

**REGULAR MEETING
VILLAGE OF CALUMET
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
CALUMET VILLAGE TOWN HALL
340 SIXTH ST.
CALUMET, MICHIGAN
MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2022 AT 1:00PM AT COUNCIL CHAMBER**

Present: Chair Leah Polzien; Board members JW Miller, Rick Campioni, Andrew Ranville (Dismissed 2:12pm), Pete Hahn (1:07 Late Arrival), Tom Dumble

Absent: Village President Robert Tarvis; Board Members Lori Oikarinen,

Vacancies: One Member

Also Present from Village: Manager Amber Goodman

Public: two members of the public

Call to Order

Chair Leah Polzien called the meeting to order at 1:01 PM, and recited the pledge.

Acceptance of Agenda

Moved by Board Member Ranville and seconded by Board Member Dumble to accept the agenda.

Motion Passed 5/0

Approval of the Minutes

Moved by Board Member Campioni and seconded by Board Member Ranville to approved the DDA Regular Minutes of March 1, 2022.

Motion Passed 5/0

1. Petitions from the Public

Member of the public spoke about the quit claim deed on the greenspace, and revert clause in the deed. Concern about the revert clause for the owner to reclaim the property if the Village neglects the property, recommendation that this be reviewed and removed for the greenspace property.

Member of the public spoke about the concern with the spending of DDA funds, and the Façade program not being available to businesses in the area. Discussion on the previous Façade Projects, and the current allocation of these funds for projects.

Board Member Hahn Arrived at 1:07pm

Member of the public also spoke about the insurance funds being used for the greenspace application match, instead of being applied to other needed areas within the community. Question on why DDA is not improving our historic park and stated that this application is a misuse of public funds, and redundant.

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2. Calumet Greenspace –

-Plan Approval:

DDA reviewed the application for the greenspace, point of contact will be updated to the Village Manager. Discussion on walkways, lighting, environmental review, construction funds, and budget. Application is due April 15, 2022, this application is a 90% funded grant.

Moved by Board Member Ranville, and seconded by Board Members Hahn to approve the Calumet Green Space Grant Application.

Motion Passed 6/0

-Budget Amendment:

Increase to the insurance reimbursement revenue line by \$20,000 and \$10,000 in public improvements update the expense in the budget to reflect \$31,538.20 of expenses if the grant was obtained in match costs. The funding may not be spent in FY2023 but may carry over in FY2024.

Moved by Board Member JW Miller, and seconded by Board Member Ranville to make a budget amendment to approve the increase of revenue by \$20,000 and increase the expenses by \$21,538.20, for a total of 31,538.20 for public improvements.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes - Board members Rick Campioni, JW Miller, Pete Hahn, Tom Dumble, Andrew Ranville; Chair Leah Polzien

Nays – none

Motion Passed 6/0

-Recommendation to Council to submit grant application:

Moved by Board Member Hahn, and seconded by JW Miller to recommend to Council to submit a grant application for the Green Space Grant.

Motion Passed 6/0

3. KNHP AC Heritage Grant Support

Discussion on the current grant proposal being worked on by the HDC for the street signs within the Downtown/Historic District. DDA may provide a match on this project but there is not a firm number at this point. This would be brought back to the DDA when numbers are available to review.

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4. Short Term Rentals

Brief discussion on short term rentals, discussion on rough revenue that is brought in each month based on residents, discussion of an occupancy tax with Airbnb, thru an ordinance that could be put in place. Revenue could be replaced with the occupancy tax, but future discussions need to be had.

5. Farmer Market Progress Report

No additional updates at this time.

6. DDA Property Update

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Board Member Ranville left the meeting at 2:12pm

Tom Dumble led the discussion on purchasing a piece of plywood for the Aho building to assist to create a separation line. This is Houghton County Land Bank property, the DDA has contributed funds to secure, and stabilize the buildings in the past. This is currently in the budget.

Chair Polzien discussed the ongoing work for properties in the area. Discussion on a possibility of an ordinance enforcement officer.

8. Bills

Moved by Board Member Hahn, and seconded by JW Miller, to approve the DDA Bills.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes - Board members Rick Campioni, JW Miller, Pete Hahn, Tom Dumble; Chair Leah Polzien

Nays – none

Motion Passed 5/0

9. Adjourn

Moved by Board Member Hahn and seconded by Board Member Dumble to adjourn.

Motion Passed: 5/0

Meeting Adjourned at 2:22pm

Respectfully Submitted,



Amber Goodman

Village Manager