

CALUMET VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2024
CALUMET VILLAGE TOWNHALL, 340 SIXTH STREET
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Present: President Rob Tarvis; Trustees Virginia Dwyer, Peggy Germain, Pamela Que, Andrew Ranville, Bernice Smith; Clerk Lori Weir

Absent: None

Also Present from the Village: Manager Megan Haselden

Present from the Public: Matthew Eliason, Kelly Ryan and 1 additional community member

I. Call to Order

Tarvis called the meeting to order at 6:00pm 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

Que moved, seconded by Smith to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion Carried 6/0

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

Regular Meeting	July 16, 2024
Work Session Meeting	August 13, 2024
Special Meeting	August 13, 2024

Review and approval of bills

Prior paid bills in the amount of \$27,660.25
New bills in the amount of \$12,881.74
Fund Balance Sheet

Review and acceptance of Reports

Manger Report
Downtown Development Authority Minutes (*July 2024 not yet approved*)
Planning Commission Minutes (*July 2024 not yet approved*)
Historic District Commission Meeting Minutes (*July 2024 not yet approved*)

Discussion on committee/commission minutes. Financial questions answered by the Manager.

Ranville moved, seconded by Que to approve the consent agenda as presented.

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Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Dwyer, Germain, Que, Ranville, Smith, Tarvis

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried 6/0

V. Unfinished Business

1. Vacant Seat – Letter of Interest (Kelly Ryan)

President Tarvis moved to appoint Kelly Ryan to the vacant Trustee seat.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Dwyer, Germain, Que, Ranville, Smith, Tarvis

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried 6/0

2. Ordinance No. 92

Que moved, seconded by Ranville to repeal ordinance no.92 per the attorney recommendation based on its confusion with Michigan State Law which is cited within the ordinance.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Que, Ranville, Smith, Tarvis

Nays: Dwyer, Germain

Absent: None

Motion Carried 4/2

3. Snow Removal / Residential Contract Request

Discussion of the two ordinance drafts presented. Discussion regarding developing a comprehensive snow removal policy which will include information regarding snow removal contracts if the Village decides to offer them in the future. Attorney guidance was to use caution when designating how snow removal contracts would be offered to avoid what might appear to be preferential treatment. Clerk Weir and Manager Haselden will work on a draft to discuss at the September work session.

4. Roof Replacement Project Recommendation

It was noted that the vote that took place during the Special Meeting on August 13 was not a majority vote. Because this project is considered Public Improvement, it will require a majority vote of the Council, which our attorney has confirmed is 4 “yes” votes.

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Que moved, seconded by Smith to accept the bid received from Copper Range Roofing in the amount of \$112,450 with the required deposit of 50% paid upon signing the contract.

Discussion of the differences in the two estimates and the length of time reimbursement from the granting agency might take.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Que, Ranville, Smith, Tarvis

Nays: Dwyer, Germain

Absent: None

Motion Carried 4/2

VI. New Business

1. Fire Site Bid for Water Line

Que moved, seconded by Smith to accept the bid from B&B Contracting to complete the water line work by November 1 as presented in their bid.

Discussion of terminology of the word “owner” within the contract.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Que, Ranville, Smith, Tarvis

Nays: Dwyer, Germain

Absent: None

Motion Carried 4/2

2. Proposed Resolution No. 214.07 – Authorizing Agent MDOT Contract

Que moved, seconded by Smith to appoint the Village Manager as Authorized Agent to sign MDOT State Trunkline Maintenance Contract.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Dwyer, Germain, Que, Ranville, Smith, Tarvis

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried 6/0

3. U.P. Managers Meeting – September 26-27, 2024

Que moved, seconded by Smith to approve sending the Manager to this U.P. Manager Meeting in September.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Dwyer, Germain, Que, Ranville, Smith, Tarvis

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried 6/0

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VII. Announcements – Other Council Business

Que asked that the “evaluation of DPW equipment” be put on the September work session agenda.

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

Matthew Eliason (Attorney representing the Dharmavarams) stated that a comprehensive snow removal policy is a good option. Addressed his client’s concerns regarding the hazards of snow accumulation at corners resulting in blind corners and other potential hazards. He suggested that due to the unique amounts of snow Calumet receives, the village may not want to depend solely on the Michigan Vehicle Code.

IX. Adjourn

Que moved, seconded by Ranville to adjourn the meeting at 7:26pm.

Motion Carried 6/0

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Weir, Clerk