CALUMET VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2026 @ 6:00PM
CALUMET VILLAGE TOWNHALL, 340 SIXTH STREET
Public viewing available via ZOOM - Meeting ID: 869 9877 4486 Passcode: 699798
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86998774486 or via phone: 1-312-626-6799

I. Call to Order

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

III. Approval of Agenda

IV. Approval of Consent Agenda Items *(items are considered routine by the council and will be enacted by one motion. If discussion of an item is required, it will be removed from the consent agenda and considered separately.)*

Review and approval of Council meeting minutes

Regular Meeting March 17, 2026

Review and approval of bills

Prior paid bills in the amount of $11,443.05

New bills in the amount of $32,216.72

March payroll in the amount of $30,450.94

V. Unfinished Business

1. Village Manager Report
2. Organizational Development Committee Report
3. Blight Task Force Report
4. Resolution of Intent to Vacate Portion of 9th Street
5. Big Annie Plaque

VI. New Business

1. 2026 Farmers Market Location
2. Fire Authority Articles of Incorporation

VII. Announcements – Other Council Business

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

IX. Adjourn

CALUMET VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT
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Present: President Rob Tarvis, Trustees Matt L'Esperance, Ariele Pizzo, Pamela Que, Kelly Ryan, Bernice Smith, James Tercha; Clerk Lori Weir
Absent: None
Also Present from the Village: Manager Megan Haselden, CEDM Fellow Joey Foster
Present from the Public: 11 in-person attendees; 3 attendees via Zoom

I. Call to Order
Tarvis called the meeting to order at 6:02pm

II. Petitions from the Public (members of the public have 5 minutes to speak)
The council received comments from Bob Wareham (new Calumet Theatre Board President) and from Peggy Germaine via Zoom.

III. Approval of Agenda
Que moved, seconded by Ryan to approve the agenda with the addition of #6 – Equipment Proposal for New Dump Truck under New Business.

Motion Carried 7/0

IV. Approval of Consent Agenda Items *(items are considered routine by the council and will be enacted by one motion. If discussion of an item is required, it will be removed from the consent agenda and considered separately.)*

Review and approval of Council meeting minutes

Public Hearing Meeting	February 26, 2026
Special Council Meeting	February 26, 2026

Clerk Weir proposed a minutes amendment to the title and footer of the Public Hearing Minutes to include "Budget."

Review and approval of bills
Prior Paid Bills in the amount of $3,428.53
New Bills in the amount of $30,699.08
October Payroll in the amount of $29,014.43

Discussion on DPW equipment expenses and shop supplies and how they are broken down.

L'Esperance moved, seconded by Que to approve the consent agenda with the suggested edits by Clerk Weir to the Public Budget Hearing Minutes.

Roll Call Vote:
Yeas: Tarvis, Pizzo, Tercha, Ryan, Smith, Que, L'Esperance
Nays: None
Absent: None

Motion Carried 7/0

V. Unfinished Business

1. Village Manager Report – Manager provided updates on SparkPlug Nomination, grants, and an incident on 5th street involving a semi-truck.
2. Organizational Development Committee Report – No Meeting
3. Blight Task Force Report – No Meeting
4. Downtown Development Committee Report – See Attached

VI. New Business

1. Parking Lot Development and Use Agreement, Lot 6, Block 19
   Nathan McParlan discussed the proposed agreement and asked the council to consider approving it. Manager Haselden will seek attorney review of the agreement.

   Approval tabled until the April Regular Meeting following attorney review.

2. Calumet Visitor Center Parking Improvement Proposal
   Karl Dietzler shared the improvement plans developed by the National Park Service for the parking lot adjacent to the Keweenaw National Historic Parks Visitor Center on 5th Street. Council requested that these plans be shared with the Planning Commission at their next meeting.

3. Big Annie Statue Signage
   Vada Riederich from Team Big Annie presented a proposal for the plaque for the Big Annie Statue. Council would like additional information on size, location, and design to ensure it is consistent with other historical markers in the Village.

4. Appointment to the Calumet Housing Commission
   President Tarvis nominated Bruce Coppo for a 3-year term (expiring March 2031) on the Calumet Housing Commission.

   Motion Carried 7/0

5. CEDAM Fellow Final Report
   Joey Foster presented his final report and recommendations (see attached).

6. Proposal for Equipment purchase – Dump Truck
   See attached proposal presented by Manager Haselden.

   Que moved, seconded by L'Esperance to either hire a 3rd party to inspect and report back, or send a DPW employee to inspect and cover their expenses.

   Roll Call Vote:
   Yeas: Tarvis, Pizzo, Tercha, Ryan, Smith, Que, L'Esperance
   Nays: None
   Absent: None

   Motion Carried 7/0

Que moved, seconded by Smith to approve the purchase of dup truck if inspection is good.

