

**CALUMET VILLAGE DDA MEETING MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2026 9:00 AM**  
**CALUMET VILLAGE TOWNHALL, 340 SIXTH STREET**

**Present:** Chair Nikki L’Esperance; Members Rick Campioni, Nathan McParlan, Lorri Oikarinen, Courtney Tucker, Andrew Ranville, Jason Wickstrom

**Absent:** Members Rob Tarvis; 1 Vacant Seat

**Also present from the village:** Manager Megan Haselden; CEDAM Fellow Joey Foster

**Present from the public:** MSC Director Jared Howard; Chad VanBennekom

I. Call to Order / Roll Call / Pledge of Allegiance

L’Esperance called the meeting to order at 9:01 with roll call and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Petitions from the Public (*members of the public have 5 minutes to speak*)

III. Approval of Agenda

Ranville moved, supported by Campioni, to approve the agenda, with moving Calumet Trail Trellis item up to Number V. before Unfinished Business.

**Motion Carried 7/0**

IV. Review and approve meeting minutes

i. December 8, 2025 Regular Meeting

Campioni moved, supported by Wickstrom, to approve the minutes as presented.

**Motion Carried 7/0**

V. Calumet Trail Trellis

VanBennekom presented a proposal to the board for permanent lighting on the Calumet Trail Trellis, which was decorated for the holidays and received great feedback. Ranville, supported by Campioni, approved contributing up to \$600 for the project, and requests that VanBennekom ask Calumet Township to contribute ½ the cost, splitting \$300 between the village and township.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Yeas: Campioni, L’Esperance, McParlan, Oikarinen, Ranville, Tucker, Wickstrom

Nays: None

Absent: Tarvis, 1 vacant seat

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**Motion Carried 7/0**

VI. Unfinished / Revolving Business

1. Updates from Village Council, Historic District Commission, Planning Commission

Haselden provided updates; L'Esperance to attend the March Council meeting, then will attend quarterly to present on the DDA.

2. Main Street Calumet Update

Howard reported on holiday events and provided updates for upcoming events, including the quarterly Network Calumet meeting. Howard presented a draft proposal for an outdoor ice-skating rink downtown, which has a donor commitment of \$100,000. MSC to continue research on best location and will report back to the DDA/Village Council.

3. District Updates

i. DDA Properties

No updates.

ii. District property sales / transitions

No updates.

4. Project Updates

i. Ruppe Project

Haselden reported that it is recommended to wait until Spring/Summer to approach the Houghton County Land Bank Authority about potentially taking title to the property.

ii. DDA Grant Program

The next DDA grant program will roll out in March or April and will focus on exterior improvements and signage.

iii. Community Garden Spaces

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Tabled until further notice.

VII. New Business

1. Approval of DDA Bills/Transaction Report

Wickstrom moved, supported by Campioni, to approve the DDA bills.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Yeas: Campioni, L'Esperance, McParlan, Oikarinen, Ranville, Tucker, Wickstrom

Nays: None

Absent: Tarvis, 1 vacant seat

**Motion Carried 7/0**

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

IX. Adjourn

Ranville moved, supported by Tucker, to adjourn the meeting at 9:58am.

**Motion Carried 7/0**

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Haselden, DDA Administrator