CALUMET VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2025 @ 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

Council: President Rob Tarvis; Trustees Matt L'Esperance, Ariele Pizzo, Pamela Que, Kelly Ryan, Bernice Smith, Jim Tercha; Clerk Lori Weir

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	November 18, 2025
Statutory Meeting	November 18, 2025

Review and approval of bills

Prior paid bills in the amount of $3,214.39

New bills in the amount of $30,198.46

November Payroll in the amount of $24,942.98

Review and acceptance of Reports & Correspondence

Manager Update

Organizational Development Committee Update

Blight Task Force Update

V. Unfinished Business

1. Big Annie Statue Placement
2. 9th Street Issue
3. Financial Review & Budget Process

VI. New Business

1. Calumet Laurium Fire Authority

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
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2025
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Present: President Rob Tarvis, Trustees Pamela Que, Ariele Pizzo, Kelly Ryan (via Zoom), James Tercha; Clerk Lori Weir
Absent: Trustees Matt L'Esperance, Bernice Smith
Also Present from the Village: Manager Megan Haselden, CEDM Fellow Joey Foster
Present from the Public: 1 in-person attendee and 1 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)* – None

III. Approval of Agenda
Que moved, seconded by Pizzo to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion Carried 4/0

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	October 21, 2025
Public Hearing Minutes	October 21, 2025

Review and approval of bills
Prior Paid Bills in the amount of $24,768.35
New Bills in the amount of $12,250.34
October Payroll in the amount of $23,832.51

Review and acceptance of Correspondence Received
Manager Update
Organizational Development Committee Update
Blight Task Force Update – Has not met yet

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

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

Motion Carried 4/0

V. Unfinished Business – None

VI. New Business
1. Financial Review & Budget Process

Discussion on current budget and timeline for budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

2. Village Rules of Procedure

Review and discussion of updates to the Rules of Procedure.
- Remove "Meetings shall be recorded electronically by the Village Clerk." From number 4 under **Meeting Attendance.**
-Remove "...within 5 business days of receipt." From number 1 under **Council Vacancies.**
- Make changes as noted in number 2 under **Trustee Conduct.**

Que moved, seconded by Tercha to accept and approve the 2025 Rules of Procedure of the Village Council with the changes as presented.

Motion Carried 4/0

VII. Announcements/Other Council Business - Non

VIII. Comments from the Public - None

IX. Adjourn
Que moved, seconded by Tercha to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 p.m.

Motion Carried 4/0

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Weir, Clerk

CALUMET VILLAGE COUNCIL STATUTORY MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2025 – following the Special Council Meeting
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Present: President Rob Tarvis; Trustees Pamela Que, Kelly Ryan (via Zoom), Ariele Pizzo, James Tercha; Clerk Lori Weir
Absent: Trustees Matt L'Esperance, Benice Smith
Also Present from the Village: Manager Megan Haselden, CEDM Fellow Joey Foster
Present from the Public: 1 in-person attendee and 1 attendee via ZOOM

I. Call to Order
Tarvis called the meeting to order at 6:27pm.

II. Petitions from the Public *(members of the public have 5 minutes to speak)*
None

III. Approval of Agenda
Que moved, seconded by Tercha to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion Carried 4/0

IV. Appointments
Tarvis nominated Trustee Que as President Pro-Tempore through November 2026.
Roll Call Vote:
Yeas: Que, Pizzo, Tercha, Tarvis
Nays: None
Motion Carried 4/0

Tarvis nominated Coreen Balbough to serve as the Deputy through November 2026.
Roll Call Vote:
Yeas: Que, Pizzo, Tercha, Tarvis
Nays: None
Motion Carried 4/0

V. Committees
Que moved, seconded by Tercha to accept the Organizational Development Committee and the Blight Enforcement Taskforce as presented.
Motion Carried 4/0

VI. Delegates to other boards
No change. Que moved, seconded by Tercha to accept the Delegates to Other Boards as presented.
Motion Carried 4/0

