CALUMET VILLAGE COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2025 – 6:00 PM
CALUMET VILLAGE TOWNHALL, 340 SIXTH STREET
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Meeting ID: 814 0711 2048 Passcode: 699798 https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81497112048

Present: President Rob Tarvis; Trustees Matt L'Esperance, Pamela Que, Kelly Ryan, Bernice Smith, James Tercha; Clerk Lori Weir
Absent: None (1 vacant seat)
Also Present from the Village: Manager Megan Haselden, CEDAM Fellow Joey Foster
Present from the Public: None

I. Call to Order / Roll Call / Pledge of Allegiance
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 Tercha to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion Carried 6/0

IV. Reports

1. Manager – Haselden provided the Manager's report which included the following:
    - Updates on DPW compliance issue and increased costs for well testing, DPW equipment issues, Village of Calumet response to the Laurium DPW fire, resident complaints (cutting back snowbanks, snowmobile traffic/noise), Calumet Theatre boiler, Houghton County Recreation Authority seat that needs to be filled by a Village Council appointment, Village Hall work and timeline, Calumet Theatre lease, Ruppe Building and engineers reports, Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics policy work, and follow-up on Strategic Plan.
2. DDA
    - Haselden provided updates from the DDA meeting, including:
        (a) Budget and DDA pre-approval to spend $60,000 on phase I of the Ruppe Building stabilization which would cover the most urgent issues. DDA plans to continue to fundraise to cover this initial expense.
        (b) Clarification of Attorney of Council's role in approval of DDA taking ownership of Ruppe Building.
        (c) Bring Back Calumet group will be working to formalize its structure.

(d) Rolling out the "Small Grant Program" soon.

(e) Updating the US41 Billboard

(f) Potential property sale of 5th street – more information will be forthcoming

3. Planning Commission
   - Ryan provided an update, and the Planning Commission will be accelerating the Master Plan Update as well as planning for public outreach on the Village Strategic Plan.
4. HDC
   - No Update/No Meeting.

V. Unfinished / Revolving Business

1. FY2025 Budget Amendments
   Haselden reviewed the proposed budget amendments
2. FY2026 Budget
   Haselden reviewed the proposed budget for FY2026 for all funds including the DDA. DDA has approved their budget to be presented to Council for approval. Discussion about property taxes and tax millages.
3. Manager Contract
   Haselden presented the proposed updates to the Manager Contract which included a pay increase, retroactive pay, and adjustments to cell phone allowance, civil club/professional memberships, and vacation time.
4. Dangerous Buildings Ordinance
   Haselden shared the Attorney review of this ordinance. The council pointed out changes that need to be made in reference to the Village Police Department and Village Administrator as neither of these currently exist within the Village of Calumet.
   Discussion on Dangerous Buildings Board of Appeals and whether or not to keep that language within the ordinance.

L'Esperance departed the meeting at 7:51pm.

VI. Announcements – None

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

VIII. Adjourn
Que moved, seconded by Smith to adjourn the meeting at 7:54pm.

Motion Carried 5/0

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Weir, Clerk