CALUMET VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2026
CALUMET VILLAGE TOWNHALL, 340 SIXTH STREET
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Present: President Rob Tarvis, Trustees Pamela Que, Kelly Ryan, Bernice Smith, James Tercha; Clerk Lori Weir
Absent: None
Vacant Seats : 2
Also Present from the Village: Manager Megan Haselden
Present from the Public: 20 in-person attendees; 2 attendee via Zoom

I. Call to Order
Tarvis called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

II. Petitions from the Public (members of the public have 5 minutes to speak)
The council heard public comments regarding security cameras placed in the downtown district and the costs for them that are not covered by a possible grant.

III. Approval of Agenda
Que moved, seconded by Smith to approve the agenda with the following change:
- Remove number 7 "Fire Authority: Approve Articles of Incorporation" from V. Unfinished Business

Motion Carried 5/0

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 21, 2026

Review and approval of bills
Prior Paid Bills in the amount of $2,747.88
New Bills in the amount of $50,222.63
July Payroll in the amount of $21,951.78

Correspondence
Houghton County Workshop for Local Governments
MSU Extension Governing Essentials Series
WUPPDR Annual Meeting
Letter to Governor Whitmer in support of "Qualified Opportunity Zone Nomination"

Roll Call Vote:
Yeas: Tarvis, Tercha, Ryan, Smith, Que
Nays: None
Absent: None

Motion Carried 5/0

V. Unfinished Business

1. Village Manager Report – Manager provided updates on:
   - Housing grant applications, process, and timeline
   - Village Hall renovations
   - Staffing/Hiring
   - Community Picnic retirement celebration for Coreen Balbough
   - Auditor update and requested special finance update meeting
   - DPW equipment needs
   - Blight enforcement efforts
   - Big Annie Statue unveiling and celebration – Plaque received for the Village for their support

2. Organizational Development Committee Report – Ryan (ODC Chair) provided an update on the committee working on a process for responding to public comments/questions, manager performance evaluation, and planning commission work.

3. Blight Task Force Report – Que (Task Force Chair) provided a brief update on work being done to document potential blighted properties and planning for next steps.

4. Fire Authority Update – Fire Chief Kalcich asked the council to consider consolidating fire departments with Calumet Township as both parties feel this would be in the best interest of both the Village and the Township.

   Ryan moved, seconded by Que to approve the moving forward with exploring the logistics of combining fire departments and to pursue an agreement of shared services between the two fire departments.

   Motion Carried 5/0

5. 9th Street Update – Haselden provided an update which is attached. Feedback from the Calumet Township Supervisor was also provided and they agree that legal agreements and easements need to be in place based on the survey.

6. Security Camera Update – Jason Wickstrom (DDA member) provided some answers to question received by the DDA in regard to security cameras. He discussed who would have access, how ownership and additional fees work, and the need for administrative policies within the Village.

VI. New Business

1. Village Council Appointment – Partial Term ending November 2026
   President Tarvis recommended the appointment of Tom Bowles to fill a vacant seat prior to the November election.
   Roll Call Vote:
   Yeas: Tarvis, Tercha, Ryan, Smith, Que
   Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried 5/0

2. Appointment to Calumet Theatre Board of Directors
   President Tarvis agreed to serve on the Calumet Theatre Board of Directors
   Roll Call Vote:
   Yeas: Tarvis, Tercha, Ryan, Smith, Que
   Nays: None
   Absent: None

   Motion Carried 5/0

3. Appointments to the Downtown Development Authority for 4-Year Terms Ending August 2030

   President Tarvis recommends the reappointment of Rick Campioni.
   Roll Call Vote:
   Yeas: Tarvis, Tercha, Ryan, Smith, Que
   Nays: None
   Absent: None

   Motion Carried 5/0

   President Tarvis recommends the reappointment of Janet Johnston.
   Roll Call Vote:
   Yeas: Tarvis, Tercha, Ryan, Smith, Que
   Nays: None
   Absent: None

   Motion Carried 5/0

   President Tarvis recommends the reappointment of Nathan McParlan.
   Roll Call Vote:
   Yeas: Tarvis, Tercha, Ryan, Smith, Que
   Nays: None
   Absent: None

   Motion Carried 5/0

4. Schedule Special Meeting for Financial Update – Haselden will reach out to council via email the propose possible meeting dates after she talks with the Auditor regarding her timeline.

VII. Announcements/Other Council Business - None

VIII. Comments from the Public
Council received public comments addressing:

- security cameras and security camera footage access
- 9th Street depot and if there is really a "need" to abandon a portion of 9th street rather than a "want" by the property owner

- 9th Street – emergency access if a portion is abandoned as well as the requirements for a cul de sac.
- concerns expressed regarding the costs-to-date for the village to research this issue and provide public forums.

IX. Adjourn

Que moved, seconded by Tercha to adjourn the meeting at 7:01p.m.

Motion Carried 5/0

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Weir, Clerk