VII. Salaries and Fees
No Change.
Que moved, seconded by Tercha to accept the Salaries and Fees as presented and to

assign the Organizational Development Committee to review the Ordinance pertaining to council compensation for possible adjustments.
Roll Call Vote:
Yeas: Que, Pizzo, Tercha, Tarvis
Nays: None

Motion Carried 4/0

VIII. Designation of Depositories
No Change.
Que moved, seconded by Tercha to accept the Designation of Depositories as presented.
Roll Call Vote:
Yeas: Que, Pizzo, Tercha, Tarvis
Nays: None

Motion Carried 4/0

IX. Designation of Officers
Megan Haselden added as Street Administrator based on her appointment to this role a few months ago.
Que moved, seconded by Tercha to accept the Designation of Depositories as presented, with the possibility of looking at the role of Street Administrator in the future.
Roll Call Vote:
Yeas: Que, Pizzo, Tercha, Tarvis
Nays: None

Motion Carried 4/0

X. Next Year Meeting Dates
Que moved, seconded by Pizzo to approve the attached meeting dates as presented.

Motion Carried 4/0

XI. Adjourn
Que moved, seconded by Tercha to adjourn the meeting at 6:34pm.

Motion Carried 4/0

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori Weir
Village Clerk

INVOICE APPROVAL (BY DEPARTMENT) FOR CALUMET VILLAGE Prior paid

EXP CHECK RUN DATES 12/01/2025 - 12/10/2025
POSTED AND UNPOSTED PAID
BANK ACCOUNTS: POOL - POOLED CASH

Vendor Name	Invoice Line Desc	Amount	GL # Line Desc
Department: 261 OFFICE			
MML WORKERS' COMP FUND	INSURANCE	372.00	INSURANCE
U.S. POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	156.00	POSTAGE
Total Department 261:		528.00	
Department: 265 BUILDING & GROUNDS			
NHCWSA	UTILITIES - WATER	67.45	UTILITIES - WATER
UPPCO	UTILITIES - ELECTRICITY	334.80	UTILITIES - ELECTRICITY
Total Department 265:		402.25	
Department: 336 FIRE			
UPPCO	UTILITIES - ELECTRICITY	25.32	UTILITIES - ELECTRICITY
Total Department 336:		25.32	
Department: 441 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS			
NHCWSA	UTILITIES - WATER	49.60	UTILITIES - WATER
UPPCO	UTILITIES - ELECTRICITY	191.63	UTILITIES - ELECTRICITY
Total Department 441:		241.23	
Department: 448 STREET LIGHTING			
UPPCO	UTILITIES - ELECTRICITY	961.43	UTILITIES - ELECTRICITY
UPPCO	ST PAUL LOT LIGHTS	7.69	ST PAUL LOT LIGHTS
Total Department 448:		969.12	
Department: 751 PARKS & REC			
NHCWSA	UTILITIES - WATER	36.00	UTILITIES - WATER
UPPCO	UTILITIES - ELECTRICITY	30.00	UTILITIES - ELECTRICITY
Total Department 751:		66.00	
Department: 966 TRANSFER OUT			
INCREDIBLE BANK	GEN TRANSFER TO DEBT SERVICE	982.47	Transfer to Debt Service
Total Department 966:		982.47	
Report Total:		3,214.39	

