ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

301 Eight Streat, Calumet, MI 49913

Phone: 906 337 0810 Website: https://keweenawcc.org

To,

Whom so ever it concerns

St. Paul the Apostle Incorporated ("the Church") wholeheartedly supports Mr. Jim Flood's vision to restore and enhance the historic Depot area. We are encouraged by his efforts to renovate the Depot, improve the surrounding grounds, and collaborate with the Church to bring renewed vitality to this cherished part of our Village.

We look forward to working with Mr. Flood to restore access to the Depot in accordance with the previously approved easement. In addition, we are open to dialogue with him regarding the development of Lot 13 into a thoughtfully designed greenspace—one that would invite visitors to walk through a beautifully landscaped area connecting the Depot and Church grounds.

The proposed abandonment of a portion of Ninth Street would return stewardship of Lots 11, 12, and 13 to the Church, enabling us to make meaningful improvements that would benefit both our parish community and the wider Village.

As long-standing members of this community, we desire to see our neighborhood flourish and are eager to support initiatives that preserve our heritage while fostering new life. Mr. Flood has a proven record of transforming neglected structures into places that reflect both the beauty of our past and the promise of our future.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or for further discussion.

God Bless,

Fr. Gracious

Fr Gracious Pulimoottil MCBS

Pastor

10/20/2025

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First off, I want to say that I am 100% in support of Jim's efforts to restore the Depot. The restoration of that building would be a huge asset to the community.

That being said in my opinion it makes no sense for the village abandon the portion of 9th St in question. Until there is a legally binding agreement granting access to the portion of 9th St being abandoned to the Depot. I see no benefit to the taxpayers/residents of the village for abandoning this portion of 9th St without some kind of guarantee that this project will be completed.

While the agreement is being worked on there are several steps the village can do to move the process forward:

- Check to make sure there are no utility easements that would be affected by the abandonment.
- Go over plowing/street maintenance with the village street department
    1. To keep as much snow away from the building as possible
    2. Come up with a new procedure for plowing 9th St if closure happens.
- Make sure there will be no issues with emergency services
- If there is not enough room for a cul-de-sac/turnaround as needed for plowing work on procuring the necessary easements

This needs to be a well thought out process to assess how all parties involved will be affected to ensure a smooth transition before I could vote yes on this abandonment.

Sincerely,

Robert P Tarvis Jr

[redacted]

Outlook

Snow plowing on 9th street Calumet

From Audrey Thaxton <authaxto@nmu.edu>
Date Mon 10/20/2025 10:10 AM
To Village of Calumet Manager <manager@villageofcalumet.com>

You don't often get email from authaxto@nmu.edu. Learn why this is important

Dear Megan Haselden,

My name is Audrey Thaxton, I live on 320 9th street Calumet MI. I am writing to express my concern regarding the snow removal on 9th street.

The snow removal has been a huge area of concern for many on the residents on 9th street. Last year we had issues with them pushing the snow all the way against our vehicles and damaging the old train depot on the end of the block.

Besides the concerns for the damage done to the building, we are worried about the risk of damaging someone's vehicle or house. In the peak of winter, it is also hard to get the cars out when there is snow halfway up and packed in from the snowplows. There have been instances where I have seen them plowing the snow and it physically moving my vehicle forward.

I respectfully request that the city plows away from the houses into the open space on the other side of the road. There is plenty of space on that side for snow to be pushed away from houses and vehicles.

You can reach me at my email authaxto@nmu.edu or by phone (906)458-9704.

I look forward to hearing back from you.

Thank You,

Audrey Thaxton

Nathan Schaiberger

320 8th St Apt 205

Calumet, MI 49913

nathan.schaiberger1@outlook.com

(517)974-2888

October 21, 2025

To Village of Calumet:

I am writing to express my strong support for Jim Flood and the efforts to restore, preserve, and ensure the safe use of the historic Mineral Range Railroad Depot in Calumet Township, Michigan. As a concerned community member, resident, and enthusiast of our local history, I believe this landmark deserves protection and respect after decades of neglect, and I urge the Village Council to take decisive action at the upcoming public hearing on October 21st to abandon any claims on the adjacent private land.

The depot's history is a vital part of Calumet's heritage, and its restoration represents an exciting opportunity to enhance the vibrancy of our village. However, the encroachment on private property – including the plowing and use of a strip of land that has damaged the structure, created hazards to fire exits, and compromised safe pedestrian access – must end. As outlined in the original plat, this land belongs to the depot and neighboring properties like Saint Paul's Church, with no prior public hearing, compensation, or justification for its use by the Village. Discontinuing this practice would allow for proper maintenance, improvements, and safe access, preventing further damage and honoring the depot's legacy.

