

**CALUMET VILLAGE DDA MEETING MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, AUGUST 11, 2025, 9:00 AM**  
**CALUMET VILLAGE TOWNHALL, 340 SIXTH STREET**

**Present:** Chair L'Esperance; Members McParlan, Oikarinen, Ranville, Hahn, Wickstrom

**Absent:** Tarvis, Campioni, Miller

**Also Present from Village:** Village Manager/DDA Administrator Megan Haselden

**Present from Public:** Courtney Tucker (Ramona's Café)

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

L'Esperance called the meeting to order at 9:15 with roll call and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

None.

III. Approval of Agenda

Wickstrom, supported by Oikarinen approved the agenda as presented.

**Motion Carried 6/0**

IV. Review and approve meeting minutes of July 14, 2025 Meeting

McParlan, supported by Wickstrom approved the minutes of July 14, 2025.

**Motion Carried 6/0**

V. Unfinished / Revolving Business

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

Haselden provided updates.

2. Main Street Calumet Update

No updates from MSC.

3. District Updates

i. DDA Properties

ii. District property sales / transitions

No Updates.

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4. Project Updates

i. Greenspace

1. Furniture
2. Barsotti Lot
3. Name

Haselden provided updates – the furniture will be delivered soon. There are drainage issues that will go over on the Barsotti lot, KEDA and UPEA are advising on the issue; a name should be considered for the space.

ii. Bike Racks for Downtown

Oikarinen shared an update that the bike racks are being picked up by Miller and will require assembly, the DPW to assemble and place in the new gathering space and Agassiz Park.

iii. Agassiz Park Pavilion Bathroom

Haselden reports that the roof is in terrible condition, but there is no internal leaking. The DDA board discussed and advised to move forward with purchasing the new restroom equipment as previously approved.

iv. Wayfinding Project

No further information or acceptance from Village of Laurium or Calumet Township.

v. Highway Signage

2x3 Foot sign to place on US 41 for the downtown district, designed like the billboard, is being drafted by Ranville.

VI. New Business

1. Calumet Sesquicentennial Sponsorship

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Haselden reviewed the sponsorship levels with the board. The DDA may kick in some funds towards the events if needed.

2. Crosswalk/Downtown Art

L'Esperance shared a quote for adding art to the downtown sidewalks. The board discussed and decided to table this project until next year.

3. Buildings / Business Inventory Downtown

L'Esperance and Haselden will start working on an inventory of downtown businesses.

4. Signage from 5<sup>th</sup> Street to 6<sup>th</sup> Street

L'Esperance would like signage directing people to 6<sup>th</sup> Street businesses and will draft a proposal for future consideration.

5. Parking Study

Discussion on starting to gather parking information with volunteers from the board.

6. DDA Board Member Appointments

- i. Nikki L'Esperance (term ends Aug 2025)
- ii. Pete Hahn At-Large seat (term ends Aug 2025)

7. DDA Officer Appointments (Aug 2025 – Aug 2026)

- i. Current Chair: Nikki L'Esperance
- ii. Current Vice Chair: Andrew Ranville
- iii. Current Treasurer: JW Miller
- iv. Current Secretary: Rick Campioni

Ranville moved, supported by Wickstrom, to approve the DDA Board Member Appointments and Officers as presented.

**Motion Carried 6/0**

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8. Approval of DDA Bills/Transaction Report

Wickstrom moved, supported by Ranville, to approve the DDA bills.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: L'Esperance; Members McParlan, Oikarinen, Ranville, Hahn, Wickstrom

Nays: None

Absent: Tarvis, Campioni, Miller

**Motion Carried 6/0**

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

VIII. Adjourn

Ranville moved, supported by Wickstrom, to adjourn the meeting at 10:37am

**Motion Carried 6/0**

Respectfully submitted,

Megan Haselden  
Village Manager/DDA Administrator