CALUMET VILLAGE COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 2025 – 6:00 PM
CALUMET VILLAGE TOWNHALL, 340 SIXTH STREET
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Meeting ID: 869 9877 4486 Passcode: 699798 https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86998774486

Present: President Pro-Tempore Pamela Que, Trustees Matt L'Esperance, Kelly Ryan, Bernice Smith, James Tercha; Clerk Lori Weir
Absent: President Rob Tarvis (1 vacant seat)
Also Present from the Village: Manager Megan Haselden, Terra West (Village Secretary)
Present from the Public: Ariele Pizzo

I. Call to Order / Roll Call / Pledge of Allegiance
Que called the meeting to order at 6:00pm with a roll call and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Petitions from the Public *(members of the public have 5 minutes to speak)*
Que introduced Ariele Pizzo, a potential candidate to fill the vacant Trustee seat.
Pizzo introduced herself and provided some background on her professional experience.

III. Approval of Agenda
Tercha moved, seconded by Smith to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion Carried 5/0

IV. Reports

1. Manager – Haselden provided the Manager's report which included the following updates:
    - Updated on her attendance at various meetings/conferences; including the Michigan Association of Planning, the U.P. Managers Conference, Michigan Historic Preservation Conference.
    - She will be applying for a $50,000 grant; this is in the initial stages, with more details to come.
    - Updated on the Media Tour that included Calumet last week. Media on Main will feature various Village properties including the new Greenspace.
    - Frozen Farms had a successful ribbon-cutting ceremony.
    - DPW Update – Superintendent position is still vacant. The DPW crew is going above and beyond and doing a wonderful job. Flower baskets, veteran's banners, and Historic District signage are all up.
    - Line Striping – Contractor scheduled for July. They will not be doing Oak Street parking lines or the parking lines at the Agassiz Park parking lot. The current lines need to fade more before they can be re-lined. She also put in a request to Houghton County Road Commission to paint the lines on 6th Street and 4th Street.
    - We will again be utilizing a SAIL team this summer to do landscaping-type and clean-up jobs around the Village.
    - The DPW part-time seasonal position has been filled. The new hire has landscaping and gardens experience and will assist with maintaining the new Greenspace.
    - Trash can update – Still working with the DDA to come up with a plan. They will meet next week and hopefully vote on this expenditure.
    - 150th Anniversary Celebration planning continues. Work sessions are held

every 2 weeks. The Calumet Theater is holding their Chandelier Unveiling Event on June 28. Cro Fest looks like it will be a successful event as well (August 8-10). Initial discussions/planning with Village of Laurium to have a competitive softball game event. A Summer Event mailer went out last week, and more fliers / mailers will go out in the upcoming weeks as well as a webpage specifically for the 150th Celebration.

- Agassiz Pavilion restroom renovations will begin soon. Port-a-potties are available for use at the park during these renovations.
- Village Community Dumpster will be available beginning Monday. Tickets will be required with a specified $10 donation requested. There will be set hours so that DPW staff can somewhat monitor what is being dumped.
- Haselden will share emails from the public, as well as her response, with the council when they address concerns the public has with the Village office and/or council procedure, similar to today's regarding OMA violations.
- Marijuana Ordinance will be on the July Regular Meeting as it is ready for a vote following discussion in the October work session.

2. DDA – No meeting yet this month

3. Planning Commission
   - Continuing work on the Master Plan Update. This is their main focus right now as it is needed for RRC.
4. HDC
   - Preparing for the upcoming community outreach event (June 12).

V. Unfinished / Revolving Business – None

VI. New Business

1. Reduction of Village Trustees – Discussion on the pros and cons of reducing the number of seats on the council. Discussion on how the council can promote community engagement and better communicate the process for getting on the ballot. For now, the council will table the ordinance with the option to re-visit it if there is a need for it in the future.

2. Resolution Adopting the Upper MI Water Company Cross Connection Control Plan Policy – This is a basic requirement. The Village also needs to develop a Capital Improvement Plan for water main improvements.

3. Blight Enforcement Update – Letters are going out and fines will begin being assessed. Some letters will include dumpster tickets for those who might use this as an opportunity to clean up their blight. Megan will have a list of blighted properties which can be shared with council members only. This information will not be public in order to protect the

privacy of the property owners.

4. Joint Meeting of the DDA/Council/Main Street Calumet – To discuss the future of MSC and its relationship with the Village DDA. June 24th at 6pm in the Ballroom.

5. Joint Annual Meeting of the Boards – RRC requires an annual joint meeting, and it is a good practice to come together regularly. Haselden will schedule this for September.

VII. Announcements

- Ryan asked, on behalf of some constituents who have contacted her, if there are any planned street projects for this year. Spruce Street will be re-paved this summer. There are no other projects planned due to funding constraints. Road funding is a priority, and the Village is seeking out funding opportunities.
- Clerk Weir will not be at the Regular Board Meeting next week. An interim clerk will need to be appointed to take minutes at the meeting. Also, if a new Trustee is appointment, they will have to take the Oath of Office prior to being able to vote on any council business.

VIII. Comments from the Public *(members of the public have 5 minutes to speak)* -
None

IX. Adjourn
Tercha moved, seconded by L'Esperance to adjourn the meeting at 7:08pm.
Motion Carried 5/0

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Weir, Clerk