Jim Flood's presentation at the hearing will undoubtedly highlight these critical issues, and I stand firmly behind his challenge to resolve this matter. By supporting the abandonment of these claims, the Village Council can demonstrate its proactive commitment to preservation and community safety, contributing to the positive momentum already building in Calumet.

Thank you for considering this important request. I encourage all council members to prioritize the depot's future and act in favor of its full restoration.

Sincerely,

Nathan Schaiberger

CC: manager@villageofcalumet.com

Outlook

Request for abandonment portion of 9th street

From Jeff Frantti <jfrantti56@gmail.com>
Date Wed 10/15/2025 4:45 PM
To Village of Calumet Manager <manager@villageofcalumet.com>

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My wife, Theresa Frantti and myself, Jeff Frantti are in support of this request.
Thank you

Jeff frantti

Terra West

From: Gary Olds, art of mine <gary@garyolds.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 15, 2025 12:56 PM
To: Village of Calumet Manager; Village of Calumet Admin
Subject: Calumet Depot - Snow Removal/Plowing Encroachment

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Attn: Megan Haselden, Village Manager

Hi Megan
We met this past summer to discuss your plans for the village and challenges in meeting village needs on a tight budget. We also addressed the positive direction Calumet is moving under your leadership, the mayor's, and the village council, renovating several vacant buildings, razing abandoned property, enforcing blight regulations, and improving the village infrastructure. We compared Calumet to your experiences in Galena Illinois, a town with a similar history that has rebounded with great success.

I mentioned my history with Calumet, in particular my grandfather's connection to Calumet's Mineral Range Railroad Depot, his having worked for the railroad out of that depot from when it was built to his retirement in 1950, 40+ years. Regrettably, Seth Anderson died just a year after his retirement at age 63, two years before I was born.

As we had discussed, it's my belief the railroad Depot is arguably the most important historical building in Calumet still standing, the "Ellis Island" of the region, from Calumet, Northward. It was through the depot the village's people, food, building supplies, store merchandise, news, and mail flowed on a daily basis. It was the lifeline of the area before and even after the onset of automobiles and trucks.

It's my understanding there will be a meeting soon to discuss a snow removal topic in proximity to the Depot that over the years during its abandonment has put the depot structure in jeopardy. Snow was allowed to be pushed up against the structure to clear land on private property and interfere with building access. Now that the building is on a clear road to renovation, I would urge the village to cease any operation that may create a risk to future development of the Depot site; and instead, provide whatever support is possible to help with its potential as a renewed landmark destination for residents, tourists, and other visitors to the area.

I realize the Depot is just outside the village proper. But its close proximity and importance to the village can't be overstated.

I appreciate your attention to this matter and urge you to get this note in front of council members who will weigh in on the concern at hand.

Thanks, Megan. Looking forward to meeting with you again.

Respectfully,
Gary Olds

Gary Olds
...art of mine
www.garyolds.com
or on Facebook at Gary Olds, Art of Mine

October 16. 2025

Village Manager
Village of Calumet
340 Sixth Street
Calumet, MI 49913

I have been watching, with keen interest, the work being done by Jim and Stacey Flood to restore the old Mineral Range Railroad Depot. Their goal is to make it another historic site in Calumet that will be of interest to visitors to the area and to locals. There is so much rich history in the Keweenaw, going back to the copper mining era, something which amazes those from elsewhere, many of whom have no idea that it had taken place, and the impact this copper had around the United States and the world.

I was born and raised in the Copper Country during the latter active years of copper mining, the biggest industry here at the time. We moved back in 2001. Now the history of the copper mining era is the big story, along with MTU and technology in general. A big difference, but preserving local history is what is important now. That is why I'm actively involved in a museum in South Range. We need to keep our story alive everywhere.

Hearing of the problems being experienced by the Flood's in their big undertaking is troubling. May all the in's and out's of whatever is involved with their property and the church's be resolved in a manner that works for not only them, but the Village as well. I look forward to the day the project will be completed and the Depot open for all to see, learn, and appreciate its history.

Sincerely,

Jean Pemberton

Jean Pemberton
PO Box 513
Dollar Bay, MI 49922

Outlook

The Depot

From ciprinting@charter.net <ciprinting@charter.net>
Date Thu 10/16/2025 2:59 PM
To Village of Calumet Manager <manager@villageofcalumet.com>

Megan,

I talked with Jim Flood about his wanting to reroute 9th Street so that the back of the depot will be usable.

I know there are a few houses on that street, and when I have walked the dog there in the morning have seen people take that road to to Oak on their way to work (I guess).

I would support Jim in this change, It will make that building more usable, give more parking to his building, Oak Street Inn and possibly St. Paul's. As one who frequents the area with my husky I guess I would enjoy the updated landscaping planned. I do understand I will probably have to change routes during the plowing season.

