

**CALUMET VILLAGE DDA MEETING AGENDA
MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2026 9:00 AM
CALUMET VILLAGE TOWNHALL, 340 SIXTH STREET**

Present:

Absent:

Also Present from the village:

Present from the public:

- I. Call to Order / Roll Call / Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Petitions from the Public (*members of the public have 5 minutes to speak*)
- III. Approval of Agenda
- IV. Review and approve meeting minutes of March 9, 2026
- V. Unfinished / Revolving Business
 1. Updates from Village Council, Historic District Commission, Planning Commission
 2. Main Street Calumet Update
 3. District Updates
 - i. DDA Properties
 - ii. District property sales / transitions
 4. Project Updates
 - i. Ruppe
 - ii. FIT Assessment
 - iii. Spring Mailer
 - iv. DDA Grant Program
 - v. Downtown Mural Proposal
 5. MDA Training / DDA Plan Update
 - Planning Training scheduled for April 13, 10:30 – 11:30.
- VI. New Business
 1. Calumet Commons: Big Annie Statue / Events
 2. Approval of DDA Bills/Transaction Report

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- VII. Comments from the Public (*members of the public have 5 minutes to speak*)
- VIII. Adjourn

**CALUMET VILLAGE DDA MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT
MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2026 9:00 AM
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Present: Chair Nikki L'Esperance; Members Rick Campioni, Nathan McParlan, Lorri Oikarinen, Courtney Tucker

Absent: Members Andrew Ranville, Rob Tarvis, Jason Wickstrom, 1 Vacant Seat; DDA Administrator Megan Haselden; MSC Director Jared Howard

Also Present from the village: CEDAM Fellow Joey Foster

Present from the public: Mike Maas (*Hotel Calumet*)

I. Call to Order / Roll Call / Pledge of Allegiance

L'Esperance called the meeting to order at 9:30am with roll call and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Petitions from the Public (*members of the public have 5 minutes to speak*)

Maas presented comments about weekend/on-call snow removal services from the village DPW.

III. Approval of Agenda

McParlan moved, supported by Campioni, to approve the agenda, with the addition of the DDA Grant Program under Item V. 5. iv.

Motion Carried 5/0

IV. Review and approve meeting minutes

i. February 9, 2026 Regular Meeting

McParlan moved, supported by Campioni, to approve the minutes as presented.

Motion Carried 5/0

V. Unfinished / Revolving Business

1. DDA Board Vacancy

i. Letter of Interest – Janet Johnston, JLLH LLC

Oikarinen moved, supported by McParlan, to appoint Janet Johnston to the DDA Board, with a term expiring in August 2026.

Motion Carried 5/0

2. Updates from Village Council, Historic District Commission, Planning Commission

3. Main Street Calumet Update

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4. District Updates

i. DDA Properties

McParlan provided that 425/427 5th Street project is still in planning phases, with a parking lot development agreement headed to council for approval.

ii. District property sales / transitions

The following properties have sold in the district: 300 5th Street; 319 5th Street (Thurner's Bakery); 206 5th St (Rowe Furniture)

5. Project Updates

i. FIT Assessment

1. Schedule May 7, week of May 11, May 18 or May 19

Board shares no preference for dates.

ii. Spring Mailer

L'Esperance is working on the mailer.

iii. Billboard

Decision to keep the current billboard design in place.

iv. DDA Grant Program

Discussion of \$5,000 allocated for the grant program, to be rolled out this spring.

VI. New Business

1. Downtown Mural Proposal

Discussion of potential mural benefits and locations – to be reviewed by the HDC.

2. Business Outreach & Process

Discussion

3. MDA Training / DDA Plan Update

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Training scheduled for April 13, 10:30 – 11:30.

4. Annual DDA Information Session Scheduling
5. Approval of DDA Bills/Transaction Report

McParlan moved, supported by L'Esperance, to approve the bills.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Campioni, L'Esperance, McParlan, Oikarinen, Tucker

Nays:

Absent: Ranville, Tarvis, Wickstrom, 1 Vacant Seat

Motion Carried 5/0

- VII. Comments from the Public (*members of the public have 5 minutes to speak*)
- VIII. Adjourn

McParlan moved, supported by Tucker, to adjourn the meeting at 10:10am.

