

CALUMET VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2023 – 6:00 PM
CALUMET VILLAGE TOWNHALL, 340 SIXTH STREET
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Present: President Tarvis; Trustees Dwyer, Germain, Que, Ranville, Smith, Weir; Clerk Pressel

Absent: None

Also Present from the Village: Manager Haselden

Present from the Public: Graham Jaehnig, Mining Gazette; Leah Polzien, Main Street Calumet
(via Zoom)

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)*

Haselden announced the passing of Rev. Robert (Bob) Langseth. A moment of silence was observed by the Council.

III. Approval of Consent Agenda Items *(items are considered routine by the council and will be enacted by one motion. If discussion of an item is required, it will be removed from the consent agenda and considered separately.)*

Review and approval of Council meeting minutes

Regular Meeting September 19, 2023

Work Session October 10, 2023

Review and approval of bills

Prior paid bills in the amount of \$27,277.43

New bills in the amount of \$23,173.53

Fund Balances Report

Review and acceptance of Reports

Manager Report

Downtown Development Authority Minutes from September 2023

Planning Commission Minutes from September 2023

Historic District Commission Minutes from September 2023

Germain requests that the September 19th Council minutes list in detail the changes made to the September 12th Work Session minutes.

Germain requests a correction to the minutes of October 10th Work Session under Item VI. 3.

From “Roof Snow Removal” to “Snow hauling from rooftops”.

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Que moved, seconded by Ranville to approve the Consent Agenda with the above noted corrections to the Minutes.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Dwyer, Germain, Que, Ranville, Smith, Tarvis, Weir

Nays: None

Motion Carried 7/0

IV. Approval of Regular Agenda

Que moved, seconded by Smith to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion Carried 7/0

V. Unfinished Business

None.

VI. New Business

1. MSC Street Closure: 100-200 Block 5th Street, 2:00pm-5:00pm, Saturday 10/28.

Que moved, seconded by Weir to approve the Main Street Calumet Street Closure application.

Motion Carried, 7/0

2. 2023-2024 Fee Schedule Changes

Discussion on all fees. Que moved, seconded by Ranville to approve the changes proposed (see attached fee schedule).

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Dwyer, Que, Ranville, Smith, Tarvis, Weir

Nays: Germain

Motion Carried 6/1

3. Committees

Discussion on the roles of committees. Dwyer moved, seconded by Germain to keep all current Committees of the Village Council.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Dwyer, Germain

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Nays: Que, Ranville, Smith, Tarvis, Weir

Motion Failed 2/5

4. November 13, 2023 Joint Annual Meeting of boards for Strategic Plan + Strategic Plan Survey for review.

Haselden reminds Council of the November 13th joint meeting of Village boards. Meeting will be posted to the public and will start at 5:30pm as opposed to 6:00pm.

VII. Announcements – Other Council Business

The November 21st Council Meeting and Statutory Meeting is rescheduled to November 20th at 6:00pm due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

The FEMA Firefighter Equipment Grant received will require a maximum match from the Village of \$7,000.

Fall Clean-Up has been moved to Friday, October 27th through Sunday November 5th, with pickup on Monday, November 6th.

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

Jaehnig announced that he will post information related to the Master Plan Survey in the Mining Gazette.

IX. Adjourn

Ranville moved, seconded by Que to adjourn the meeting at 7:16pm.

Motion Carried 7/0

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Pressel, Clerk

Megan Haselden, Manager

Manager Report

October 10, 2023

- The Street Assistant resigned effective 10/1. The DPW Superintendent, Village President and I have met to discuss the needs of the department. We have posted the job description and have received several candidates. Our hope is to start interviews the week of 10/16 and to hire immediately. We will also need to hire 1-2 seasonal DPW staff so will be posting the advertisement to the Mining Gazette and possibly Indeed.
- Calumet Community Day was a wonderful event, volunteers provided hot dogs with all of the fixings, a grill, a delicious pasta salad, corn on the cob, cookies and the Village provided a cake to celebrate Agassiz Park's 100th year! We were able to make some updates to the Pavilion, including painting the bathroom and the new exterior doors, replacing all light switches and door plates on interior doors. About 60 people came and provided some feedback for the Village as we launched the Master Plan Update Survey. It was a successful community engagement event. The Pavilion is now closed for the season.
- We are still compiling estimates for the LED street light grant, with winter approaching this project may push to spring.
- The \$10,000 Firefighter Equipment Grant was awarded, the funds were spent and we were able to acquire new sets of boots for our volunteer firefighters and a thermal imager. We have already submitted for reimbursement.
- I have reached out to Treasury re: covering expenses to engage with Beckett & Raeder to work with the Planning Commission on Master Plan/Capital Improvement Plan updates and the first Strategic Plan. I do not yet have a firm answer and will follow up.

Projects in Process

- Hiring – DPW Assistant, DPW Seasonal Employees, Village Secretary (Clerk)?
- Blight Enforcement
- Codification with American Legal Publishing
- Redevelopment Ready Community (RRC) Certification
- Budget process and preparing financial docs for review
- Master Plan/Capital Improvement Plan Updates
- Preparing for Strategic Plan/Joint Meetings of all boards on November 13th
- Grant process – several important grants are re-opening for applications (Fiscally Distressed Villages grant, Save America's Treasures grant, USDA grants for equipment)