

**CALUMET VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES/WITHOUT CLOSED  
SESSION**

**CALUMET VILLAGE TOWN HALL**

**340 SIXTH STREET**

**CALUMET, MICHIGAN 49913**

**FEBRUARY 20, 2018**

**I. Call to order**

President Dave Geisler called to order the regular meeting of the Calumet Village Council at 7:00 PM on February 20, 2018.

**A. Pledge of Allegiance**

President Dave Geisler led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**II. Roll call**

Present: President Dave Geisler, Trustees Jim Camp, Virginia Dwyer, Sandy Johnson and Peggy Germain

Absent: Trustee Abramson

Vacant: One council seat

Also present: Administrator Joe Snow, Clerk Julie Dahlstrom, Police Chief Keith Anderson, eight members of the public and one reporter.

**III. Acceptance of the Agenda**

Motion made by Trustee Germain and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Johnson to approve agenda with moving #11 to #1, motion carried (5/0).

**IV. Agenda**

**1. Petitions from the Public**

**a. Theater Elevator Contract**

Member of public asked for the green light to move forward for the elevator contract from village council. Theater has own 1 million dollar liability policy with the construction contract. Motion made by Trustee Johnson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Dwyer to approve the elevator contract, motion carried (5/0).

One member of public addressed parking issues on 7<sup>th</sup> Street concerning.

One member of the public addressed concerns with the master plan.

One member of the public spoke against eliminating voting for the Village Treasurer and Clerk.

One member of the public addressed sculpture park vacant lot.

One member of public addressed sculpture park vacant lot also.

One member of public spoke against making the Village Treasurer and Clerk appointed positions.

Trustee Germain addressed various committee meeting minutes and timeliness.

## **2. Meeting Minutes**

Meeting minutes November 28, 2017, Trustee Germain addressed Keweenaw National Park. Motion made by Trustee Johnson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Dwyer to approve the November 28, 2017 meeting minutes, motion carried (5/0).

Meeting minutes for January 16, 2018, Trustee Germain requested Ms. Coby going to a class be added and with a report to be given to the council after completion of the class. Trustee Abramson's motion to accept expense report was missing the 2<sup>nd</sup> to the motion added. Minutes for January 16, 2018 meeting are tabled until requested changes are made.

January 24, 2018 special meeting open portion accepted (5/0) motion carried.

January 24, 2018 special meeting closed session, Trustee Germain requested the word "car" be added to the minutes, motion to approve the January special meeting closed session minutes was made by Trustee Dwyer and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Camp, motion carried (5/0).

### **b. Michigan House**

Village Attorney Jim Tercha needs to speak with Michigan House attorney regarding snow removal and overpayment for trash and snow bills. Attorney Tercha excused himself at this point of the meeting.

Owner of Michigan House requested an ordinance change to the sidewalk snow removal ordinance.

Street Superintendent also gave some input on matter. Trustee Camp will address with sanitation committee and will have update at the March council meeting.

**3. MSHDA FSR Payment #16**

Motion made by Trustee Germain and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Dwyer to approve the MSHDA FSR Payment #16. Roll call vote: Yea's; President Geisler, Trustees Camp, Johnson, Dwyer and Germain; Nay's; none, motion carried (5/0).

**4. Smart & Connected Committees**

Suggestion having a community workshop hosted by village and send a report of outcome. Motion made by Trustee Johnson to have workshop and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Dwyer, motion carried (3/2).

**5. DDA Minutes January 9, 2018 Meeting**

Meeting minutes tabled until March 2018 meeting.

**6. HDC**

Michael Bleddynn will attend March 2018 village council meeting and introduce himself.

**7. Planning Commission**

Head of Planning Commission will email Village Attorney Jim Tercha with questions she has. Trustee Germain addressed the master plan.

**8. Committee Reports**

**A. Office**

Administrator Joe Snow went over written office report with council, is checking into new phone and related phone services.

Trustee Germain addressed concerns with village website and concerns with web site developer. Trustee Germain motion to take down village web site and Trustee Camp 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried (4/1).

Trustee Germain motioned to take down Italian Hall web site and no 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion failed.

Motion to approve the office report made by Trustee Johnson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Dwyer, motion carried (5/0).

Motion made by Trustee Germain to have records returned to the village from the National Park Service, no 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion failed.

## **B. Streets Public Works**

Street Superintendent requested to put ads for opening of Street Superintendent.