Roll Call Vote:
Yeas: Tarvis, Pizzo, Tercha, Ryan, Smith, Que, L'Esperance
Nays: None
Absent: None

Motion Carried 7/0

VII. Announcements/Other Council Business - None

VIII. Comments from the Public
Council received public comments regarding the EV Charging Station off 5th street.
Wendy Davis, KNHP, thanked the Village Council for their positive working relationship with her and KNHP during her tenure as Park Superintendent.

IX. Adjourn
Tercha moved, seconded by Que to adjourn the meeting at 7:24p.m.

Motion Carried 7/0

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Weir, Clerk

Prior pd

INVOICE APPROVAL (BY DEPARTMENT) FOR CALUMET VILLAGE

EXP CHECK RUN DATES 03/23/2026 - 04/17/2026
POSTED AND UNPOSTED PAID
BANK ACCOUNTS: POOL, IB-1

Vendor Name	Invoice Line Desc	Amount	GL # Line Desc
Department: 000 UNASSIGNED			
STATE OF MICHIGAN	ACCRUED TAXES PAYABLE - STATE	3,390.11	Accrued Taxes Payable - Stat
UPPER MICHIGAN WATER COMPANY	WATER MAINS LEASE	1,435.61	WATER MAINS LEASE
Total Department 000:		4,825.72	
Department: 172 VILLAGE MANAGER			
HASELDEN, MEGAN	TELEPHONE	100.00	TELEPHONE
Total Department 172:		100.00	
Department: 261 OFFICE			
CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	TELEPHONE	104.99	TELEPHONE
MML UNEMPLOYMENT FUND	MML UNEMPLOYMENT FUND	36.64	MML UNEMPLOYMENT FUND
U.S. POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	156.00	POSTAGE
Total Department 261:		297.63	
Department: 265 BUILDING & GROUNDS			
NHCWSA	UTILITIES - WATER	53.00	UTILITIES - WATER
SEMCO ENERGY	UTILITIES - NATURAL GAS	676.14	UTILITIES - NATURAL GAS
UPPCO	UTILITIES - ELECTRICITY	375.85	UTILITIES - ELECTRICITY
Total Department 265:		1,104.99	
Department: 336 FIRE			
UPPCO	UTILITIES - ELECTRICITY	25.91	UTILITIES - ELECTRICITY
VILLAGE OF CALUMET FIRE DEPARTMENT	MISCELLENAOUS	115.00	Miscellenaous
Total Department 336:		140.91	
Department: 441 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS			
CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	TELEPHONE	158.84	TELEPHONE
K.U.N.D	EQUIP. SUPPLIES	105.00	EQUIP. SUPPLIES
NHCWSA	UTILITIES - WATER	45.35	UTILITIES - WATER
SEMCO ENERGY	UTILITIES - NATURAL GAS	920.62	UTILITIES - NATURAL GAS
UPPCO	UTILITIES - ELECTRICITY	319.10	UTILITIES - ELECTRICITY
Total Department 441:		1,548.91	
Department: 448 STREET LIGHTING			
UPPCO	UTILITIES - ELECTRICITY	998.67	UTILITIES - ELECTRICITY
UPPCO	ST PAUL LOT LIGHTS	7.78	ST PAUL LOT LIGHTS
Total Department 448:		1,006.45	
Department: 751 PARKS & REC			
NHCWSA	UTILITIES - WATER	36.00	UTILITIES - WATER
SEMCO ENERGY	UTILITIES - NATURAL GAS	22.39	UTILITIES - NATURAL GAS
UPPCO	UTILITIES - ELECTRICITY	30.00	UTILITIES - ELECTRICITY
Total Department 751:		88.39	
Report Total:		9,113.00	

Prior Pd

CHECK REGISTER FOR CALUMET VILLAGE

CHECK DATE 03/25/2026 - 04/17/2026

BANK CODE: POOL, IB-1 - CHECK TYPE: PAPER CHECK - CHECK SOURCE: MANUAL CHECKS

Check Date	Check	Vendor Name	Amount
Bank IB-1 IB - POOLED			
03/25/2026	0	INDEED, INC.	523.23
03/26/2026	4	AMAZON	17.89
03/27/2026	3	MICHIGAN TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVER	203.58
03/30/2026	1	AMAZON	172.60
04/03/2026	2	INDEED, INC.	179.45
04/06/2026	5	AMAZON	742.00
04/06/2026	7	AMAZON	342.32
04/09/2026	6	AMAZON	149.43
IB-1 TOTALS:			
Total of 8 Checks:			2,330.50
Less 0 Void Checks:			0.00
Total of 8 Disbursements:			2,330.50

