## Updated Annual Synopsis of Activities of the Village of Calumet Downtown Development Authority FY2020

For any tax increment revenues described in the annual audit that are not expended within 5 years of their receipt, a description that provides the following: ALL FUNDS WERE EXPENDED.

## List of authority accomplishments including projects, investments, events and promotional campaigns.

Supported State of Michigan Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Facade Grant which will provide facade improvements on 5 buildings in the district, estimated at over \$325,000 of improvements in the district. Construction to occur summer 2020.

Contributed funding for stabilization of the historical structure at 425 5th Street, Calumet. The stabilization work prevents further deterioration due to water penetration into the structure.

Continued stabilization of the DDA property at 512 Portland Street, correcting a hole in the sidewalk on Portland Street.

Worked to develop a concept plan for a 300 Block Greenspace, with technical assistance from the Keweenaw National Historical Park. A community input session was held with assistance from Main Street Calumet, Inc to allow the public to view the concept plan and make comments. Comments were also solicited via a website that the DDA developed for the project. <a href="http://www.villageofcalumet.com/calumet-greenspace-improvement-project.html">http://www.villageofcalumet.com/calumet-greenspace-improvement-project.html</a>

Funded downtown beautification with 34 pole mounted hanging flower baskets and associated maintenance.

Supported downtown sidewalk snow removal and street sweeping expenses.

Purchased a bucket truck, enabling Village staff to place downtown decor items such as flags and flowers as well as perform maintenance on properties.

## The following activities were accomplished via contract with Main Street Calumet, Inc.

Execution of a Ladies Day Out shopping event, a 4th of July Celebration, a Halloween event, an 18 week farmers market and Christmas in Calumet event with horse-drawn wagon rides and Santa visits. These events are tools to encourage participation in the district and create a sense of place, and an inviting community where people want to live.

Maintained a presence for Calumet on social media, specifically, Facebook and Instagram, to encourage residents to participate in the downtown, to attract new residents and business owners and raise awareness about community events. This community marketing work also

included e-newsletters to reach community members and other interested parties with positive items from the community.

Hosted, along with Keweenaw Economic Development Authority, a work session at 425 5th Street to clean out and stabilize that historic downtown structure which is owned by the Houghton County Landbank Authority. Continued stabilization work and efforts to find a new owner for this property are on-going efforts.

Participated in the Calumet Area Trails (CAT) group, which works to develop the trail system in and around Calumet to encourage economic vitality, improved resident quality of life and to attract visitors. This is an on-going effort.