CALUMET VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2026
CALUMET VILLAGE TOWNHALL, 340 SIXTH STREET
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Present: President Rob Tarvis, Trustees Matt L'Esperance, Ariele Pizzo, Pamela Que, Kelly Ryan, Bernice Smith, James Tercha; Clerk Lori Weir
Absent: None
Also Present from the Village: Manager Megan Haselden, CEDM Fellow Joey Foster
Present from the Public: 11 in-person attendees; 3 attendees via Zoom

I. Call to Order
Tarvis called the meeting to order at 6:02pm

II. Petitions from the Public (members of the public have 5 minutes to speak)
The council received comments from Bob Wareham (new Calumet Theatre Board President) and from Peggy Germaine via Zoom.

III. Approval of Agenda
Que moved, seconded by Ryan to approve the agenda with the addition of #6 – Equipment Proposal for New Dump Truck under New Business.

Motion Carried 7/0

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

Public Hearing Meeting	February 26, 2026
Special Council Meeting	February 26, 2026

Clerk Weir proposed a minutes amendment to the title and footer of the Public Hearing Minutes to include "Budget."

Review and approval of bills
Prior Paid Bills in the amount of $3,428.53
New Bills in the amount of $30,699.08
October Payroll in the amount of $29,014.43

Discussion on DPW equipment expenses and shop supplies and how they are broken down.

L'Esperance moved, seconded by Que to approve the consent agenda with the suggested edits by Clerk Weir to the Public Budget Hearing Minutes.

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

Motion Carried 7/0

V. Unfinished Business

1. Village Manager Report – Manager provided updates on SparkPlug Nomination, grants, and an incident on 5th street involving a semi-truck.
2. Organizational Development Committee Report – No Meeting
3. Blight Task Force Report – No Meeting
4. Downtown Development Committee Report – See Attached

VI. New Business

1. Parking Lot Development and Use Agreement, Lot 6, Block 19
   Nathan McParlan discussed the proposed agreement and asked the council to consider approving it. Manager Haselden will seek attorney review of the agreement.

   Approval tabled until the April Regular Meeting following attorney review.

2. Calumet Visitor Center Parking Improvement Proposal
   Karl Dietzler shared the improvement plans developed by the National Park Service for the parking lot adjacent to the Keweenaw National Historic Parks Visitor Center on 5th Street. Council requested that these plans be shared with the Planning Commission at their next meeting.

3. Big Annie Statue Signage
   Vada Riederich from Team Big Annie presented a proposal for the plaque for the Big Annie Statue. Council would like additional information on size, location, and design to ensure it is consistent with other historical markers in the Village.

4. Appointment to the Calumet Housing Commission
   President Tarvis nominated Bruce Coppo for a 3-year term (expiring March 2031) on the Calumet Housing Commission.

   Motion Carried 7/0

5. CEDAM Fellow Final Report
   Joey Foster presented his final report and recommendations (see attached).

6. Proposal for Equipment purchase – Dump Truck
   See attached proposal presented by Manager Haselden.

   Que moved, seconded by L'Esperance to either hire a 3rd party to inspect and report back, or send a DPW employee to inspect and cover their expenses.

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

   Motion Carried 7/0

Que moved, seconded by Smith to approve the purchase of dup truck if inspection is good.

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

Motion Carried 7/0

VII. Announcements/Other Council Business - None

VIII. Comments from the Public
Council received public comments regarding the EV Charging Station off 5th street.
Wendy Davis, KNHP, thanked the Village Council for their positive working relationship with her and KNHP during her tenure as Park Superintendent.

IX. Adjourn
Tercha moved, seconded by Que to adjourn the meeting at 7:24p.m.

Motion Carried 7/0

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Weir, Clerk