Motion Carried 5/0

Respectfully Submitted,

Nikki L'Esperance, Chair

TO: Nikki L'Esperance, Chair, Calumet DDA
Megan Haselden, Manager, Village of Calumet
FROM: Jeff Ratcliffe, KEDA
RE: Bring Back Calumet - Saving the Ruppe Update
DATE: April 8, 2026

Work completed since the August update.

A. Stabilization Plan

a. Phase I.a.

- i. Sealed 4,477 square feet of the roof (90%) with Silicone
- ii. Built new roof hatch and collar
- iii. Installed additional screened ventilation
- iv. Another 28 hours with at least 219 hours of volunteer work since May
- v. One more dump trailer removed and one staged for a total of seven dump trailers hauled by Township since the start
- vi. Need additional cleanout work crew and trailer

b. Phase I.b.

- i. Developed a shoring plan for the mezzanine that was reviewed by our engineering consultant
- ii. Moved shoring materials that were used in 425 5th Street to Ruppe
- iii. Need to install a spot shore on the 3rd floor next to the roof access hatch

Funding efforts to date.

- a. Funds Raised to-date - \$62,698
- b. Funds spent to-date - \$50,586
- c. Still need to raise \$137,302 to complete Phase I work
- d. Follow up video project covering stabilization work is in development by Main Street Calumet
- e. Submitted a KNHPAC Heritage Grant application for \$4,067.50 in grant funding for an \$8,135 asbestos removal project. This project will allow for the installation of shoring in the southwest (back) third of the building and includes removal of asbestos materials in the basement boiler room and floor tiles in the office area.
- f. Michigan Rural Heritage Partnership Program (SHPO) grant will be looked at as soon as it is formally announced.
- g. Legislative funding is likely dead in the water for now due to politics in Lansing

The Bring Back Calumet task force is asking the DDA to allow the existing funds raised to remain at the Keweenaw Community Foundation in order to serve as matching funds for grant opportunities noted above.

Other Non-Ruppe Updates:

- All Land Bank stabilization work was completed including stabilization of 104 6th, drainage and wall repairs to 322 7th and a new roof on 511 5th.
- The Hotel Calumet project is well underway.
- 425-427 5th Street has secured both MSHDA and MEDC funding. Construction plans are currently in process.

CALUMET SUMMER EVENTS 2026

JUNE 12 **PARK DEDICATION CEREMONY**
Opening of the parks with sister city
Camborne. 10am-2pm

JUNE 13 **FARMERS MARKET BEGINS!**
The market is open Saturdays from 10-
2pm for 18 weeks @ Agassiz Park.

JUNE 27 **72ND ANNUAL CCFVA TOURNAMENT**
The Copper Country Firefighters Tournament
will be hosted by Calumet Township this year.
There will be races, a parade & more!

JUNE 26-27 **DAM JAM | CALUMET LIONS PARK**
Attend the Dam Jam Music Festival that will
include At its core, Ifdakar is a rock and roll band,
through and through, Buffalo Galaxy & more!

JULY 16 **21ST ANNUAL KID'S FISHING DERBY**
Attend the 21st Annual Kids Fishing Tournament at
Swedetown Pond. Kids can fish for prizes! Food is served,
there are fishing rods and bait for the kids to use.

JULY 27 **LAND JAM**
Land Jam is coming to Calumet Commons!

AUGUST 8-9 **CRO FEST**
Calumet Cro Fest will celebrate the region's Slavic
heritage with a weekend of music, dance, Croatian food,
and drink at the newly developed Greenspace Park.

AUGUST 14-16 **PASTY FEST**
Come to downtown Calumet to celebrate the
magical product of Cornish Cookery, the Pasty.

AUGUST 15 **GREAT DEER CHASE**
An event for the whole family! 25 miles of single
track races at Swedetown Trails for all skill levels.

AUGUST 22 **BIG ANNIE STATUE REVEAL**
Big Annie Statue reveal

SEPT 11-12 **GUN AND KNIFE SHOW**
The annual gun, knife, and accessories Fall Outdoor
Festival show will be held at the Calumet Colosseum.
Friday: 4pm-9pm, Saturday: 9am-3pm

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