

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
VILLAGE OF CALUMET  
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
CALUMET VILLAGE TOWNHALL  
340 SIXTH STREET  
CALUMET, MICHIGAN 49913  
MARCH 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2021 1PM VIA GOTOMEETING**

**Present:** Chair Leah Polzien, Dean Lahti, Lorri Oikarinen, Tom Dumble, Andrew Ranville, JW Miller and Pete Hahn.

**Also Present From the Village:** Caleb Katz

**Public Present-**Leah Dumouchel from Beckett/Raeder, Two member of the Public

**Absent:** Brian Abramson, Rick Campioni

**Vacant:** None

- I. Call to Order-Chair Polzien called the meeting to order at 1:08PM.**
  - A. Pledge of Allegiance**
- II. Acceptance of Agenda**

Motion made by Lorri Oikarinen and seconded by Andrew Ranville to accept the agenda as written.

Chair Polzien polled the DDA:

Yeas-Lorri Oikarinen, Tom Dumble, Pete Hahn, Andrew Ranville, Dean Lahti, JW Miller, and Leah Polzien.

Nay-None

Motion Passed-7/0

- III. Approval of Minutes**

Motion made by and seconded by to approve the minutes as written.

Chair Polzien polled the DDA:

Yeas-Lorri Oikarinen, Tom Dumble, Pete Hahn, Andrew Ranville, Dean Lahti, JW Miller, and Leah Polzien.

Nay-None

Motion Passed-7/0

- IV. Agenda**

- 1. Petitions from the Public-No Petitions**

- 2. DDA Plan Update—Report from Leah DuMouchel**

- A.** Leah Dumouchel gave an update on the progress of the DDA Plan. She asked for opinions and questions on where it currently stands. She covered several topics including what has been accomplished, what is in progress, and what still remains to be finished.

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**3. Potential Fiscal Year Conflict**

A. This needs to be addressed because of conflicting fiscal year ends between the Village of Calumet and DDA. This has been sent to Attorney Tercha to see if this is an issue or not, and if it is, what needs to be changed or amended.

**4. Main St. Calumet and DDA Re-Alignment-March 11, 2021**

A. Update, and short discussion was had on options and whether this is "legal" or what can be done. Chair Polzien touched on differing topics about how a municipality/DDA can work with a non-profit. Chair Polzien has requested clarification from legal counsel. Further discussion touched on whether there is a need for paid person is needed.

**5. Main Street Calumet Contract Discussion**

A. Chair Polzien gave information on the last contract between the DDA and MSC, as well as past accomplishments over the last year. There is no draft contract yet, there is plenty of time to work on that if desired. MSC needs to be providing DDA with a billing or breakdown of what MSC has done/accomplished.

**6. CDBG**

A. Lorri and Andrew gave updates due them being the last people with work needing to be finished. Andrew believes his project is finished. Lorri's project is not yet finished, hopefully their storm windows are on their way.

Motion made by Pete Hahn and seconded by Tom Dumble to move bills to agenda item #7.

Chair Polzien polled the DDA:

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Nay-None

Motion Passed-7/0

**7. Bills**

Motion made by Lorri Oikarinen and seconded by Pete Hahn to approve this month's bills.

Chair Polzien polled the DDA:

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Nay-None

Motion Passed-7/0

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\*JW Miller left meeting

**8. DDA Property Update**

**A. Greenspace**

i. Chair Polzien gave update on the Greenspace, Kevin Weir has resigned from the Greenspace committee. Down to three members. UPEA is working on a cost estimate for the committee. Greenspace committee will be putting out a notice that they are looking for members.

Motion made by Lorri Oikarinen and seconded by Andrew Ranville to place an ad for new members to join the Greenspace Committee.

Chair Polzien polled the DDA:

Yeas-Lorri Oikarinen, Tom Dumble, Pete Hahn, Andrew Ranville, Dean Lahti, and Leah Polzien.

Nay-None

Motion Passed-6/0

**B. Potential lease opportunity 427 5<sup>th</sup> St.**

i. No new updates on this topic by Chair Polzien, Tom Dumble had no new updates on this either.

**C. CLK Preservation Trades**

i. Chair Polzien gave update on meeting she had on this topic. The National Park, Township and another program were involved. They are interested in developing a preservation trades program with CLK. The National Park will also have a youth corp in Calumet this summer doing work.

**9. Community Watch Update**

A. Chair Polzien would like to have a recommendation from the DDA to the council regarding public safety. Discussion was held on the use of cameras.

**10. Updates from Village Council**

A. Chair Polzien went over concerns from the Village of Calumet budget hearing. Including: DDA contributing funds to nonprofit, fiscal year, improving reporting, and communication, and the DDA adding or removing items to budget without council approval.

**11. Adjourn**

Motion made by Lorri Oikarinen and seconded by Tom Dumble to adjourn.

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Nay-None

Motion Passed-6/0

**Meeting Adjourned at 3:56PM.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Caleb C.D. Katz  
DDA Administrator**