Bills Today

INVOICE APPROVAL (BY DEPARTMENT) FOR CALUMET VILLAGE

EXP CHECK RUN DATES 04/22/2026 - 04/22/2026
POSTED AND UNPOSTED OPEN
BANK ACCOUNTS: POOL, IB-1

Vendor Name	Invoice Line Desc	Amount	GL # Line Desc
Department: 000 UNASSIGNED			
4 SEASONS PAVEMENT REPAIR PRODUCTS	INVENTORY - COLD MIX	1,298.93	Inventory - Cold Mix
Total Department 000:		1,298.93	
Department: 101 VILLAGE COUNCIL			
THE DAILY MINING GAZETTE	PRINTING AND PUBLISHING	174.07	PRINTING AND PUBLISHING
Total Department 101:		174.07	
Department: 261 OFFICE			
HANNULA AGENCY INC.	INSURANCE	709.00	INSURANCE
MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL LEAGUE	MML UNEMPLOYMENT FUND	173.00	MML UNEMPLOYMENT FUND
UP & RUNNING TECHNOLOLGY SOLUTIONS	TELEPHONE	120.00	TELEPHONE
UP & RUNNING TECHNOLOLGY SOLUTIONS	WEB FEES	175.00	WEB FEES
UP & RUNNING TECHNOLOLGY SOLUTIONS	CONTRACTED SERVICES	169.00	CONTRACTED SERVICES
Total Department 261:		1,346.00	
Department: 265 BUILDING & GROUNDS			
ACE HARDWARE OF CALUMET INC	SUPPLIES	28.98	SUPPLIES
KEWEENAW POWER & LITE	REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	372.61	REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE
Total Department 265:		401.59	
Department: 441 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS			
ACE HARDWARE OF CALUMET INC	EQUIP. SUPPLIES	97.29	EQUIP. SUPPLIES
ACE HARDWARE OF CALUMET INC	SHOP SUPPLIES	51.55	SHOP SUPPLIES
AIRGAS USA, LLC	SHOP SUPPLIES	264.38	SHOP SUPPLIES
CALUMET MACHINE	EQUIP. SUPPLIES	25.00	EQUIP. SUPPLIES
CAMPIONI TRUE VALUE	EQUIP. SUPPLIES	83.94	EQUIP. SUPPLIES
COPPER ISLAND PRINTING	EQUIP. SUPPLIES	58.00	EQUIP. SUPPLIES
HARTER AUTO SUPPLY INC.	EQUIP. SUPPLIES	1,157.39	EQUIP. SUPPLIES
JOHN FABICK TRACTOR COMPANY	EQUIP. SUPPLIES	79.79	EQUIP. SUPPLIES
JOHN FABICK TRACTOR COMPANY	EQUIP. SUPPLIES	751.46	EQUIP. SUPPLIES
MINE STREET AMOCO	GAS/OIL	3,490.48	GAS/OIL
RED JACKET PETROLEUM	GAS/OIL	939.01	GAS/OIL
UP INTERNATIONAL TRUCKS	EQUIP. SUPPLIES	954.85	EQUIP. SUPPLIES
Total Department 441:		7,953.14	
Department: 448 STREET LIGHTING			
KEWEENAW POWER & LITE	REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	192.50	REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE
Total Department 448:		192.50	
Department: 521 SANITATION			
WM CORPORATE SERVICES INC.	WASTE & RUBBISH DISPOSAL	386.96	WASTE & RUBBISH DISPOSAL
Total Department 521:		386.96	
Department: 901 CAPITAL OUTLAY			
RC MECHANICAL, INC.	NEW UNIT HEATER IN DPW GARAGE	4,705.00	CAPITAL OUTLAY - BUILDINGS
ROBERT E. JOHNSON CONTRACTING INC.	STORM WINDOWS - VILLAGE HALL	15,758.53	CAPITAL OUTLAY - BUILDINGS
Total Department 901:		20,463.53	
Report Total:		32,216.72	

March 2026 TOTAL PAYROLL

For Check Dates 03/01/2026 to 03/31/2026: includes Health Ins. Stipend & Employer Payroll Taxes

GL Number	Total Amount
Fund: 101 GENERAL FUND	
Department: 101-101 VILLAGE COUNCIL	
Total Department: 101-101	679.76
Department: 101-172 VILLAGE MANAGER	
Total Department: 101-172	7,046.94
Department: 101-215 CLERK	
Total Department: 101-215	282.59
Department: 101-253 TREASURER	
Total Department: 101-253	282.59
Department: 101-261 OFFICE	
Total Department: 101-261	1,831.01
Department: 101-265 BUILDING & GROUNDS	
Total Department: 101-265	564.88
Department: 101-441 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS	
Total Department: 101-441	7,918.38
Department: 101-451 SNOW/ICE	
Total Department: 101-451	2,836.63
Department: 101-751 PARKS & REC	
Total Department: 101-751	271.13
Total General Fund 101:	**20,637.41**
Fund: 202 MAJOR STREETS	
Total Fund Major Street Fund 202:	**8,357.74**
Fund: 203 LOCAL STREETS	
Total Local Street Fund 203:	**1,374.85**
Fund: 232 SANITATION	
Total Sanitation Fund 232:	**80.94**
TOTAL MARCH PAYROLL	**30,450.94**

RESOLUTION TO VACATE INTEREST IN PORTION OF 9TH STREET

VILLAGE OF CALUMET, MICHIGAN

At a regular meeting of the Village of Calumet Board held at the Village Offices on April __, 2026 at ___:00 p.m.