INVOICE APPROVAL (BY DEPARTMENT) FOR CALUMET VILLAGE

Bills To Pay

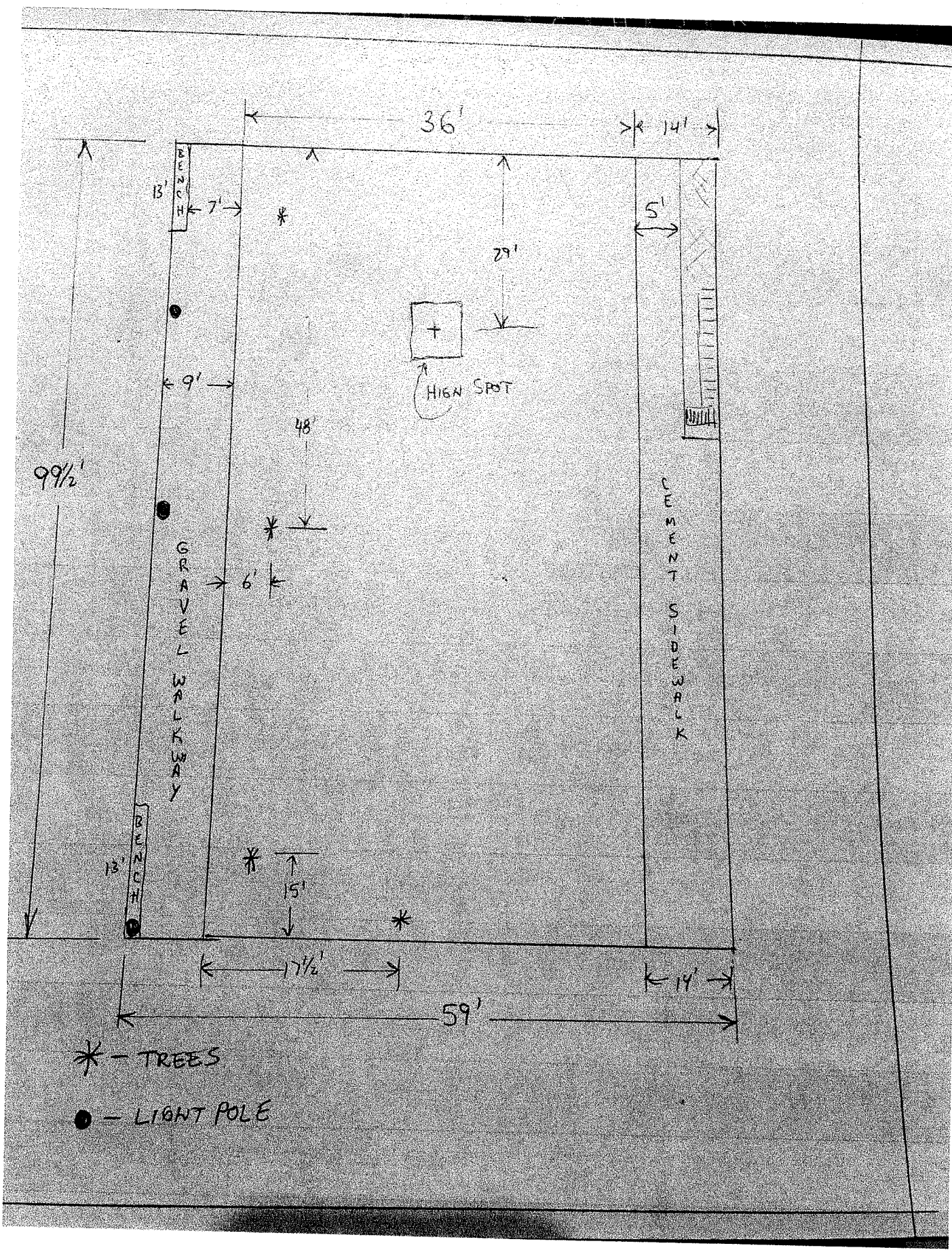
EXP CHECK RUN DATES 12/01/2025 - 12/17/2025
POSTED AND UNPOSTED OPEN
BANK ACCOUNTS: POOL - POOLED CASH

