

CALUMET VILLAGE COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2023 – 6:00 PM

CALUMET VILLAGE TOWNHALL, 340 SIXTH STREET

Public viewing available via ZOOM.com “Join A Meeting” - Meeting ID: 897 0467 4551

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89704674551> or via phone: 1-312-626-6799

Present: President Tarvis; Trustees Dwyer, Germain, Que, Ranville, Smith & Weir (**arrived at 6:21pm*); Clerk Pressel

Absent: None

Also Present from the Village: Manager Haselden

Present from the Public: Leah Polzien, Jeff Ratcliffe, Vada Riederich, Anita Campbell

I. Call to Order / Roll Call / Pledge of Allegiance

Tarvis called the meeting to order at 6:00pm with roll call and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Petitions from the Public (*members of the public have 5 minutes to speak*)

Riederich & Campbell updated the Council on the status of the Big Annie Statue and requests that Council vote to approve the statue, once erected, being owned by the Village of Calumet. To be added to the Council meeting agenda for approval.

III. Approval of Agenda

Dwyer requests adding Sidewalks to the agenda under Item VI. 6. Que moved, seconded by Smith to approve the agenda with the addition of Item VI. 6. Sidewalks.

Motion Carried 6/0

IV. Reports

1. Manager

Haselden updated the Council; written report to be added to the Council meeting and minutes.

2. DDA

Ranville updated the Council on DDA issues. DDA approved October minutes to be added to the Council meeting Consent Agenda.

3. Planning Commission

No new business.

4. HDC (*no meeting in October*)

V. Unfinished Business

1. Ordinance No. 144 – Real Estate Tax Exemption / Morrison School Apartments

CALUMET VILLAGE COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2023 – 6:00 PM

CALUMET VILLAGE TOWNHALL, 340 SIXTH STREET

Public viewing available via ZOOM.com “Join A Meeting” - Meeting ID: 897 0467 4551

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89704674551> or via phone: 1-312-626-6799

Trustee Weir discussed a couple of points in the ordinance that need to be reviewed and determined; in particular the use of “shall” related to payments based on rents. Haselden to reach out to the Village Attorney for review.

2. Parking Meters – does the Village Council want parking meters removed? Total funds collected 9/15/22 – 9/15/23 = \$714.

The removal of the parking meters will be added to the Council agenda for a vote.

VI. New Business

1. Budget v Actuals – General Fund as of October & Budgeting Process

Haselden updated the Council on discussions regarding the budgeting process with boards and departments and reviewed General Fund financials through October.

2. Department of Public Works (New Hire Status and Pay Rates)

Haselden updated the Council on the hiring process and suggested new pay rates for the DPW Supervisor and Street Assistant positions, which will be added to the Council agenda for approval.

3. Village Clerk Ordinance / Assistant Position

Haselden shared a draft ordinance for an appointed Clerk that is a full-time staff person under the Village Manager for consideration on the Secretary position.

4. Statutory Meeting

Discussion on the Statutory Meeting items.

5. Shared Learning Experiences – RRC Virtual Academy

Discussion on shared learning experiences held at Village Hall; with the RRC Virtual Academy webinars being hosted by the Village Manager for all interested to attend.

6. Sidewalks / 115 7th Street

Dwyer discussed issues at 115 7th Street where the foundation under a sidewalk collapsed during homeowner construction of a new pathway leading from the road to the homeowner entrance and asks if the Village should be liable. Continued research and item to add to Unfinished Business at December work session.

VII. Announcements – Other Council Business

CALUMET VILLAGE COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2023 – 6:00 PM

CALUMET VILLAGE TOWNHALL, 340 SIXTH STREET

Public viewing available via ZOOM.com “Join A Meeting” - Meeting ID: 897 0467 4551

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89704674551> or via phone: 1-312-626-6799

None.

VIII. Comments from the Public (*members of the public have 5 minutes to speak*)

None.

IX. Adjourn

Que moved, seconded by Ranville to adjourn the meeting at 7:38pm.

Motion Carried 7/0

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Pressel, Clerk

Megan Haselden, Manager

Manager Report

November 20, 2023

- DPW: there have been difficulties in hiring the Street Assistant position. We have called in one of our seasonal full-time employees to start early and help with equipment repairs and maintenance for the season. DPW rates have been added to agenda for discussion. Update: We made a job offer to a great candidate on Wednesday, hopefully he will be able to start Monday, November 27th!!
- I attended Strategic Planning meetings for the Keweenaw Economic Development Alliance and with Visit Keweenaw, they are both working on 5-year plans which will be shared with the council once ready.
- Rob and I met with Village of Laurium President and Manager to discuss potential shared service for garbage collection. Laurium to follow-up on cost of service and then we will draft a proposal to the Council for consideration.
- Master Plan survey is still live, we have received over 80 responses and will be working to get more response from residents and property owners.
- I met with the editor of the Mining Gazette and discussed the delinquent tax news article that was published. In my opinion the article read very specific to the Village of Calumet, though this is not a Village specific problem. I let the editor and Village Council know that since the article published, someone is sharing a list obtained from the County of delinquent taxpayers and I have had multiple people approach me about the names on that list. I personally believe that this type of shaming behavior is wrong and wanted to express that publicly to the Council. ~~to discuss some issues occurring after the delinquent tax news article and discussed that this is not just a Village of Calumet problem, as it seemed in the article. To the Council, I wanted to express that there have been multiple people who have approached me expressing surprise for names on the list, I personally think that this type of behavior of calling out people who are delinquent is dangerous and wrong to do, regardless of the information being publicly accessible.~~
- We are working with Keweenaw Power & Light on the LED street light project; we hope to get all street lights fixed and working with the new LED's before the winter, pending weather.
- Many grant applications are due in December, including the Fiscally Distressed Villages grant through the Dept of Treasury, the Save America's Treasures grant and a preliminary review for Certified Local Government grants. I hope to apply for all.
- We did not receive a bid for the Theatre Boiler project and are working with SHPO to determine next steps.
- The fire site concept plan survey and pdf should be ready to publish to the public the week of 11/20.
- A Notice of Blight letter is ready to be sent to the property owner of the Bill's Electrical building.
- I am working with departments and boards on the budgeting process, so that we will have preliminary budgets to review in December with our updated budget v actuals for all funds as we move into January meetings where we will review the draft budgets for all.

Projects in Process

- Hiring – ~~DPW Assistant~~, Village Secretary (Clerk)?
- Blight Enforcement

- Codification with American Legal Publishing
- Redevelopment Ready Community (RRC) Certification
- Master Plan/Capital Improvement Plan Updates
- Preparing for Strategic Plan/Joint Meetings of all boards