PRESENT: _____

_____

ABSENT: _____

The following Preamble and Resolution was offered by _____ and supported by _____:

WHEREAS the Village of Calumet desires to vacate, discontinue, and abolish its interest in an area commonly referred to as part of "9th Street" located in the Village of Calumet, County of Houghton, Michigan, described as part of:

Lots 11, 12, and 13 of the Village of Red Jacket (now Village of Calumet), Township of Calumet, Houghton Township, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof ("the Property");

AND FURTHER, that vacating, discontinuing, and abolishing the public's interest in the Property would be in the best interest of the Village and its citizens, in that the Calumet Railroad Depot is dangerously close to the publicly used portion of the Property;

AND FURTHER, that the Village has determined that no plat dedicates the Property to the public and the Village has not been granted any easement across the Property;

AND FURTHER, that a village may vacate, discontinue, or abolish a highway, street, lane, alley, or public ground, or a part of any such area, by declaring its intent and scheduling a public hearing for objections, under MCL 67.13.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that the Village of Calumet considers it advisable and declares its intent to vacate, discontinue, and abolish that area of land known as "9th Street" located in the Village of Calumet, County of Houghton, Michigan, described as part of:

Lots 11, 12, and 13 of the Village of Red Jacket (now Village of Calumet),

THEATRE

BRICK WALKWAY SURROUND

Bronze Pedestal ground level

BRICK

— GRAVEL PATH —

POSSIBLE LOCATIONS FOR BRONZE SIGN - 4' POST

(★) PREFERRED

★ OPTIONS

6th STREET

ANNA KLOBUCHAR CLEMENC "BIG ANNIE"

1888 - 1956

"NOW IT IS YOUR TURN TO CARRY THE FLAG"

AT JUST 25 YEARS OLD, ANNIE KLOBUCHAR CLEMENC EMERGED AS A FEARLESS LEADER IN THE EARLY AMERICAN LABOR MOVEMENT. DURING THE HISTORIC 1913 KEWEENAW COPPER MINING STRIKE IN MICHIGAN, SHE BECAME KNOWN AS "AMERICA'S JOAN OF ARC" FOR HER UNWAVERING COMMITMENT TO WORKERS' RIGHTS.

FOR NINE MONTHS, ANNIE LED DAILY STRIKE PARADES THROUGH THE STREETS OF CALUMET, CARRYING A MASSIVE 6-BY-10-FOOT AMERICAN FLAG AT THE HEAD OF THOUSANDS OF MINERS AND THEIR FAMILIES, STANDING FOR DIGNITY, SAFETY, AND FAIR WAGES. AT A TIME WHEN WOMEN HAD NO RIGHT TO VOTE AND LITTLE PUBLIC VOICE, HER COURAGE DREW NATIONAL ATTENTION TO THE STRUGGLE OF WORKING FAMILIES.

HER LEADERSHIP HELPED ADVANCE LABOR REFORMS AND CHILD LABOR LAWS THAT WOULD PROTECT FUTURE GENERATIONS. HER LEGACY ENDURES THROUGH HER INDUCTION INTO THE MICHIGAN WOMEN'S HALL OF FAME IN 1996 AND THE INTERNATIONAL LABOR ORGANIZATION HALL OF FAME IN 2013.

THIS TRIBUTE HONORS "BIG ANNIE'S" ENDURING EXAMPLE OF COURAGE AND AFFIRMS THAT ORDINARY PEOPLE CAN SHAPE HISTORY WHEN THEY STAND TOGETHER FOR JUSTICE.

NOW IT IS OUR TURN TO CARRY THE FLAG

WITH HEARTFELT THANKS TO MORE THAN 400 GENEROUS DONORS AND TO THE AMERICA250MI HISTORY GRANT, WHOSE SUPPORT ENSURES THAT ANNA KLOBUCHAR CLEMENC'S LEGACY LIVES ON.

