

**SPECIAL MEETING
VILLAGE OF CALUMET
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
CALUMET VILLAGE TOWN HALL
340 SIXTH ST.
CALUMET, MICHIGAN 49913
May 7th, 2019**

Present: Leah, Polzien, David Geisler, Lorri Oikarinen, Tom Dumble Tim Bies, Rick Campioni, Andrew Ranville

Also present from the village: Village Clerk Kevin Weir

Public present: None

Absent: Peter Hahn

I. 8:00 AM Leah Polzien called the meeting to order and the pledge was recited

II. Acceptance of Agenda

Add *County Work Crew* after *MEDC Meeting*, and *Fire Truck* update after *County Work Crew*.

Motion made by David Geisler and seconded by Andrew Ranville to accept the agenda as amended.

Leah Polzien conducted a voice vote:

Yeas: All Nays: None

Motion Carried 7/0

Motion made by David Geisler and seconded by Andrew Ranville to amend the previously amended

agenda with the addition of *Minutes* prior to *Petitions from the Public*.

Leah Polzien conducted a voice vote:

Yeas: All Nays: None

Motion Carried 7/0

III. Agenda

1. Minutes

Motion made by David Geisler and seconded by Rick Campioni to accept prior meeting minutes.

Leah Polzien conducted a voice vote:

Yeas: All Nays: None

Motion Carried 7/0

Leah Polzien welcomed Tim Bies back to the DDA.

2. Petitions from the Public

None

3. Calumet Greenspace Improvement Project

a. Committee member approvals

Leah Polzien updated the DDA regarding resident applications for the Calumet Greenspace Improvement Project Steering Committee. The search was expanded to include all of Houghton and Keweenaw counties and a total of 2 letters of interest were received.

Motion made by Andrew Ranville and seconded by Lorri Oikarinen to approve Kevin Weir and April Prince to the Calumet Greenspace Improvement Project Steering Committee.

Leah Polzien conducted a voice vote:

Yeas: 7 Nays: None

Motion Carried 7/0

A brief discussion was had regarding what type of and how to collect, input and feedback from the public regarding the Calumet Greenspace Improvement Project.

b. Project funding

Leah Polzien updated the DDA on the environmental review required to be done within 60 days of acquiring the property.

Motion made by David Geisler and seconded by Rick Campioni to authorize the DDA to spend up to \$1750.00 to conduct an environmental review of the Sach's Lot.

Leah Polzien polled the DDA:

Yes: Ranville, Campioni, Bies, Dumble, Oikarinen, Geisler, Polzien

No: None

Motion Carried 7/0

*Note: Add historical budget from 17/18 next to the actual in the budget.

A discussion was had regarding the plausibility of receiving matching funds from the state for crowdfunding through *Patronicity*, as well as community sponsorship of walkway bricks, etc., for the Calumet Greenspace Improvement Project.

4. MEDC Meeting Re; Main Street Program

A discussion was had regarding having further conversations about the merging of the Calumet DDA, and Mainstreet Calumet in order to reduce redundancy/duplication of efforts while maintaining non-profit status. Additionally, a discussion was had regarding meeting with the MEDC within the next 2 weeks in order to explore questions related to merging.

*Note: Provide DDA members with the public act establishing DDA's and the local ordinance can be found on the village website.

5. County Work Crews

A discussion was had regarding hiring the county work crews, MDOT, Houghton County or renting equipment to assist with sidewalk/street sweeping in the downtown/non-residential area.

6. Fire Truck

Leah Polzien presented the DDA with an option to contribute to the purchase of the new village fire truck. No action taken.

7. Aho Building

Tom Dumble provided an update regarding the Land Bank Meeting and how it relates to the Aho building and potential future stabilization.

*Note: Include building addresses in addition to a property's colloquial name.

8. Mihelich Slaughterhouse

A brief discussion was had regarding what to do with this DDA owned property.

9. CDBG Funding Commitment

Leah Polzien provided an update regarding the CDBG Facade Rehabilitation Grant application status.

Motion made by David Geisler that the DDA commit \$10,000 in funding to the CDBG grant application.

No second.

Leah Polzien polled the DDA:

Yes: Campioni, Bies, Dumble, Geisler, Polzien

No: None

Abstained: Andrew Ranville, Lorri Oikarinen

Motion Carried 5/0

10. Bills

Motion made by David Geisler and seconded by Rick Campioni to approve bills.

Leah Polzien polled the DDA:

Yes: Ranville, Campioni, Bies, Dumble, Oikarinen, Geisler, Polzien.

No: None

Motion Carried 7/0

11. Adjourn

Motion made by Tim Bies and seconded by Andrew Ranville to adjourn at 9:11 AM.

Leah Polzien conducted a voice vote:

Yeas: All Nays: None

Motion Carried 7/0

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin P. Weir
Calumet Village Clerk
May 9, 2019