Vendor Name	Invoice Line Desc	Amount	GL # Line Desc
Department: 000 UNASSIGNED			
UPPER MICHIGAN WATER COMPANY	FIRE HYDRANT MAINTENANCE	1,435.61	FIRE HYDRANT MAINTENANCE
Total Department 000:		1,435.61	
Department: 101 VILLAGE COUNCIL			
UP & RUNNING TECHNOLOLGY SOLUTIONS	EMAIL	60.00	EMAIL
Total Department 101:		60.00	
Department: 215 CLERK			
UP & RUNNING TECHNOLOLGY SOLUTIONS	EMAIL	10.00	EMAIL
Total Department 215:		10.00	
Department: 253 TREASURER			
UP & RUNNING TECHNOLOLGY SOLUTIONS	EMAIL	10.00	EMAIL
Total Department 253:		10.00	
Department: 261 OFFICE			
BS& A SOFTWARE	SOFTWARE	9,974.00	SOFTWARE
CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	TELEPHONE	14.99	TELEPHONE
THE DAILY MINING GAZETTE	DUES AND MEMBERSHIPS	45.00	DUES AND MEMBERSHIPS
UP & RUNNING TECHNOLOLGY SOLUTIONS	TELEPHONE	120.00	TELEPHONE
UP & RUNNING TECHNOLOLGY SOLUTIONS	CONTRACTED SERVICES	234.00	CONTRACTED SERVICES
UP & RUNNING TECHNOLOLGY SOLUTIONS	SOFTWARE	125.00	SOFTWARE
Total Department 261:		10,512.99	
Department: 265 BUILDING & GROUNDS			
ACE HARDWARE OF CALUMET INC	SUPPLIES	7.59	SUPPLIES
ACE HARDWARE OF CALUMET INC	SUPPLIES	17.98	SUPPLIES
ACE HARDWARE OF CALUMET INC	SUPPLIES - BEAUTIFICATION	74.47	SUPPLIES - BEAUTIFICATION
UPPER MICHIGAN WATER COMPANY	UTILITIES - WATER	26.08	UTILITIES - WATER
Total Department 265:		126.12	
Department: 441 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS			
ACE HARDWARE OF CALUMET INC	EQUIP. SUPPLIES	13.99	EQUIP. SUPPLIES
AIRGAS USA, LLC	SHOP SUPPLIES	258.90	SHOP SUPPLIES
AUTO-WARES	EQUIP. SUPPLIES	9.34	EQUIP. SUPPLIES
BAY MACHINE INC.	EQUIP. SUPPLIES	120.00	EQUIP. SUPPLIES
BEKKALA'S DIESEL REPAIR, LLC	EQUIPMENT REPAIRS	5,149.37	EQUIPMENT REPAIRS
CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	TELEPHONE	150.00	TELEPHONE
FINE LINE TIRE	EQUIPMENT REPAIRS	2,592.43	EQUIPMENT REPAIRS
HARTER AUTO SUPPLY INC.	EQUIP. SUPPLIES	1,096.07	EQUIP. SUPPLIES
MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL LEAGUE	CLD CONSORTIUM	200.00	Training
MILLER-BRADFORD & RISEBERG, INC.	EQUIPMENT REPAIRS	1,668.55	EQUIPMENT REPAIRS
NEWNAM SIGNS INC	SUPPLIES	1,351.69	SUPPLIES
Total Department 441:		12,610.34	
Department: 521 SANITATION			
COPPER ISLAND PRINTING	FALL CLEAN-UP MAILER	272.00	PRINTING AND PUBLISHING
WM CORPORATE SERVICES INC.	RENTAL	365.63	RENTAL
Total Department 521:		637.63	
Department: 535 SURFACE MAINTENANCE			
B&B SAND AND GRAVEL	MATERIALS	269.20	MATERIALS
Total Department 535:		269.20	
Department: 701 PLANNING			
THE DAILY MINING GAZETTE	PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT	555.75	PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT
Total Department 701:		555.75	
Department: 901 CAPITAL OUTLAY			
KEWEENAW ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ALLI	CAPITAL OUTLAY - CONSTRUCTION IN PROCES	3,970.82	CAPITAL OUTLAY - CONSTRUCTIO
Total Department 901:		3,970.82	
Report Total:		30,198.46	

