

CALUMET SPECIAL VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING  
 CALUMET VILLAGE TOWN HALL  
 340 SIXTH STREET  
 CALUMET, MICHIGAN 49913  
 September 19, 2019 - 6:30 PM

**Present:** President David Geisler

Trustees: Brian Abramson, Nathan Anderson, Roxanne King, Andrew Ranville, Joshua Rowe

Also present from the village: Village Administrator Caleb Katz, Village Clerk Kevin Weir, Village Attorney Jim Tercha

Public present: 8 members of the public present

**Absent:** Trustee Doug Harrer, Treasurer Stephani Camp

**I. 6:31 PM President ~~Pro Tem Doug Harrer~~ David Geisler called the meeting to order and the pledge was recited**

**II. Acceptance of Agenda**

Motion made by Trustee Anderson and seconded by Trustee Ranville to move Street Assistant candidate interviews up to after *Meeting Minutes*, add street assistance and superintendent contracts, and approval of insurance contract.

President David Geisler conducted a voice vote:

Yeas: All Nays: None

Motion Carried 6/0

**III. Agenda**

**1. Petitions from the Public**

Shelly Hahn inquired if the council follows a code of behavior for meetings. Shelly Hahn addressed the council regarding Trustee Anderson's behavior.

An unidentified member of the public addressed the council regarding the Calumet Greenspace Project.

**2. Meeting Minutes**

Motion made by Trustee Anderson and seconded by Trustee Ranville to approve meeting minutes as amended (correct word confusion between "Mileage" and "Millage" as well as the converse if needed) from the August 20, 2019 Regular Council Meeting as well as the August 28, 2019 Special Meeting.

President David Geisler conducted a voice vote:

Yeas: All Nays: None

Motion Carried 6/0

### **3. Street Assistant Candidates/Interviews**

Street Assistant Candidates Erik Berryman, Mark Meyers, Joshua Rowe, and Steve Stubenrauch were posed questions by the council.

President David Geisler conducted a Street Assistant hiring vote:

Vote 1:

Brain Abramson: Steven Stubenrauch

Andrew Ranville: Erik Berryman

Roxanne King: Joshua Rowe

David Geisler: Erik Berryman

Nathan Anderson: Joshua Rowe

Vote 2:

Brian Abramson: Erik Berryman

Andrew Ranville: Erik Berryman

Roxanne King: Joshua Rowe

David Geisler: Erik Berryman

Nathan Anderson: Joshua Rowe

Erik Berryman was selected as the new Street Assistant.

### **4. Street Superintendent/Street Assistant Contracts**

Motion made by Trustee Anderson and seconded by Trustee Abramson to approve the Street Assistant Contract.

President David Geisler conducted a voice vote:

Yeas: 5 Nays: 1 (Yeas: Abramson, Geisler, King, Ranville, Rowe Nays: Anderson)

Motion Carried 5/1

A discussion was held regarding the necessity of the Street Superintendent and Street Assistant having contracts.

Motion made by Trustee Anderson and seconded by Trustee Abramson to approve the Street Superintendent Contract.

President David Geisler conducted a voice vote:

Yeas: 5 Nays: 1 (Yeas: Abramson, Geisler, King, Ranville, Rowe Nays: Anderson)

Motion Carried 5/1

### **5. Insurance Contract**

Motion made by Trustee Anderson and seconded by Trustee Rowe that the council approve the insurance contract [with Hannala Insurance] and that the president sign it immediately.

President David Geisler polled the Council:

Yes: Anderson, Abramson, King, Geisler, Rowe  
 No: Ranville  
 Motion Carried 5/1

## **6. GPS Antenna**

Administrator Katz updated the council on the GPS Antenna request from Trimble.

Motion made by Trustee Ranville and seconded by Trustee Abramson to allow the Village Administrator to contact Trimble to say that the Village is open to [interested in] having this done [entering into a contract with Trimble, placing an antenna on the theatre roof or other building] and the Village be compensated in the amount of \$1650 annually.

President David Geisler conducted a voice vote:

Yeas: 4 Nays 2 (Yeas: Abramson, King, Ranville, Geisler Nays: Anderson, Rowe)

Motion Carried 4/2

A discussion was had regarding any additional expenditures associated with the antenna, the potential impact on the historic nature of the Village Hall/Calumet Theatre, and potential alternative sites.

## **7. Sno Go/Loader Equipment**

Administrator Katz updated the council on the Sno Go and Loader search.

A discussion was held regarding the feasibility of getting approval for bonds, consistent with the needed purchase time table for the snow removal equipment.

Motion made by Trustee Ranville, and seconded by Trustee Rowe to begin the process of acquiring bonds.

President David Geisler conducted a voice vote:

Yeas: All Nays: None

Motion Carried 6/0

Motion made by Trustee Anderson and seconded by Trustee Ranville that a proposal for the specifications we need [for snow removal equipment] be drawn up by the Administrator and that he submit the proposal to as many dealers as possible throughout the United States, and some in Canada.  
 Motion Withdrawn by Trustee Anderson.

A discussion was held regarding expanding the search area for snow removal equipment.

## **8. Adjournment**

Motion made by Trustee Anderson and seconded by Trustee Abramson to adjourn at 7:53 PM.

President David Geisler conducted a voice vote:

Yeas: All Nays: None

Motion Carried 6/0

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin P. Weir  
Calumet Village Clerk  
September 27, 2019