

**CALUMET VILLAGE DDA MEETING AGENDA  
MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2026 9:00 AM  
CALUMET VILLAGE TOWNHALL, 340 SIXTH STREET**

- I. Call to Order / Roll Call / Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Petitions from the Public (*members of the public have 5 minutes to speak*)
- III. Approval of Agenda
- IV. Review and approve meeting minutes
  - i. February 9, 2026 Regular Meeting
- V. Unfinished / Revolving Business
  1. DDA Board Vacancy
    - i. Letter of Interest – Janet Johnston, JLLH LLC
  2. Updates from Village Council, Historic District Commission, Planning Commission
  3. Main Street Calumet Update
  4. District Updates
    - i. DDA Properties
    - ii. District property sales / transitions
  5. Project Updates
    - i. FIT Assessment
      1. Schedule May 7, week of May 11, May 18 or May 19
    - ii. Spring Mailer
    - iii. Billboard
- VI. New Business
  1. Downtown Mural Proposal
  2. Business Outreach & Process
  3. MDA Training / DDA Plan Update
  4. Annual DDA Information Session Scheduling

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- 5. Approval of DDA Bills/Transaction Report
  
- VII. Comments from the Public (*members of the public have 5 minutes to speak*)
  
- VIII. Adjourn

**CALUMET VILLAGE DDA MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT**  
**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2026 9:00 AM**  
**CALUMET VILLAGE TOWNHALL, 340 SIXTH STREET**

**Present:** Chair Nikki L'Esperance; Members Rick Campioni, Nathan McParlan, Lorri Oikarinen, Courtney Tucker, Jason Wickstrom

**Absent:** Members Andrew Ranville; Rob Tarvis

**Also Present from the village:** Manager Megan Haselden; CEDAM Fellow Joey Foster

**Present from the public:** MSC Executive Director Jared Howard

I. Call to Order / Roll Call / Pledge of Allegiance

Chair L'Esperance called the meeting to order at 9:05am with roll call and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Petitions from the Public (*members of the public have 5 minutes to speak*)

None.

III. Approval of Agenda

Wickstrom moved, supported by McParlan, to approve the agenda with the addition of #1 under New Business for appointing the DDA Treasurer.

**Motion Carried 6/0**

IV. Review and approve meeting minutes

i. January 12, 2026 Regular Meeting

Wickstrom moved, supported by Oikarinen to approve the minutes as presented.

**Motion Carried 6/0**

V. Unfinished / Revolving Business

1. Updates from Village Council, Historic District Commission, Planning Commission

Haselden provided updates.

2. Main Street Calumet Update

Howard provided updates; including a Pasty Fest summary.

3. District Updates

i. DDA Properties

ii. District property sales / transitions

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4. Project Updates

i. Ruppe Project

Discussion.

ii. FIT Assessment

Discussion to push the engagement event to April/May.

iii. 2026 Events

Discussion on upcoming events.

VI. New Business

1. DDA Treasurer Appointment

L'Esperance nominated Tucker as the DDA Treasurer, with a term ending August 2026.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Campioni, L'Esperance, McParlan, Oikarinen, Tucker, Wickstrom

Nays:

Absent: Ranville, Tarvis, 1 Vacant Seat

**Motion Carried 6/0**

2. FY 26 Final Budget Amendments & FY 27 Budget

Campioni moved, supported by Wickstrom, to approve the final FY 26 budget amendments and FY 27 Budget.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Campioni, L'Esperance, McParlan, Oikarinen, Tucker, Wickstrom

Nays:

Absent: Ranville, Tarvis, 1 Vacant Seat

**Motion Carried 6/0**

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3. Approval of DDA Bills/Transaction Report

Wickstrom moved, supported by Tucker, to approve the DDA Transaction Report

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Campioni, L'Esperance, McParlan, Oikarinen, Tucker, Wickstrom

Nays:

Absent: Ranville, Tarvis, 1 Vacant Seat

**Motion Carried 6/0**

4. Master Plan Update – DDA Chapter

Discussion – members to review DDA Chapter of Master Plan and provide updates; the draft will be shared with the board once completed.

5. DDA / TIF Plan

Discussion on updated plan needed for the next 5 years.

VII. Comments from the Public (*members of the public have 5 minutes to speak*)

VIII. Adjourn

Campioni moved, supported by Tucker, to adjourn the meeting at 10:27am.

**Motion Carried 6/0**

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Haselden, DDA Administrator

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**DDA board opening...**

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**From** J Johnston <janet.johnston@gmail.com>

**Date** Tue 3/3/2026 11:42 AM

**To** Village of Calumet Manager <manager@villageofcalumet.com>

Dear Members of the Downtown Development Authority Board,

I am writing to formally express my interest in serving on the DDA Board. As an active property owner with multiple redevelopment projects in the downtown district, I am deeply invested in the long-term growth, revitalization, and economic health of our community.

My work restoring and managing several historic buildings in the core business area has given me firsthand knowledge of both the opportunities and challenges facing downtown. I am committed to contributing my experience, perspective, and ongoing involvement to support thoughtful planning, business development, and continued improvement of our shared commercial district.

