CALUMET VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JULY 15, 2025
CALUMET VILLAGE TOWNHALL, 340 SIXTH STREET
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Present: President Rob Tarvis, Trustees Matt L'Esperance, Pamela Que, 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: Virginia Dwyer (via Zoom); Nathan Jones and Reece White (Calumet Theatre), Kent Kraft (Daily Mining Gazette)

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)*
- Nathan Jones and Reece White provided a Calumet Theatre update on future plans for the auditorium seats in the Theatre. Provided a preliminary quote (attached) and would seek grants or do fundraising to pay for the project. This is still in the early planning stage.

III. Approval of Agenda
Que moved, seconded by L'Esperance to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion Carried 6/0

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	June 17, 2025
Work Session Meeting	July 8, 2025

Review and approval of bills
Prior Paid Bills in the amount of $31,414.12
New Bills in the amount of $20,329.43

Tarvis questioned some of the areas where line painting was done, specifically on M-203 (should MDOT pay for that?). He also expressed frustration with the cost. The line painting expenditure led to a larger discussion on allocating funds as the Village has limited resources. Discussion on the need for a village improvement plan so future funds are allocated to those things that are highest priority and fall within the scope of the plan.

Public comments from both Nathan Jones and Virginia Dwyer on the line painting topic were made.

Review and acceptance of Correspondence Received
None

Que moved, seconded by Tercha to approve the consent agenda as presented.

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

Motion Carried 5/1

V. Unfinished Business

1. Village Council applicant for Trustee vacant seat
   Tarvis moved to appoint Ariele Pizzo as Trustee.
   Roll Call Vote:
   Yeas: Smith, Ryan, L'Esperance, Tercha, Que, Tarvis
   Nays: None
   Absent: None

Motion Carried 6/0

VI. New Business

1. Street Closure Request – Pasty Fest
   Que moved, seconded by L'Esperance to approve the Pasty Fest Street Closure as presented.
   Roll Call Vote:
   Yeas: Smith, Ryan, L'Esperance, Tercha, Que, Tarvis
   Nays: None
   Absent: None

Motion Carried 6/0

2. Street Closure Request – CroFest
   Initial discussion about closing 6th street between Oak and Elm for "thru traffic" for 48 hours (Friday and Saturday) for this event. Nathan Jones provided a layout of what this would look like. Street Closure Application and Insurance is still required before Council can vote on this. Also discussed Public Safety Plan for the event. Ryan suggested the Village have its own template for such a plan to use for Village events. Once this additional information is provided, the Village will hold a Special Meeting to consider it. This can be done as early as next week as Council does understand the urgency.

3. RRC Certification Policies
   i. Village Appointments Policy
      Correct section VI. Number 2. – Replace "President" with "Council" as applications are forwarded to the entire council for consideration.

      Que moved, seconded by L'Esperance to adopt the Village Appointments Policy as amended above.

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

Motion Carried 6/0

ii. Zoning Board of Appeals Bylaws
Que moved, seconded by Ryan to adopt the Zoning Board of Appeals Bylaws as presented.
Roll Call Vote:
Yeas: Smith, Ryan, L'Esperance, Tercha, Que, Tarvis
Nays: None
Absent: None

Motion Carried 6/0

iii. Board Member Expectations
Add to Section II. (a) of all sections the following language: "Member acts as an ambassador and advocate for the Village." Under the Desired Skills sections for the Planning Commission and DDA, change "Business Development" to "Community & Economic Development and add this language under the Desired Skills section for Village Council.

L'Esperance moved, seconded by Que to adopt the Board Member Expectations Policy as amended above.
Roll Call Vote:
Yeas: Smith, Ryan, L'Esperance, Tercha, Que, Tarvis
Nays: None
Absent: None

Motion Carried 6/0

4. Banking Transition to Incredible Bank
Que moved, seconded by Smith to approve the transition of banking to Incredible Bank as recommended by the Village Manager.
Roll Call Vote:
Yeas: Smith, Ryan, L'Esperance, Tercha, Que, Tarvis
Nays: None
Absent: None

Motion Carried 6/0

5. Fire Department Merger with Village of Laurium & Calumet Township
Que moved, seconded by L'Esperance to approve the continued discussion with the Village of Laurium and the Calumet Township on merging of public safety services.

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

Motion Carried 6/0

6. Appointment of Village Manager as Street Administrator (as part of the Manager's normal contract)
Que moved, seconded by L'Esperance to appoint the Village Manager as the Street Administrator.
Roll Call Vote:
Yeas: Smith, Ryan, L'Esperance, Tercha, Que, Tarvis
Nays: None
Absent: None

Motion Carried 6/0

VII. Announcements
- Haselden updated on the visit from the State Representatives and the impromptu visit from the office of Rural Prosperity reps.
- Tarvis updated on the property lots that were being considered to purchase and utilize as additional municipal parking.

VIII. Comments from the Public
None

IX. Adjourn
Que moved, seconded by Tercha to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

Motion Carried 6/0

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Weir, Clerk