nays: None

Motion Carried 5/0

**F. Clerk/Administrator**

Clerk Weir presented the clerk report:

- Village Manager Ordinance Referendum
- Accepting Adult Use Marihuana Facilities Applications
- Ordinance Review/Codification

Administrator Katz presented the administrator report:

- Option to acquire property at 515 5th St.
- Reappointment of Colleen Kobe to the Planning Commission
- Updated the Council on blight enforcement
- Updated the Council on Redevelopment Ready Community progress
- Exploring online payment options

Motion made by Trustee Abramson and seconded by Trustee King to acquire properties at 515 5th St.

President David Geisler polled the Council:

Yes: King, L. Weir, Harrer, Abramson, Geisler

No: None

Motion Carried 5/0

Motion made by Trustee Harrer and seconded by Trustee Abramson to reappoint Colleen Kobe to the Planning Commission for a 3 year term ending in 2022.

President David Geisler conducted a voice vote:

Yeas: All Nays: None

Motion Carried 5/0

Motion made by Trustee Harrer and seconded by Trustee Abramson to accept the Clerk and Administrator reports.

President David Geisler conducted a voice vote::

Yeas: All Nays: None

Motion Carried 5/0

## **6. DDA**

Leah Polzien updated the council regarding:

- FY2021 Budget passed
- DDA Plan contractor recommendation coming
- First of two (2) Informational Meeting held on 12/10/19
- Need for technology upgrades
- MEDC/CDBG Facade Grant
- Stabilization of 425 5th St. (Aho Building) completed
- Street Closure Application
- GIS Meeting
- Property Sales
- Christmas in Calumet

## **7. HDC**

Kevin Weir updated the Council regarding the current commission membership and applicable terms, and requested the Council approve due/delinquent reappointments and reaffirm all commissioners and terms.

Motion made by Trustee King and seconded by Trustee Weir to reappoint, and reaffirm HDC Commissioners and terms as follows:

- Reappoint Chris Green to a 3 year term beginning January 1, 2020 through December of 2022, representing the community at large.
- Reaffirm the reappointment of Sandy Johnson to a 3 year term that began on January 1, 2019 through December of 2021, representing the DDA.
- Reaffirm the reappointment of David Geisler to a 3 year term that began on January 1, 2019 through December 2021, representing the community on behalf of the Keweenaw National Historical Park Advisory Committee.
- Reaffirm the reappointment of Abe Voelker to a 3 year term that began on December 1, 2017 through November 2020, representing the community on behalf of the Planning Commission.
- Reaffirm the appointment of Cassandra Dronet to a 3 year term that began on December 1, 2017 through November 2020, representing the community at large.
- Reaffirm that all future appointments and reappointments expire on the first day of January in order to comply with Ordinance No. 140.

President David Geisler conducted a voice vote:

Yeas: All Nays: None

Motion Carried 5/0

## **8. Planning Commission**

Colleen Kobe updated the Council regarding:

- Reappointments
- Relocation of Baptist Church
- Online training for citizen planners
- Efforts to update the Zoning Ordinance

## **9. Bills**

Motion made by Trustee Harrer and seconded by Trustee Abramson to pay bills in the following amounts:

Previously Paid Bills: \$283,163.62

New Bills: \$24,087.21

President David Geisler polled the Council:

Yes: King, L. Weir, Harrer, Abramson, Geisler

No: None

Motion Carried 5/0

## **9. Adjournment**

Motion made by Trustee Harrer and seconded by Trustee Abramson to adjourn at 7:30 PM.  
President David Geisler conducted a voice vote:  
Yeas: All Nays: None  
Motion Carried 5/0

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin P. Weir  
Calumet Village Clerk  
December 22, 2019