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF THE
CALUMET-LAURIUM FIRE AUTHORITY

The ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION are adopted by Calumet Township (the "Township"), the Village of Calumet and the Village of Laurium (collectively referred to as the "Villages"), each municipal corporation located in the County of Houghton, State of Michigan, for the purpose of creating, establishing and incorporating an emergency services authority under and pursuant to Act 57, Public Acts of Michigan, 1988, as amended ("Act 57").

i. NAME AND OFFICE

The name of the Authority shall be and is the "Calumet-Laurium Fire Authority" (sometimes referred to in this document as the "Authority" or "Fire Authority"). The principal office of the Authority shall be located at _____, or at such location designated by the Fire Authority Board (as defined in Article _____ herein).

ii. INCORPORATING MUNICIPALITIES

The incorporating and creating municipalities of the Authority are Calumet Township, the Village of Calumet, and the Village of Laurium, which are hereby designated the "incorporating municipalities."

iii. PURPOSE

The Authority purpose shall be to provide fire, rescue, and emergency services to Calumet Township, the Village of Calumet, the Village of Laurium, and other contracted localities. The Fire Authority may also provide any of the services described to other areas or communities for such charges as the Authority shall deem reasonable and in accordance to its Authority guidelines, policies, procedures, and mutual aid agreements.

iv. POWERS AND LIMITATIONS

The Fire Authority shall have the following powers and be subject to the following limitations listed below. Additional powers and limitations may be found elsewhere in the Articles. The powers and limitations listed in this subsection are as follows:

a) All powers and limitations provided in the Emergency Services Authority Act now or in the future and all powers, which municipalities may possess regarding a department which provides fire and/or rescue services.
b) The Authority shall be operated on a non-profit basis. Fund balances may be kept from year to year to be consistent with sound financial management for capital

improvements, equipment purchases, contingencies and other similar purposes for which contingency fund balances are customary.

c) To exercise the following power: the power to sue and be sued; to make and enter into contracts; to employ agencies or employees; to own or lease real estate; to own, lease, or dispose of personal property; to incur debts, liabilities or obligations which have been authorized in the line item budget to cooperate with a municipality or other municipal entity; to propose and issue bond, notes, and millage requests; to form other entities necessary for the purpose of implementing the purpose of the Authority; and to appoint, discipline and discharge volunteers and/or employees.
d) To determine pay structures, the maximum number of firefighters, or any other matter that involves the operation or purpose of the Fire Authority.
e) To create and implement the job duties, goals, and expectations that shall preside over the Fire Authority, its volunteers, and its employees.
f) To contract with governmental units to provide any service which the Authority is authorized to perform under such terms as the Authority Board shall deem appropriate.
g) To take additional action or make any policy necessary to implement these powers or carry out the purpose of the Authority.
h) To exercise powers such as, but not limited to: implementing and amending policy guidelines and procedure manuals that set forth the standards, criteria, and details of authorized services that shall preside over the Fire Authority.
i) The powers of the Authority shall be liberally construed.
j) The Authority may not obligate any of the Villages or Township to pay any debt of the Authority.
k) To hold public meetings and take such other actions required or authorized by law for the operation of a fire district which use a special assessment as one of the methods of funding.

V. AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Composition of the Board.

The Authority shall be governed by a Board of Directors (the "Authority Board") with each member serving two-year terms. The Board shall be comprised of nine (9) members from the three incorporating municipalities jurisdiction. Three members shall be appointed by Calumet Township, three members shall be appointed by the Village of Calumet, and three members shall be appointed by the Village of Laurium. Each appointed Authority Board Member that represents their respective municipality serves at the pleasure of the Township Board and the Village Councils, and may be removed without cause by the Township Board or by the Village Councils which made the respective appointment. Each member may seek reappointment at

the end of their term by providing a written request to their respective municipality's governing board or council. The Authority Board shall vote on a Chairperson, a Vice Chairperson, a Treasurer, a Secretary, and the five remaining members of the Authority Board shall be considered Trustees of the Authority Board.

The Authority Board shall exercise final authority regarding the powers of the Authority. The Board may delegate to its staff, volunteers and committees such powers as it deems appropriate, as long as such delegation does not create a conflict of interest or is otherwise unlawful. A quorum shall be five (5) Authority Board members. Except as may be provided in these articles, all decisions of the Authority Board shall be made by a vote of at least five members. The Authority Board may create such offices and committees it deems appropriate.

Board Member Position Responsibilities.

Chairperson shall preside over and have control of the Authority Board meetings in terms of how they are to be conducted in accordance to applicable standards set forth by Robert's Rules. The Vice Chairperson shall conduct the Authority Board meeting in absence of the Chairperson. The Secretary of the Authority Board shall take the minutes of the Authority Board meeting and retain and keep safe all records pertaining to the meetings of the Authority Board. The Treasurer of the Authority Board shall maintain and keep safe all financial records of the Authority Board, the Treasurer shall complete all necessary filings on behalf of the Authority Board, and the Treasurer shall assist the appointed Auditor of the Authority Board with any questions that they may have of the Authority Board. All Board members shall be subject to additional role responsibilities that are required of the position based upon the guidelines, policies, and procedures created by the Authority Board or by any applicable State of Michigan law governing the roles of these positions.

