

**CALUMET VILLAGE PLANNING COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
CALUMET VILLAGE TOWN HALL
340 SIXTH STREET
CALUMET, MICHIGAN 49913
MAY 8, 2018**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Public Hearing was called to order by Chairperson Colleen Kobe at 6:00 PM.

Present: Chairperson Colleen Kobe, Commissioners John Arnold and David Geisler

Absent: Commissioner Chris Green

Vacant: One

Also present: Pat Coleman (North of 45 LLC) and eight members of the public.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairperson Colleen Kobe.

II. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Moved by Commissioner Geisler and seconded by Commissioner Arnold to accept the agenda.

Motion carried unanimously (3/0).

III. AGENDA

- 1. Public Hearing** – the Commission met to provide the public with an opportunity to comment on the 95% Draft of the Master Plan.

Although not related to the Master Plan, comments were made concerning the process and extent to which the Village intends to enforce its blight problem. Questions were raised about the process by which properties foreclosed on for property taxes are sold by the County. Several questions were raised about the conduct of the Village and its agencies such as the Downtown Development Authority. Verbal comments were made related to the safety of pedestrians in the downtown and the need for clearly defined crosswalks as well as the need to control auto traffic especially on 5th Street. The need to take advantage of the winter season to promote the Village was noted. Written comments were received requesting that a “Complete Streets” plan be added to the Master Plan. It was noted, both verbally and in written comments, that community members were opposed to the inclusion of a recommendation that the Village Clerk and Treasurer be appointed rather than elected.

- 2. Adjourn**

Moved by Commissioner Geisler and seconded by Commissioner Arnold to adjourn the public hearing at 7:27 PM.

Motion carried unanimously (3/0).

David Geisler
Secretary
May 14, 2018