I guess you'd need to talk to Paula and the crew regarding the affect this will have on snow removal. for that street. Turning a grader around is an art.

Marc Norton
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Outlook

Lifting up Calumet

From John Flood <jflood12000@me.com>
Date Fri 10/17/2025 7:46 AM
To Village of Calumet Manager <manager@villageofcalumet.com>
Cc John and Becky Flood <jflood12000@mac.com>

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Hello,

While I am a brother to Jim Flood, I am writing this letter of support for the restoration of the depot as someone who loves and cares for the rich history of Calumet and the Copper Country. To me this represents an amazing gift to Calumet to preserve history being funded without tax payer assistance. Having seen firsthand the quality of restoration work Jim has done to several run down, abandoned buildings in Calumet, there is zero question that the same will result with the depot.
Every building, especially those of historical significance add to the charm and desirability for folks to visit and further invest in Calumet. The Village of Calumet along with the township benefit every time another structure is saved.
I am pulling for the greater Calumet area to become the destination that others want to invest in, that likely will result in an improved tax base that you can use to further enhance the community.
I am pulling for you and the community to come together in the best interest of the entire community.
With gratitude to your service,
John Flood

Outlook

The depot

From J Johnston <janet.johnston@gmail.com>
Date Sun 10/19/2025 10:09 AM
To Village of Calumet Manager <manager@villageofcalumet.com>

Village of Calumet President Manager and Trustees

Dear President, Manager and Trustees

We are writing to share our support for the Mineral Range Depot and the return of the use of the surrounding area to the owners. The Depot is such a meaningful part of our community's history, and seeing it brought back into use is something we fully support.

It's important that safe and clear access to the Depot is maintained, not only for its future activities at the depot but also for the neighboring church. This area returned to the use of the depot will help keep things simple, safe, and beneficial for everyone.

We believe the Depot's restoration represents real progress for Calumet, and we encourage thoughtful cooperation among all property owners and the Village to support its success.

Thank you for considering this perspective, and for the work you do on behalf of the community.

Warm regards

Janet and Jim Johnston
The Gallery Apartments et al

October 15, 2025

Village Manager
Village of Calumet
340 6th Street
Calumet, MI 49913

To the Calumet Village Council:

I am writing this letter to express my support for the abandonment of "9th Street" between the Mineral Range Railroad Depot and St. Paul The Apostle Church. I am a property owner in Calumet Township, and I fully support the restoration of the historic Depot building. The building is historically significant, not just to Calumet, but to the State of Michigan and the United States of America.

Unfortunately, the current use of the space between the Depot and the Church is not safe for Depot ingress and egress. In addition, plowing snow against the Depot building would continue to accelerate the building's deterioration. If the "street" is not abandoned, the Depot could not operate as intended. I fear that if the safety and snow plowing issues are not corrected, Mr. Flood could be forced to abandon the project.

I applaud everything that the Village of Calumet has done in the recent past to encourage the restoration of historic buildings. The restoration and celebration of these buildings enrich the surrounding community. I highly encourage the Village to continue its track record and enable the restoration of a key building in the area by simply abandoning all claims to the street.

I have watched Mr. Flood's progress for close to 40 years. He is passionate about the history of the area and has shown that he has the expertise and drive to complete the Depot project. He has demonstrated his dedication through his work on the Coppo Building, the Oak Street Inn, the Copper Country Curling Club, several projects throughout the Keweenaw National Historical Park, and several houses in the Village. Mr. Flood has the passion, drive, and expertise to make the Depot another shining example of the rich heritage of the region. When you couple the Depot with the St. Paul The Apostle Church and The Oak Street Inn, you have the makings of another excellent historic district in the village.

I implore you to do the right thing and facilitate the restoration of this iconic structure by abandoning "9th Street".

Sincerely,

Eric D. Sutherland, PE

October 14, 2025

Village of Calumet Trustees
and Village Manager
Village of Calumet
340 6th Street
Calumet, MI 49913

Re: Mineral Range Depot Restoration and Road Use Encroachment

Dear Village of Calumet Trustees and Village Manager:

First, I would like to commend Mr. James Flood on his dedication to historical preservation and restoration in the Village of Calumet and any other efforts within Houghton County. It is a significant undertaking to have a team behind one in such efforts, yet this man is pretty much doing it on his own. Any restoration project like this takes a vision, money, time and commitment. Having been a friend of James Flood for over 40 years now, I know that his commitment to his vision is only limited to his time, his personal financial investment and voluntary contributions. He lives up to the motto of our fraternity, Phi Kappa Theta, "Give, Expecting Nothing Thereof".