Board Member Administrative Duties and Responsibilities.

The Authority Board shall appoint and hire the Fire Chief for a duration to be defined by contract. The Authority Board shall appoint the Assistant Chief(s) and its Officers of the Fire Authority for the first two (2) year term of the Fire Authority's incorporation. After the initial two-year term is completed, then the Authority's firefighters shall hold a roll call vote during the last month of the initial term to elect the Assistant Chiefs and the Officers for the department's future two-year terms of these positions. This procedure should be followed for future two-year appointments of Assistant Chiefs and Officers.

The roll call vote must consist of at least two-thirds of the department's members being present and take place during a regularly scheduled training day or meeting date of the department. This vote shall be presented to the Fire Authority Board during its monthly Board Meeting held in _____. The Authority Board shall review the roll call vote of the

department and it shall either approve or disapprove the vote based upon meeting the above criteria.

Standards, criteria, and procedures for these appointments shall be established by the Authority Board and maintained in its procedural and policy manual. The Authority Board shall make and establish policy and procedures for the governance of the Fire Authority, the employees/volunteers, firefighters, and the officers of the Fire Authority. The Authority Board shall create policies and procedures to ensure for the proper care and management of all equipment, apparatus, property, and building pertaining to the Fire Authority. The Board shall prescribe the powers and duties of the Fire Chief, Assistant Chiefs, Officers, Firefighters, Probationary Officers, and Employees.

Schedule.

The Authority Board shall set its schedule for meetings and post the schedule of meetings at all three incorporating Authority municipalities at the beginning of the Authority's fiscal year. At a minimum the Authority Board shall meet at least once a month unless a quorum is not satisfied or due to scheduling conflicts.

Minutes.

Minutes of all Authority Board meetings shall be prepared and approved as required by law, including the Open Meetings Act, Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1976, as amended. Copies of the minutes shall be prepared for Board Members within ten (10) days following the regularly scheduled meeting of the Authority Board. It shall be the responsibility of the Board Secretary to deliver the minutes to the clerks of each incorporating municipality.

Compensation.

The Board may pay its members a per diem payment only if the amount of each per diem payment is specified in the proposed budget of the Authority. The Authority Board may also reimburse its members, officers and employees for expenses which have been incurred on behalf of the Authority. The Authority Board shall adopt its own rules of procedure and determine how the Fire Chief, Officers, and other Firefighters are to be paid.

Vacancy.

In the event of a vacancy on the Board, the governing body needing to fill a vacancy that represents their municipality shall fill the position within ninety (90) days from such date the vacancy occurs. Due to the vacancy, the governing body needing to fill the vacancy may do so on an interim basis by selecting either another community member or Township Board/Village Councilperson until a permanent selection can be made.

Rules.

The Board shall have the right to adopt rules governing its procedure which are not in conflict with the terms of any statute of the State of Michigan or of these Articles of Incorporation. No member of the Authority Board may be a member or employee of the Fire Authority.

VI. DURATION

The Authority shall be contracted for a period not to exceed thirty (30) years from the date of incorporation as prescribed by Act 57 unless it is dissolved prior as provided by the Articles of Incorporation. The incorporating municipalities shall meet prior to the 30-year term end date to determine its next termed contract involving the Fire Authority and its incorporation.

VII. FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the Authority shall commence on the first day of _____ in each year and shall end on the _____ day of _____ the following year.

VIII. FINANCES

Financing the Authority.

The Fire Authority Board shall levy a tax on all of the taxable property within the limits of the authority for the purposes of Act 57. The tax authorized under shall not be levied without the approval of a majority of the registered electors residing in the authority affected and qualified to vote and voting on the tax at a general or special election. The election may be called by resolution of the Authority Board. The recording officer of the Authority shall file a copy of the resolution of the Authority Board calling the election with the clerk of each incorporating municipality not less than 60 days before the date of the election.

The Authority Board shall determine and set the millage request deemed necessary to adequately fund all aspects of the Fire Authority. Each incorporating municipality agrees that Calumet Township shall put forth a Township-wide millage on behalf of the Fire Authority and shall collect the millage revenue to be utilized by the Authority. Upon collection of the millage revenue supported by a majority of qualified elected voters within the Authority's jurisdiction, Calumet Township agrees to and shall immediately disburse the revenue collected to the Fire Authority for fire protection and rescue services on behalf of the entire township, including all of the incorporating entities. In the event that an incorporating member changes its charter designation, the incorporating member agrees to and shall put forth a millage request for the same prior agreed millage put forth by the Calumet Township in order to continue receiving fire protection and rescue services from the Fire Authority. Furthermore, in the event that the Authority adds an additional municipality to the Fire Authority that is outside of Calumet Townships boundaries, the new member must contribute funding equal to the millage rate put

forth by Calumet Township multiplied by the Taxable Valuation of the municipality seeking to join the Fire Authority.