Trustee Germain gave report on streets and public works.

Ads will be put in Gazette and Mining Journal for open position; 2 ads in the Gazette for 2 Saturdays and 1 ad in the Mining Journal on a Sunday. So moved by Trustee Dwyer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Camp. Roll call vote: Yea's; President Geisler, Trustees, Camp, Johnson, Dwyer and Germain, Nay's; none, motion carried (5/0).

Motion to accept the Streets/Public Works reports was made by Trustee Dwyer and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Johnson, motion carried (5/0).

## **C. Finance Committee**

### **a. Upcoming Budget Meetings**

The finance committee is working on the budget and a special meeting will be on February 22, 2018 with an informative in-service at 9:00 AM. On February 27, 2018 a public hearing will be at 6:00 PM, immediately following will be the meeting for accepting the budget.

Motion made by Trustee Dwyer to accept the finance committee report and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Camp, motion carried (5/0).

#### **D. Ordinance Committee**

3 topics were highlighted regarding ordinances:

- Blight
- Dangerous Buildings
- Take actions regarding demolition by neglect

The above 3 mentioned need to be reviewed for ordinances, also, the ordinances in general are being reviewed.

Motion made by Trustee Johnson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Camp to accept the ordinance committee report, motion carried (5/0).

#### **E. Public Buildings Report**

It was addressed possibly operating a seasonal business out of the pavilion. Also, purchase of a live Christmas tree for green space by theater. More information will be obtained on both. Motion made by Trustee Germain to accept the public buildings report and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Camp, motion carried (5/0).

#### **F. Public Safety Report**

Trustee Dwyer provided information on individuals who were billed for fire calls (cost recovery).

Police Chief Anderson provided information regarding the grant applied for. Money was requested to provide UPSET with \$1000.00. Motion made by Trustee Dwyer and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Johnson to approve the \$1000.00 requested. Roll call vote: Yea's; President Geisler, Trustees, Camp, Johnson, Dwyer; Nay's; Trustee Germain, motion carried (4/1).

Motion to accept the public safety report was made by Trustee Johnson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Germain, motion carried (5/0).

#### **G. Sanitation Committee**

The sanitation committee did not meet.

## 9. Village Records

The village records were addressed earlier in the meeting.

## 10. FOIA Refund

Trustee Germain addressed concerns with being charged for information under FOIA, needs to further looked into, tabled until March 2018 meeting.

## 11. Public Parking

Public parking was addressed earlier in the meeting.

## 12. Bills

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|---------------|---------------------|
| • \$33,427.31 | Previous Paid Bills |
| • \$32,765.94 | Current Bills       |
| • \$661,93.25 | Total               |

Motion made to accept the bills made by Trustee Dwyer and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Camp.  
Roll call vote: Yea's; President Geisler, Trustees Camp, Johnson, Dwyer, Germain,  
Nay's; none, motion carried (5/0).

## 13. Personnel

**Closed session:** Motion made by Trustee Johnson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Dwyer to go into closed session as requested by a village employee for a performance review, motion carried (5/0).

Time: 9:39 PM

**Open session:** Returned to open meeting

Time: 10:26 PM

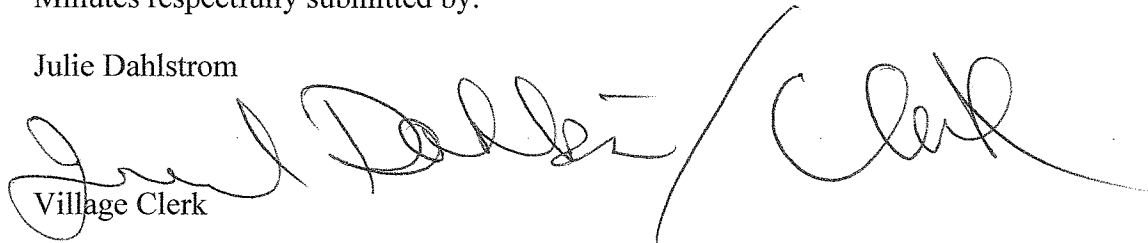
## 14. Adjourn

Calumet Village Council  
Regular Meeting  
February 20, 2018

Motion made by Trustee Johnson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Camp to adjourn, motion carried (5/0). Meeting adjourned at 10:32 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Julie Dahlstrom

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Julie Dahlstrom", written over a horizontal line.

Village Clerk

February 27, 2018