This past 8 years, I have spent refurbishing old malls and retail stores into storage facilities. While my work clearly is not up to the same standards as historical preservation, it still contains the same needs, vision, money, time and commitment. Without solid roots in those four foundations, a project does not get finished. Another shared item is community support. This is the one item that is not in our control when we conduct a refurbishment or restoration. With malls and retail establishments dying in America's heartland, communities must come up with unique and viable alternatives to use the existing infrastructure. I can assure you that communities which cultivate restoration and refurbishment are far healthier than those communities which roadblock projects and put up barriers to people like James Flood and myself.

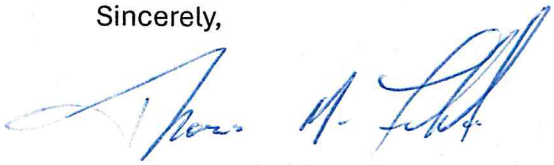
I work in cities as large as Detroit, Akron, Dayton, Indianapolis, Chicago, Saint Louis MO, and towns smaller than Calumet and they all share one thing: Cooperative village and city councils, cultivate economic growth within their communities. Those who do not continue to decline.

Any right of way must be dedicated by a long petition and public hearing process and many times approved by a Circuit Court Judge having jurisdiction in Houghton County, and that right of way would clearly show up on any survey, tax map or county right of way map in Houghton County. Since there is no defining proof or record of a legally established road right of way to the village, township or county, the Village of Calumet needs to relinquish any claims to said undocumented right of way and discontinue plowing all the east property line of the depot and west 21 feet of those lots owned by St. Paul the Apostle Church.

Any communities in the country right now, especially in the Midwest, should embrace and applaud visionary and committed people like Mr. James Flood. Not all men of his caliber become rich off their work, but they can enrich the community in which they invest what little time and resources they have into good works for the community.

I support this project as a resident of Michigan, and as someone who visits the Keweenaw whenever my wife and I have a chance.

Sincerely,



Thomas M. Fitzpatrick, PE
SVP Development Storage of America
Michigan Technological University 1986
Phi Kappa Theta Fraternity, Michigan Xi Rho, MTU 1982
Former Blendon Township, Ottawa County MI Supervisor
Former Blendon Township, ZBA Chairman
Former Blendon & Port Sheldon Township Ottawa County Planning Commission
Michigan Army National Guard, Construction Supervisor, Retired
Member of ASCE
Former voting member of ASTM
315 S. Linn St.
Bay City MI, 48706

Village of Calumet

October 16, 2025

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We do support the depot being rehabilitated consistent with it's original design. Please simply deny the request for abandonment of the right of way on 9th Street.

Name	Address	Comments
VIRGINIA DWYER	322 9th ST. CALUMET, MI	I HAVE LIVED ON 9th ST. FOR ALMOST 50 YEARS. NOTHING HAS BEEN DONE TO FIX IT EVEN THOUGH THE VILLAGE HAS TO MAINTAIN. THIS IS A CERTIFIED VILLAGE ROAD THAT RECEIVES ACT 51 MONEY

THE ENTIRE ABUTTING PROPERTY OWNERS HAVE TO GIVE WRITTEN PERMISSION TO CALL FOR THIS PUBLIC MEETING.

AT LAST MONTHS MEETING THE ACTING PRESIDENT STATED "THAT THEY ARE NOT TAKING PUBLIC COMMENTS ABOUT THE DEPOT. THAT'S CENSURSHIP. SHE STATED THE REASON WAS "JIM FLOOD & ONLY JIM FLOOD ASKED FOR THE PUBLIC MEETING. ONE OR MORE TRUSTEES HAVE

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Name	Address	Comments
1. Marlain Birdi	316 9th Street Calumet, Michigan 49913	Keep our Street Open please. It is a Certified Street and home to my family For almost 50yrs. We would like our Street as it is with a 2Way Access for Snow Plowing & Removal, For Drawings, For the Postman, our Garbage, Emergencies, etc.
2. JM Birdi.	316 9th ST, CALUMET. MI. 49913	CLOSURE OF PART OF THE Road WILL CAUSE UNFOLDED PROBLEMS FOR THE 4 SENIOR CITIZENS; ESP IN CASE OF EMERGENCIES. P.S. THATS 3 OUT OF 6 HOUSES!
3. Zeling Birdi	316 9th Street Calumet, Mi 49913	

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Name	Address	Comments
Beth Blanchard	326 9th Calumet MI 49913	

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Robert W. Pelton	312 9TH ST	Need the Road

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Name	Address	Comments
Kelly McGrath	319 8th St Calumet, MI	I'm totally against this!

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Jenna Rajala	324 9th St Calumet MI 49913	

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Sidney Dharmavaram 10-16-25	700+706 Oak St	Flood removed a section of the Oak St sidewalk at his former home + never replaced it. No to any more altering of public right of ways.

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Peggy Germain	713 Pine Street Calumet, MI 49913	Business interests cannot be more important than the residential interests.

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