

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

- I. Call to Order / Roll Call / Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Petitions from the Public (*members of the public have 5 minutes to speak*)
- III. Approval of Agenda
- IV. Review and approve meeting minutes
  - i. December 8, 2025 Regular Meeting
- V. Unfinished / Revolving Business
  1. Updates from Village Council, Historic District Commission, Planning Commission
  2. Main Street Calumet Update
  3. District Updates
    - i. DDA Properties
    - ii. District property sales / transitions
  4. Project Updates
    - i. Ruppe Project
    - ii. DDA Grant Program
    - iii. Community Garden Spaces
- VI. New Business
  1. Calumet Trail Trellis
  2. Approval of DDA Bills/Transaction Report
- VII. Comments from the Public (*members of the public have 5 minutes to speak*)
- VIII. Adjourn

**CALUMET VILLAGE DDA MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT**  
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2025, 9:00 AM**  
**CALUMET VILLAGE TOWNHALL, 340 SIXTH STREET**

**Present:** Chair Nikki L'Esperance; Members Rick Campioni, Nathan McParlan, Andrew Ranville, Rob Tarvis, Courtney Tucker, Jason Wickstrom

**Absent:** Members Lorri Oikarinen; 1 Vacant Seat

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

**Present from the public:** Jared Howard, MSC Executive Director

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

L'Esperance called the meeting to order at 9:01am 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

Tarvis moved, supported by Wickstrom, to approve the agenda as presented.

**Motion Carried 7/0**

IV. Review and approve meeting minutes

i. November 10, 2025 Regular Meeting

Tarvis moved, supported by McParlan, to accept the minutes as presented.

**Motion Carried 7/0**

V. Unfinished / Revolving Business

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

Haselden provided updates.

2. Main Street Calumet Update

Howard provided updates, including that the Ladies Day Out was a success, with over 200 raffle entries and that the Christmas tree lighting ceremony had ~ 50 people in attendance.

3. District Updates

i. DDA Properties

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McParlan shared that MSHDA is funding the 425/427 5<sup>th</sup> Street project and that the MEDC has committed to allocating funds for it.

ii. District property sales / transitions

309 -307 5<sup>th</sup> Street property is under new ownership

4. Project Updates

i. Calumet Commons

1. Big Annie Statue

Haselden is working with the team on the placement of the statue and landscaping needs.

2. Copper Dog

Haselden is working with the CD team on ideas for activating the greenspace during the Friday night events.

ii. Ruppe Project

The board will consider a request to the Houghton County Land Bank Authority to take title to the property, sometime in the Spring 2026.

iii. DDA Grant Program

All projects have been completed and reimbursed, except for the Real People Media (Keweenaw Storytelling Center) project, which may not be completed by the end of the fiscal year.

iv. Community Garden Spaces

MSC will prepare something for the DDA to take ownership of community garden items and planter boxes. The gardens are to be moved in the early Spring, location TBD.

VI. New Business

1. FY27 Draft Budget

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Haselden reviewed the current year financials and FY 27 draft budget. Tarvis moved, supported by Campioni, to accept the budget as presented and to forward to the Village Council for approval.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays:

Absent: Oikarinen; 1 vacant seat

**Motion Carried 7/0**

2. Approval of DDA Bills/Transaction Report

Tarvis moved, supported by Wickstrom, to approve the bills.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays:

Absent: Oikarinen; 1 vacant seat

**Motion Carried 7/0**

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

VIII. Adjourn

Tarvis moved, supported by Ranville, to adjourn the meeting at 9:48am.

**Motion Carried 7/0**

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Haselden, DDA Administrator

**Calumet Trestle**

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**From** Chad VanBennekom <chad.vanbennekom@gmail.com>

**Date** Mon 12/22/2025 10:42 AM

**To** Village of Calumet Manager <manager@villageofcalumet.com>

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Hi Megan,

I don't know if you saw it online or not, but we decorated the trestle in Calumet that crosses the multi-use trail for the Holidays. That then came with the idea of being able to light that sign year round at night as it's been a target of vandalism (graffiti) and we've received great feedback on it being highlighted.

Would the Village be interested in sponsoring the lighting project? We can get it done for \$1200 or less (doing the electrical work ourselves). Or would you know of a local partner that might help out?

We have power out there from the staging area project. We are thinking likely 6 evenly spaced of the fixtures linked below (possibly 4 - the engineer is going to calculate the throw of the light and let us know what would look best), plus supplies for mounting and running the electrical. These are dark sky compliant fixtures.

<https://a.co/d/h5Er1zX>

Let me know what you think.

Thank you,

Chad VanBennekom  
616.558.1619

**VILLAGE OF CALUMET DDA #07-716-3**  
**Transactions For December 2025**

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>TRANSACTION DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>PAYMENT</u>	<u>DEPOSIT</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
		Balance Forward			\$ 87,090.21
2178	12/09/25	U.P.E.A.	\$ 9,129.79		\$ 78,231.91
2179	12/09/25	UPPCO	\$ 51.09		\$ 78,180.82
2180	12/09/25	Upper Michigan Water Company	\$ 41.31		\$ 78,139.51
	12/09/25	Calumet Township 2025 Taxes Collected		\$ 15,571.18	\$ 93,710.69
2181	12/18/25	UPPCO	\$ 231.40		\$ 93,479.29