CALUMET VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2026
CALUMET VILLAGE TOWNHALL, 340 SIXTH STREET
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Present: President Rob Tarvis, Trustees Kelly Ryan, Bernice Smith, James Tercha; Clerk Lori Weir
Absent: Trustee Pamela Que
Vacant Seats : 2
Also Present from the Village: Manager Megan Haselden
Present from the Public: 8 in-person attendees; 1 attendee via Zoom

I. Call to Order
Tarvis called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

II. Petitions from the Public (members of the public have 5 minutes to speak)
The council heard public comments regarding the temporary closure of a portion of 9th street (issues with garbage pick-up), the Treasurer and her annual report, the semi-trailer parked on Portand Street, the Village office not being open 5 days a week, council vacancies, and concerns about lack of communication from the Village (emails not being responded to in a timely manner).

Letters were read from Representative Greg Markkanen and Bukema Trucking regarding the potential abandonment of a portion of 9th street (see attached).

III. Approval of Agenda
Ryan moved, seconded by Tercha to approve the agenda with the following change:
- Move number 5 "9th street issues" from VI. New Business to number 5 under V. Unfinished Business

Motion Carried 4/0

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 16, 2026
Special Meeting June 22, 2026
Review and approval of bills
Prior Paid Bills in the amount of $1,668.45
New Bills in the amount of $14,074.12
June Payroll in the amount of $37,317.72 - Manager noted that June was a 3 pay period month thus the larger payroll amount.

Smith moved, seconded by Ryan to approve the consent agenda as with the edit of "May payroll" to "June payroll".

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

Motion Carried 4/0

V. Unfinished Business

1. Village Manager Report – Manager provided updates on Office Hours, Account Clerk retirement, staffing, Housing grant (launch of application, timeline, and outreach), exterior work on the Village Hall, Building Endowment Funds, and booth at Pasty Fest.

2. Organizational Development Committee Report – Ryan (ODC Chair) provided an update on items the committee is working on policies, housing grant roll-out, marketing materials for Building Preservation Endowment Funds, on-boarding of ne council members (upcoming election).

3. Blight Task Force Report – Que (Task Force Chair) was absent, so Manager Haselden provided a brief update on work being done to document potential blighted properties and planning for next steps.

4. Fire Authority Update – Haselden provided an update. The 3 municipalities are currently reviewing the budgetary needs and funding for the authority. Planning to hold a public engagement session in the future, potentially as soon as August.

5. 9th Street Issue (Lots 11, 12, 13 Block 33) Update – Haselden updated on the continued work on this issue including meetings with stakeholders including the Diocese of Marquette in regard to the church owned property/easement.

VI. New Business

1. L'Esperance Resignation from Council
Tercha moved, seconded by Smith to accept the resignation of Trustee L'Esperance as presented.
Motion Carried 4/0

2. Resolution 26.03: Establishing a Redevelopment Area Pursuant to Public Act 501 of Public Acts of 2006 (Hotel Calumet)
Jeff Ratcliffe, KEDA Executive Director, summarized the purpose and need for this resolution.
Ryan moved, seconded by Smith to approve Resolution 26.03 as presented (see attached).

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

Motion Carried 4/0

3. Pasty Fest Street Closure Request – August 14-16, 2026
Tercha moved, seconded by Smith to approve the street closure as presented.

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

Motion Carried 4/0

4. Resolution 26.04: Support for MI Par Plan Grant in the amount of $5,000
Tercha moved, seconded by Ryan to approve the Village to apply for $5,000 grant through our insurance provider to assist in funding a Municipal Camera Security System.

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

Motion Carried 4/0

VII. Announcements/Other Council Business

- Clerk Weir updated the council on the timeline for the Village Manager Performance Evaluation and said she would provide everyone with the evaluation to complete (via email).
- Ryan provided information on how the Village would like to assess how we use Agassiz Park and that there is a crowd-funding opportunity through the MEDC that helps develop public community spaces

VIII. Comments from the Public
Council received public comments addressing security cameras and the resolution approved at tonight's meeting, concerns about 9th street and the cost of public hearings held on the issue.
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IX. Adjourn
Tercha moved, seconded by Smith to adjourn the meeting at 7:06p.m.

Motion Carried 4/0

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Weir, Clerk