Budgetary and Financial Control.

The Authority Board shall have all budgetary and financial control over the Fire Authority. However, the Authority Board shall adopt a line-item budget to be presented to the incorporating municipalities. A copy of the Fire Authority budget must be given to each incorporating municipality before the Authority Board budget is adopted.

Vehicle, Apparatus, and Equipment Schedules.

The Authority Board shall establish, and revise annually, an Equipment Replacement Schedule for the ensuing five to ten years. Vehicles shall be considered part of the equipment subject to this section. The total amount budgeted each year for equipment replacement shall be financed by any and all grants, private donations, millages and/or bonds that support the financial stability of the Fire Authority. The purchasing of equipment and vehicles or the amount to be financed for vehicles or equipment shall be of the sole discretion of the Authority Board. The financing of equipment, apparatus, or a vehicle shall not exceed a fifteen (15) year term.

Budget Approval.

Approval of the budgets by the incorporating municipalities Boards and Councils and any members that may join the Authority in the future shall be required. If the municipalities do not agree on the proposed budgets, then the municipalities that incorporated the Authority shall meet in a joint session to be held prior to the Authority's fiscal year end and in accordance with Michigan's Open Meetings Act. A vote of the majority of the combined Boards and Councils may then approve or disapprove the Authority's proposed budget (for example, 10 votes out of the combined membership of 19 persons is sufficient to approve or disapprove a proposed budget). The Authority shall be financed primarily in conjunction with Section 124.612 of Act 57. The funds obtained by a millage approved by may be supplemented by charges for services or any other method authorized by law including such supplemental payments by the Townships or Villages in their sole discretion may elect.

Acquisition of Private Property by the Authority.

An authority may acquire private property by purchase, lease, gift, devise, or condemnation, either within or without its corporate limits, and may hold, manage, control, sell, exchange, or lease property it has acquired. For the purpose of condemnation, it may proceed under Act No. 149 of the Public Acts of 1911, being sections 213.1 to 213.25 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, and the uniform condemnation procedures act, Act No. 87 of the Public Acts of 1980, being sections 213.51 to 213.77 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

Audit.

At its own expense, the Fire Authority shall have its financial records audited at least every two years by the same auditor who is used in either the Township or Villages.

IX. FEDERAL OR STATE GRANTS IN AID

The Fire Authority shall have the power to apply and accept grants, loans, or contributions from the United States of America or any agency or instrumentality thereof, the State of Michigan or other public or private agencies; and to do any and all things necessary or desirable to secure such financial or other aid or cooperation carrying out any of the purposes of Act 57. The Authority, subject to the Authority Board's approval, may also choose to contract out these items to individuals or organizations that work in this line of work.

X. TRANSFER OF ASSETS

All assets that are presently owned by the Village of Laurium Fire Department, the Calumet Township Fire Department, and the Village of Calumet Fire Department and are to be utilized by the Authority shall be transferred immediately to the Fire Authority unless prior agreements prohibit such transfer due to a potential "waiting" period. Once the "waiting" period is concluded, the Township or Village shall immediately transfer the equipment to the Authority. The Township and Villages incorporating this Authority shall assume any debt that they have incurred prior to the formation of this Authority. Any assets that are not going to be utilized by the Authority shall remain in the possession and control of the municipalities that own the asset. Any future debt undertaken by the Authority shall be the sole responsibility of the Fire Authority. Any and all decisions pertaining to the management and sale of assets acquired by the Authority shall be the Authority's sole decision.

XI. COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS

The Authority may enter into a contract with any incorporating municipality for the provision of emergency services in the incorporating municipality for a period not exceeding 30 years. The emergency services may be established or funded in conjunction with any municipal emergency services, and any municipal emergency service may be delegated by contract to an Authority. The charges specified in a contract shall be subject to increase by the Authority, if necessary, in order to provide funds to meet its obligations. The Authority may also enter into contracts with a city, village, or township that is not an incorporating municipality, for a period not exceeding 30 years except that the charges for services under a contract with a non-incorporating municipality may be greater than the charges to an incorporating municipality, and shall be subject to change from time to time without notice. However, existing contracts between the county sheriff's department and the municipalities shall remain in effect for the lifetime of those contracts.

XII. INSURANCE

The Authority shall, independently or by contracting with the Township or Villages, purchase public liability insurance covering anu cause of action, claim, damage, accident, injury or liability that may arise as a result of the ownership, construction maintenance or operation of the property, facilities, programs or services of the Authority, or that may arise as otherwise provided for under the terms of these Articles.

The Authority shall secure and maintain comprehensive general liability insurance in the amount of $10,000 for each person and $2,000,000 for each incident involving bodily injury or death and $100,000 for each incident involving property damage.