Payroll

TOTAL EXPENDITURE BY GENERAL LEDGER FOR CALUMET VILLAGE
For Check Dates 11/01/2025 to 11/30/2025

GL Number	Expense Amount	Gross Amount	Total Amount
Fund: 101 GENERAL FUND			
Department: 101-172 VILLAGE MANAGER			
Total Department: 101-172	488.42	6,384.62	6,873.04
Department: 101-215 CLERK			
Total Department: 101-215	20.09	262.50	282.59
Department: 101-253 TREASURER			
Total Department: 101-253	20.09	262.50	282.59
Department: 101-261 OFFICE			
Total Department: 101-261	395.50	5,170.00	5,565.50
Department: 101-265 BUILDING & GROUNDS			
Total Department: 101-265	100.80	1,317.27	1,418.07
Department: 101-441 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORI			
Total Department: 101-441	547.08	7,135.37	7,682.45
Department: 101-451 SNOW/ICE			
Total Department: 101-451	15.55	203.25	218.80
Department: 101-751 PARKS & REC			
Total Department: 101-751	9.18	120.00	129.18
Total Fund 101 General Fund:	**1,596.71**	**20,855.51**	**22,452.22**
Fund: 202 MAJOR STREETS			
Total Fund 202 Major Streets:	**120.79**	**1,578.75**	**1,699.54**
Fund: 203 LOCAL STREETS			
Total Fund 203 Local Streets:	**12.86**	**168.00**	**180.86**
Fund: 232 SANITATION			
Total Fund 232 Sanitation:	**43.36**	**567.00**	**610.36**
TOTAL November Payroll	**1,773.72**	**23,169.26**	**24,942.98**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BENCH
13'
7'
5'
29'
9'
HIGH SPOT
48'
99½'
GRAVEL WALKWAY
6'
CEMENT SIDEWALK
BENCH
13'
15'
17½'
14'
59'
* - TREES
● - LIGHT POLE

December 9, 2025

Notes and thoughts for the Big Annie Statue to be located in the Greenspace.

Location seems to be very agreeable with the community.

We will need to work with Megan and the council to get approval as we work through this in a timely manner.

Our vision is for the statue to face 6th St and be located in the middle of the 37 width and back from 6th St a distance determined by the landscape architect and engineer.

The statue is expected to arrive in April or May.. We are hoping a little later so it does not have to be stored and moved twice.

Our vision for this part of the park is this beautiful statue as the focal point in the park. A calm, quiet, peaceful place that reflects the local history and used by local artists. A place to do a live painting, or hold an art show. A place where a street musician might perform or board games such as chess or checkers might be played with friends. Possibly added to the KNHP park history tour. meeting place while waiting to get into a performance at the theatre or used as extra space needed for part of another event. This part of the park should be interesting enough to entice locals and tourists to stop and see what this is all about.

The space is 37' X 99.6'

It makes sense to design the whole space around the statue planning for the future so the Village can do what it can as funds are available for what your vision might also be.

Our expense being the installation of the statue, interpretation sign, solar lighting, path(s) leading to the statue. Add small gardens and a flagpole from the architect design as funds allow.

We also recognize that the private property next to Shute's has an unknown future so the design should plan for a possible building that might be there some day.

The 6'2" lifesize statue is a little over 7' tall allowing for the height of the flag she carries. The statue stands on a bronze 4' X 4' X 1" thick base with an embossed brick design. It will be the focus in that space and is a piece of beautiful art created by award winning sculptor, Andy Sacksteder, This statue is a beautiful work of art that the community will be proud of so it is extremely important that we get the setting and surroundings appropriate also. That means the design of the park should reflect the reason for this statue so it is not viewed as just an ornament or unamed statuary. and no one is really interested. We hope the setting will make someone think "This is beautiful! What is this all about?

Considerations:
Maintenance Summer lawn care and winter snow issues
Meet ADA requirements, and all structural needs such as drainage, access to underground utilities, etc

Our vision is a walkway that surrounds the base to allow full circle viewing of statue detail. We will have a better vision after meeting with the landscape architect.(Karl Dietzler?) That leaves approximately 12 ' on each side of the statue from the sidewalk next to the theatre and the gravel walkwakway to the alley.

Possibly Interpretation and display of an interesting item that might make a person stop and out of curiosity enter the park.

Suggestions for the area not required for the statue:
Possibly a small board game table with seating (card games, chess, etc)
A quiet place that an artist might do a live painting.
A lone street performer may come and play the violin, guitar, harmonica. ...

