

VILLAGE OF CALUMET
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

February 21, 2018

Present: Chairman Chris Green, Commissioner Abe Voelker, Commissioner Dave Geisler, Commissioner Cassie Dronet, and Commissioner Sandy Johnson.

Absent: Architectural Advisor John Rosemurgy

Also Present: Coordinator Michael Bleddynn

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Chris Green at 5:33 PM.

Approval of Agenda

Chairman Green requested approval of agenda.

Moved by Geisler and seconded by Voelker.

Motion carried unanimously (5/0).

Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes from January 31, 2018

Minor modifications to typographical errors to correct names within the minutes.
Moved by Commissioner Voelker that the minutes be approved as published for the minutes of the January 31, 2018 meeting and seconded by Johnson.

Motion carried unanimously (5/0).

2. Petitions From the Public

None.

3. Applications for Certificate of Appropriateness

None. Chairman Green asked Coordinator Michael Bleddynn to review the Certificate of Appropriateness and determine if any changes need to be made going forward i.e. does it need to ask for fire extinguishers or fire alarms.

4. Approval of Budget

Motion to approve recommended budget for Fiscal Year 2019 as presented to the Commission made by Commissioner Voelker. Seconded by Commissioner Johnson.

Motion carried unanimously (5/0).

5. Demolition by Neglect

Chairman Green discussed the special meeting regarding proposed Village of Calumet ordinances. There was a quorum present. The Village is proceeding with a plan developing a citation system to enforce property regulations. A hearing officer will issue the citations. The City of Houghton has a such a policy, and the Village of Calumet is examining their structure and results.

6. HDC Coordinator Report

Coordinator Bleddynn has migrated all files from the laptop to the Google Drive account associated with the calumethdc@gmail.com and established the Village of Calumet Manager's email address as the back-up account for security access. This will allow information to be easily shared with the Commissioners and with the public. Chairman Green suggested obtaining a Smart TV in lieu of replacing the older laptop. Coordinator Bleddynn will meet with John Arnold to discuss what the Coordinator can approve without the Commission's direction.

7. Architectural Advisor Report

John Rosemurgy absent.

8. Comments from Commissioners

Commissioner Dronet: None

Commissioner Johnson: Questioned what adjustments people made to their properties when the HDC was not meeting regularly and how we needed to handle these matters. Discussion about adding a disclosure agreement for real estate agents so potential buyers know they are purchasing property within a historic district

Commissioner Voelker: None

Commissioner Geisler: None

Chairman Green: The first is the HDC asks the DDA to cover Certificate of Appropriateness fees as part of the budget. Second, the Village of Calumet Planning

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Commission's Master Plan is open for public comments, and a public meeting will occur within the next month. Should the HDC comment on the plan as a body? The Houghton County Master Plan is currently out for public comment.

9. Motion to adjourn

Moved by Commissioner Voelker.

Motion carried unanimously (5/0).

The meeting adjourned at 7:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Bleddynn, Coordinator
Village of Calumet, Historic District Commission