

**CALUMET VILLAGE COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES  
CALUMET VILLAGE TOWNHALL  
VILLAGE COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
340 SIXTH STREET  
CALUMET, MICHIGAN 49913  
TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 2022**

**Present:** ~~Trustees:~~ President Robert Tarvis Jr., ~~Trustees:~~ Jr, Ken Olkkonen, Andrew Ranville, Pam Que, Tim Bies

**Absent:** Treasurer Debbie Aubin, Clerk David Geisler

**Vacancies:** Two Council Seats

**Also Present from Village:** Manager Amber Goodman, DDA Chair Leah Polzien

**Public:** Two Members of the public from various time periods

**I. Call to Order**

President Tarvis, Jr. called the meeting to order at 6:36pm.

Pledge of Allegiance recited: *I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.*

**II. Agenda**

**a. Petitions from the Public**

Email from Virginia Dwyer read aloud by Manager Goodman.

Trustee Olkkonen spoke about a recent event with his church that involved a request to State Police, Houghton County Sheriff Department, local fire departments, and ambulance service for which these organizations provide safety and security support on request the state police, and fire department and county sheriff provided intersection support.

**b. Ordinance 157 Clerk – Referendum Petition/Ballot Language**

Discussion on the state of the current petition for Ordinance 157 - Clerk. The copy of the petition that was provided has been verified by Calumet Township.

Manager Goodman reviewed with the Council the Ballot language from Village Attorney Tercha.

**c. Permission for access for EGLE**

Discussion on testing that EGLE would like to perform in association with a previous oil tank at the 7<sup>th</sup> Street Garage. President Tarvis to do follow-up.

**d. Frozen Farm Request**

Discussion on a possible variance request from Frozen Farms. Manager Goodman will review the application, as the Zoning Administrator, and then determine if a meeting is

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needed for the Zoning Board of Appeals. Additional questions on the application discussed.

**e. Planning Commission Request**

Chair Kobe was not in attendance, and Council will await the formal request for funds for a planning coordinator.

**f. Street Closure Request – 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Pasty Fest August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

Discussion on the Street closure request for Pasty Fest.

**g. Electronic Waste Recycling** *KDO*

Discussion on grant for E-waste collection that may require use of the 4<sup>th</sup> street parking lot behind family dollar. The application will be done by Mainstreet.

**h. Conditional Use Permit Letter for 201 5<sup>th</sup> Street Finalization**

Discussion on the letter to be voted on by council for the conditional use permit.

**i. Houghton County Recreation Authority Articles of Incorporation**

Discussion on the Houghton County Recreation Authority Articles of Incorporation. Council will need to rejoin due to an error in the postings of the articles of incorporation for Houghton County Recreation Authority.

**j. Citizen Planner/Zoning Administrator Training Reimbursement**

Discussion on zoning training for Manager Goodman. This can be reimbursed by insurance.

**k. Sidewalks**

Trustee Que spoke about sidewalks and Ordinance 126. Also, discussion on previous request from Monkey Business. Village Council may form a committee meeting on sidewalks.

Member of the public spoke about the sidewalks in front of their residence and asked questions about the responsibility of repairs. Ordinance 126, places the responsibility of repairs on the landowner.

**l. Alleys**

Trustee Que spoke about recent feedback about alley cleanup, parking in alleys, and Village Maintenance. Discussion on the utilities in the area. It is noted in the winter parking is usually allowable to prevent parking on the street.

Manager Goodman to research the practice of maintenance of alleys in other Villages.

**m. Blight and Associated ordinances**

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Discussion on Ordinance 141 – Dangerous Building Ordinance as it was repealed by Ordinance 159. Village Council may reconsider this ordinance with edits in the coming months.

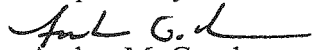
DDA Chair Polzein spoke about the blight process with fines and steps to follow. Manager Goodman to research additional blight actions.

**III. Adjourn**

Motion from Trustee Ranville, and seconded by Trustee Bies to adjourn the meeting at 7:17pm.

Motion Passed 5/0

Respectfully Submitted,



Amber M. Goodman

Village Manager



Kenneth D. Olkkonen

Temporary Clerk