The newly planted trees will welcome small wildlife like, birds, squirrels, chipmunks, etc

A flagpole on the grounds will be a welcoming place for Veterans Day ceremony, a place for students who might have an outdoor class. Could have a place for a book exchange. Etc

If for some reason the project is delayed without committee fault, we should determine at what point does the Village own the statue and have the responsibility of all that goes with it. If the statue has to be stored beyond the summer of 2026, it will need to be insured. Who will be responsible for the insurance and any ongoing expense.

As this is progressing, the basic draft for the dedication should also begin in order for the Village to get the most benefit from the anticipation from the community, plan for dignitaries who may arrive and the promotion to potential tourism. I would like to work with someone on that.

Who is the new Mainstreet contact??
Should we be working with them also?

More information will be forthcoming following a meeting with the KNHP landscape architect Karl Dietzler

Submitted by Vada Riederich

1 **9TH STREET/CALUMET TRAIN DEPOT SYNOPSIS FROM THE VILLAGE MANAGER**

Timeline:

1. In April, 2024, Jim Flood issued a letter to the Village Council requesting that the Council schedule a public hearing to discuss the possibility of vacating village jurisdiction of a portion of 9th Street over Lots 11, 12 & 13 for the Calumet Train Depot project.
2. The matter was discussed as an agenda item at the April 9, 2024, Work Session meeting. The Chairman of St. Paul's Church Council, Mr. Ed Jenich, along with members from the church and community addressed the Council regarding the issue and were in opposition and requested additional information.
3. In mid-year 2024, the Department of Public Works removed a stop sign off the depot building and placed a new stop sign at the corner of the Depot and Oak Street. Prior to the 2024 winter season, the DPW crew met with Mr. Flood to discuss snow removal of the lots and to work out a better plowing system to help stop snow piled against the building, which resulted in improvements in the process.
4. In Summer 2025, Mr. Flood began putting up scaffolding to start work on the project and the village was asked to remove the stop sign installed on the sidewalk. We complied, putting a temporary stop sign about 3 feet off the sidewalk, in alignment with where the eaves of the building extend above the roadway.
5. In September 2025, Village Trustee Kelly Ryan and Manager Megan Haselden met with Father Gracious of St. Paul's Church to discuss the issue, Father Gracious was supportive of the project. The Village Manager also met with Mr. Flood to discuss the Council position of wanting more information regarding the relationship and/or agreement between the Depot and the Church.
6. In October, 2025, the Manager talked with Mr. Flood, gathered title information related to the properties, engaged the village attorney, and scheduled a public hearing.
7. The public hearing was noticed in the newspaper and flyers were placed on nearby neighboring properties.
8. October 21, 2025, a public hearing was held, that was exploratory in nature, giving Mr. Flood an opportunity to present his position to community members. There were about 30 people in attendance, with letters provided from community members both in support and opposition of vacating the portion of 9th Street.
9. The week of November 3rd, the manager met with Mr. Flood to discuss the requirements from the village to vacate the road and the potential timeline to do so. Houghton County Commissioner Tom Tikkanen visited the village offices to advise that he is in support of vacating the portion of the road and the Depot project. The

village manager engaged the village attorney to further assess and provide legal guidance on the path forward.

10. The manager has placed the item for discussion on the Council Regular Meeting scheduled for December 16th.

Facts:

1. This portion of 9th Street is over Lots 11, 12, & 13. Those lots are owned by St. Paul's Cathedral.
2. The Calumet Train Depot property has a legal 21' easement from the sidewalk of the property, into Lots 11 & 12.
3. The Village has no legal easement to the property on record.
4. All of 9th Street has been certified as a road, under the jurisdiction of the Village of Calumet, with the MI Dept of Transportation, and is included in street funding received from the state under ACT 51.
5. The total ACT 51 funding received for all of 9th Street is $1,992.07, with the portion in question received less than $200/year for maintenance.
6. DPW has stated that placement of snow removed from that portion of the road is a challenge without pushing snow towards the Depot or putting it on private property (Lot 13, owned by the church). This winter, the DPW is taking extra steps to haul snow from the area with the SnowGo. We are going south on 9th Street from Elm with the grader and pushing snow towards the trail. This is minimizing snow left for the residents to clean up. DPW states they will be able to maintain snow removal for the 9th St residents should the portion of 9th St be vacated.
7. The road is in poor condition, with very little asphalt remaining. The village does not have financial capacity to pave the road.

