CALUMET VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2025
CALUMET VILLAGE TOWNHALL, 340 SIXTH STREET
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Present: President Rob Tarvis; Trustees Matt L'Esperance, Pamela Que (via Zoom), Kelly Ryan, Bernice Smith, James Tercha; Clerk Lori Weir - 1 Vacant Trustee Seat
Absent: None
Also Present from the Village: Manager Megan Haselden, CEDM Fellow Joey Foster
Present from the Public: Rebecca Glotfelty, Virginia Dwyer (via Zoom)

I. Call to Order
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)*
- Rebecca Glotfelty addressed the council regarding slippery roads and potential physical buffers to prevent cars from possibly hitting downtown buildings, as well as wrong way traffic on 5th St. and wrong way parking. She expressed concern that there is no law enforcement to address these issues.

- Joey Foster (new CEDM Fellow) introduced himself followed by council introductions.

III. Approval of Agenda
Ryan moved, seconded by L'Esperance to approve the agenda as presented

Motion Carried 5/0

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	November 19, 2024
Regular Meeting	December 10, 2024

Ryan moved, seconded by L'Esperance to amend the minutes from December 10, 2024 to include the following under Section VIII. Number 3:

> "As a new council member, Ryan asked for clear guidance regarding the respective organizational roles and responsibilities of the DDA, Main Street Calumet, KEDA, the Houghton Land Bank, and the Bring Back Calumet group – particularly in regards to decision-making authority, accountability, and liability within the Village of Calumet. No answer was provided."

This will be voted on with the motion to accept the Consent Agenda as a whole.

Review and approval of bills
Prior Paid Bills in the amount of $43,379.95

New Bills in the amount of $13,524.25
Discussion of DDA, legal expenses, and money allocated for blight.

Review and acceptance of Reports
Manager Report – Haselden presented the Manager Report (see attached).

Tercha moved, seconded by L'Esperance to approve the consent agenda with the amendment to the December 10 meeting minutes as noted.

Roll Call Vote:
Yeas: L'Esperance, Ryan, Smith, Tarvis, Tercha
Nays: None

Motion Carried 5/0

V. Unfinished Business

1. Audit / F-65 Report
   Update from Haselden as to the timeline for completion and council review and approval is planned for a Special Meeting on Tuesday, February 4 at 6:00pm. Discussion of Schedule of Findings & Responses. Discussion of policies that the Village should consider putting in place.

2. FY26 Budget Process and Timeline
   Haselden went over the timeline for February for review of the proposed budget and budget amendments. The Public Budget Hearing will take place following the Regular Council Meeting on Tuesday, February 18, 2025.

VI. New Business

1. Copper Dog Street Closure (February 28 – March 2)
   L'Esperance moved, seconded by Ryan to approve the street closure as presented.

Motion Carried 5/0

2. DDA Development Agreement – Ruppe Building
   Ryan questioned why we are ignoring the Attorney's advice. As written, the Attorney believes the property is not considered a "gift" but rather a "sale". Also, that the DDA is "assuming liability".

   Discussion regarding conditions set forth by the council prior to approving entering into the Development Agreement. One condition as stated in the November 19th meeting minutes was that a structural engineering report was required. This condition has not been met. Trustee Que questioned whether the signed DDA Development Agreement is valid since this condition was not met.

Discussion about the priority of issues that need to be addressed with the structure, the phases of stabilizing the building, and boarding up the windows prior to the Copper Dog event.

Ryan moved, seconded by Smith that the Village ask the property owner of the Ruppe Building to board up all the windows as soon as possible.

Motion Carried 4/1

VII. Announcements – Other Council Business

VIII. Comments from the Public – None

IX. Adjourn

L'Esperance moved, seconded by Ryan to adjourn the meeting at 7:25pm.

Motion Carried 5/0

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Weir, Clerk