

**CALUMET VILLAGE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
CALUMET VILLAGE TOWN HALL
340 SIXTH STREET
CALUMET, MICHIGAN 49913
June 2, 2020**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by 2:10PM

Present: Members Leah Polzien, David Geisler, Lorri Oikarinen, Andrew Ranville, Tom Dumble

Absent: Tim Bies, Rick Campioni, Pete Hahn

Vacant: One

Also Present: Caleb Katz, Village Manager and one members of the public.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Leah Polzien led the pledge of allegiance.

II. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Chair Leah Polzien asked for motion to be amended to add letter of interest to agenda. Moved by David Geisler and seconded by Andrew Ranville to amend the agenda to include letter of interest.

Motion carried unanimously (5/0).

Voice vote: Ayes: Dave Geisler, Tom Dumble, Leah Polzien, Lorri Oikarinen, Andrew Ranville

Nays: None

III. MINUTES

Moved by Dave Geisler and seconded by Lorri Oikarinen to accept the May 5, 2020 regular meeting minutes.

Motion carried unanimously (5/0).

Voice vote: Ayes: Dave Geisler, Tom Dumble, Leah Polzien, Lorri Oikarinen, Andrew Ranville

Nays: None

III. AGENDA

1. Petitions from the Public

None.

2. Calumet Greenspace Improvement Project

Chair Leah Polzien led a discussion and discussed the draft lease agreement regarding the Barsotti Lot. Attorney Tercha drafted, and suggested the DDA lease the property. Chair Leah Polzien asked DDA if they wish to have Ms. Barsotti's attorney review, or if we wish to discuss more. Lorri Oikarinen pointed out two errors on last page, and asked for additional discussion on the topic.

Dave Geisler made motion to accept lease with changes mentioned by Lorri Oikarinen. Andrew Ranville seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously (5/0).

Voice vote: Ayes: Dave Geisler, Tom Dumble, Leah Polzien, Lorri Oikarinen, Andrew Ranville

Nays: None

3. DDA Plan Update

Chair Leah Polzien gave update and overview on DDA Plan. Talked about opportunity to do overall downtown comprehensive plan, we have a volunteer with experience and wishes to help. The volunteer, and Chair Polzien want to set up a meeting with Dave Geisler and Caleb Katz. This will help us get more people involved. We are working to set up a meeting with Beckett & Raeder.

4. Mihelich Slaughterhouse

No New updates, or movement on the property. Chair Polzien will return to this project and search for more interested parties.

5. CDBG Update

Chair Leah Polzien gave update on CDBG. Work has begun on exterior of Lorri Oikarinen's building. Manager Katz updated on Escrow account for CDBG.

6. WUPPDR Marketing Grant

Chair Polzien updated that no posts have occurred lately, but she is hoping to restart doing them.

8. Match on Main

Main St. Calumet is working with KEDA to do application to MEDC for up to 50k to go out to our local businesses. This is a very challenging and competitive program. Hoping to know in the coming weeks.

9. DDA Letter of Interest

Leah Polzien gave update on letter of interest from JW Miller, who is interested in joining DDA. He does not live in the Village, but he does own buildings in the Village. He is eager to work in the community, and give ideas.

Chair Polzien asked for motion to appoint JW Miller to DDA. No motion was made, DDA wishes to have JW Miller attend a meeting for an interview.

10. Bills

Discussion was had regarding bills, Chair Polzien went line by line on items that were charged for the last month.

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Dave Geisler made motion to accept bills. Lorri Oikarinen seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously (5/0).

Voice vote: Ayes: Dave Geisler, Tom Dumble, Leah Polzien, Lorri
Oikarinen, Andrew Ranville

Nays: None

11. Adjourn

Andrew Ranville made the motion to adjourn. Dave Geisler seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously (5/0).

Voice vote: Ayes: Dave Geisler, Tom Dumble, Leah Polzien, Lorri
Oikarinen, Andrew Ranville

Nays: None

Meeting Adjourned at 2:48PM

Respectfully submitted,

Caleb C.D. Katz
DDA Administrator