Request from Mr. Flood:

Vacate the portion of 9th Street over Lots 11, 12 & 13.

From the Village Attorney:

The process for vacating the village's interest in the roadway is in MCL 67.13, as follows:

1. The Board must pass a resolution announcing its intention to abandon the roadway.
2. It must schedule a public hearing to hear any objections to vacate the road, not less than 4 weeks after passing the resolution.
3. The public hearing must be noticed in accordance with the Open Meetings Act (this notice should be published and posted).

4. If there is any objection filed, then the Board must pass a resolution approving it be vacated by a majority vote of the members of council (I read this as meaning a majority of the whole council not just a quorum).
5. A copy of the resolution approving the vacation must be recorded with the register of deeds and filed with the Dept of Consumer and Industry Services.

From the Village Manager:

1. In conversation with MDOT, once a resolution is passed to vacate the portion of the road, the village would send that to the ACT 51 funding department. We would then remove it from our ACT 51 map, when the time comes to annually certify that in 2026. MDOT will then remove the portion of the road from our jurisdiction and ACT 51 funding.
2. The attorney is working on the Resolution announcing intent to vacate the roadway for Council consideration. If approved, we will then schedule a public hearing not less than 4 weeks after.

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 and rescue services to the Calumet Township, the Village of Calumet, the Village of Laurium, and the Village of Copper City. 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, and procedures.

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 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. AUHTORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Composition of the Board. The Authority shall be governed by a Board of Directors (the Authority Board). The Authority Board shall vote on a Chairperson, a Vice Chairperson, a Treasurer, a Secretary, and the three remaining members of the Authority Board shall be considered the 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. The Board shall be comprised of seven (7) members with three (3) of the members being the Township Supervisor, the Village Manager of Calumet, and the Village Manager of Laurium. The remaining four (4) members shall be appointments. The Calumet Township Board and each of the three Village Council's located within Calumet Township shall appoint one member from each of their respective communities

that do not currently serve on their Township Board or Village Council's. 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 Village Councils which made the appointment. A quorum shall be four (4) 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 Board shall appoint the Fire Chief, Assistant Chief(s), Officers, Firefighters, and Probationary Firefighters as shall be required for the proper and efficient operation and maintenance of the Department. 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 ensure for the proper care and management of the apparatus, property and building pertaining to the Department. The Board shall prescribe the powers and duties of the Fire Chief, Assistant Chief(s), 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 continue indefinitely unless it is dissolved as provided by the Articles.

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 shall determine the millage amount necessary to adequately fund all aspects of the Fire Authority. Each incorporating municipality agrees that Calumet Township shall put forth a Township-wide millage and shall collect the millage revenue to be utilized by the Fire Authority. Upon collection of the millage revenue, Calumet Township agrees to and shall immediately disburse the entire 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 amount 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 Township and Village that is providing millage or bond funds to support the Authority before the budget is adopted by the Authority Board.

Vehicle 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 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 form the Authority shall meet in a joint session. 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 by a special assessment as authorized by Act 81 of 1989 as amended. The funds obtained by the special assessment 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.

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 unless prior agreements prohibit such transfer due to a potential "waiting" period. Once this period is concluded, the Township or Village that may be in a "waiting" period 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 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 other agreements with any incorporating municipalities or non-incorporating municipalities, pursuant to Act 57; the Urban Cooperation Act, Act 7, Public Acts of Michigan, 1967, as amended; Act 33, Public Acts of Michigan, 1951, as amended, or any other applicable Michigan law for the purposes of, among other things, providing emergency service es to such incorporating municipalities and non-incorporating municipalities and their residents and raising funds for such services.

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 minimum of 30 years participation in the 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.

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 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 an equal 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. 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.

XVI. 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, the Village of Calumet, and Calumet Township at public meetings 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.