The Authority shall provide motor vehicle insurance complying with State of Michigan no-fault motor vehicle insurance requirements providing $2,000,000/$1,000,000 for bodily injury liability, and $1,000,000 for property damage liability.

The Authority shall, independently or by contracting with the Township or Villages, provide all required worker's compensation insurance and unemployment compensation insurance for all person engaged in work on behalf of or at the behest of the Authority pursuant to these Articles.

All insurance required pursuant to these Articles shall name the Authority, the Township and the Villages, together with their officers, employees and agents, as named or additional insureds and certificate holders. All policies shall provide at least thirty (30) written notice should the policies be canceled or terminated by the insurance company or its agent. Upon request, the Authority shall provide certificates of insurance, paid receipts for the policies, and complete copies of insurance policies to the Township and Villages.

The Authority shall obtain and maintain an appropriate level of errors and omissions insurance for Authority Board members of the Authority.

XIII. TERM, WITHDRAWAL, AND DISSOLUTION

Term/Termination.

These Articles shall continue in full force and effect until terminated by the Authority Board. The Township and Villages shall be obligated to a contract term of 30 years participation in the Fire Authority. In the event of termination, all rights to property owned by the Authority shall be settled in accordance with the procedures set forth under the terms of this Article.

Withdrawal.

An incorporating municipality may withdraw from the Authority by resolution of the municipality's legislative body approving the withdrawal, a certified copy of which resolution

shall be provided to the Board at least 12 months prior to the beginning of the new fiscal year for the Fire Authority. Such new fiscal year shall serve as the effective date for the withdrawal.

A municipality that withdraws from the Authority shall continue to be subject to any tax levied in its jurisdiction under Section 12 of Act 57 for the duration of the period of that tax as determined pursuant to Section 12(3) of Act 57.

Employees of an authority who perform emergency services in the jurisdiction of a municipality that withdraws from an authority shall be protected in relation to the municipality to the same extent as employees of an incorporating municipality are protected in relation to an authority under section 10.

A municipality that withdraws from the Authority shall remain liable for a proportion of the debts and liabilities of the Authority incurred while the municipality was a part of the Authority. The proportion of the Authority's debts for which a municipality remains liable as a result of its withdrawal from the Authority shall be determined by dividing the state equalized value of the real property in the municipality by the state equalized value of all real property in the Authority prior to the withdrawal.

Any property owned by the Authority, which is in possession of the withdrawing municipality or in the possession of personnel who will no longer remain with the Authority as a result of the municipality's withdrawal from the Authority, shall be returned to the Authority before the effective date of the withdrawal. The withdrawing municipality shall not be entitled to the return of any credit for any property or money it transferred to or paid to the Authority prior to the withdrawal.

Dissolution.

If the Fire Authority Board terminates the Authority, the Board and the Authority shall be considered dissolved.

Upon the dissolution, property held or used the Authority shall be allocated and distributed in accordance with the following:

1. All property, of any nature, which is titled to or otherwise owned by the Authority shall be sold and all proceeds shall be distributed to the all members that are part of the Authority in accordance with the most recent contribution percentages, after deducting any expenses associated with the dissolution of the Board and the Authority.
2. The incorporating municipalities recognize that the Township and Villages each individually contributed a pro-rated amount in initial funding for the Authority to purchase equipment. Upon dissolution, all proceeds shall be distributed to the all members that are part of the Authority in accordance with the most recent contribution

percentages, after deducting any expenses associated with the dissolution of the Board and the Authority.

XIV. EXEMPTION FROM TAXATION

The property of the Authority shall be exempt from all taxation and assessment and no writ of attachment or writ of execution shall be levied upon the property of the Authority.

XV. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE

If any part, term or provision of this Agreement is held to be illegal, in conflict with any law or otherwise invalid, the remaining portion or portions shall be considered severable and not affected by such determination, and the rights and obligations of the parties shall be construed and enforced as if the Agreement did not contain the particular part, term or provisions held to be illegal or invalid.

XVI. PUBLICATION AND FILING

These Articles shall be published once in a newspaper of general circulation within the territory of the Authority by Calumet Township. One printed copy of such Articles of Incorporation, certified as a true copy thereof, with the date and place of publication, shall be filed with the Secretary of State within (30) days after the execution thereof has been completed.

The Authority shall become effective upon the filing of certified copies of these Articles with the Secretary of State, as provided in the preceding Article.

XVII. EFFECTIVE DATE

The Authority shall become effective on _____, 2026.

The foregoing Articles of Incorporation were adopted and a resolution approving the Articles of Incorporation were signed by the Village of Laurium's President and Clerk, the Village of Calumet's President and Clerk, and Calumet Township's Supervisor and Clerk at a joint public meeting held by the three incorporating municipalities that occurred on _____day of _____, 2026. The resolutions signed by each incorporating member shall be attached to these Articles of Incorporation.