I would welcome the opportunity to collaborate with fellow board members to advance the mission of the DDA and help strengthen the vitality of downtown for residents, businesses, and visitors alike.

Thank you for your consideration. I would be happy to provide any additional information you may need.

Sincerely,  
Janet Johnston

**RE: First Impressions Tourism Forum**

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**From** Cronin, William <[croninwi@msu.edu](mailto:croninwi@msu.edu)>

**Date** Tue 2/10/2026 11:26 AM

**To** Village of Calumet Manager <[manager@villageofcalumet.com](mailto:manager@villageofcalumet.com)>; Jared Howard <[ed@mainstreetcalumet.com](mailto:ed@mainstreetcalumet.com)>

Sounds good, thanks for the update! Early May would work well for me, as my April calendar is pretty full at this point.

To get things started, I can offer the following evening options:

- Thursday, May 7
- Any evening during the week of May 11
- Monday, May 18
- Tuesday, May 19

Let me know what might work best for you all, or if you'd prefer to handle scheduling another way. Thanks very much, and I hope Ian's recovery is going well.

Best,  
Will

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**From:** Village of Calumet Manager <[manager@villageofcalumet.com](mailto:manager@villageofcalumet.com)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 10, 2026 11:10 AM

**To:** Cronin, William <[croninwi@msu.edu](mailto:croninwi@msu.edu)>; Jared Howard <[ed@mainstreetcalumet.com](mailto:ed@mainstreetcalumet.com)>

**Subject:** Re: First Impressions Tourism Forum

Good morning Will:

We had a DDA meeting yesterday and I spoke with Ian Lewis, who just had surgery. We've determined that it would be better to reschedule this to some time in April - I would personally prefer late April/early May. Let us know what you think!

Megan Haselden, Village Manager

Village of Calumet

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**From:** Cronin, William <[croninwi@msu.edu](mailto:croninwi@msu.edu)>

**Sent:** Monday, February 9, 2026 2:20 PM

**To:** Village of Calumet Manager <[manager@villageofcalumet.com](mailto:manager@villageofcalumet.com)>; Jared Howard <[ed@mainstreetcalumet.com](mailto:ed@mainstreetcalumet.com)>

**Subject:** FW: First Impressions Tourism Forum

Hi Megan and Jared,

Wanted to resend this as I haven't heard back from anyone. Do you think Calumet will want to stick with the 3/12 date or should we push it out a bit? I am flexible, whatever works best for your team.

Thanks much, hope to hear from you soon!

Will

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**From:** Cronin, William  
**Sent:** Monday, February 2, 2026 3:04 PM  
**To:** 'Encompass Therapeutic Massage' <[encompasstm@gmail.com](mailto:encompasstm@gmail.com)>; 'Megan Haselden' <[manager@villageofcalumet.com](mailto:manager@villageofcalumet.com)>; 'Jared Howard' <[ed@mainstreetcalumet.com](mailto:ed@mainstreetcalumet.com)>; 'Timothy Gasperich' <[caltwpsupervisor@gmail.com](mailto:caltwpsupervisor@gmail.com)>; 'Village of Laurium Manager' <[manager@villageoflaurium.com](mailto:manager@villageoflaurium.com)>  
**Subject:** First Impressions Tourism Forum

Hello Calumet FIT Leadership Team,

I wanted to check in about the community forum, which we have held for Thursday, March 12. Does this still work for you all? If so, please confirm and I will get a registration page and a flyer together ASAP.

I've attached again those preliminary documents I sent over around Thanksgiving last year. As a reminder the full report will be available at the time of the forum.

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season, looking forward to catching up!

Best,  
Will

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**From:** Cronin, William  
**Sent:** Friday, November 21, 2025 2:07 PM  
**To:** Encompass Therapeutic Massage <[encompasstm@gmail.com](mailto:encompasstm@gmail.com)>; Megan Haselden <[manager@villageofcalumet.com](mailto:manager@villageofcalumet.com)>; Jared Howard <[ed@mainstreetcalumet.com](mailto:ed@mainstreetcalumet.com)>; Timothy Gasperich <[caltwpsupervisor@gmail.com](mailto:caltwpsupervisor@gmail.com)>; Village of Laurium Manager <[manager@villageoflaurium.com](mailto:manager@villageoflaurium.com)>  
**Subject:** First Impressions Tourism Data

Good Afternoon Calumet FIT Leadership Team,

As we discussed, since the full report won't be shared until the community forum in March I've attached a short writeup of the key recommendations generated by the FIT assessment team.

I've also attached the specific assessor comments about tourism attractions in the region, please do not share this publicly as it contains potentially sensitive comments about businesses and tourism attractions.

Please review and let me know if you have any questions or want more information about specific recommendations. I would also be happy to schedule a zoom to discuss as well. Just let me know what you'd like to do!

Thanks much! Have a great weekend and Happy Thanksgiving!

Will

**Will Cronin**

Tourism and Community Development Educator  
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**Fwd: Possible Calumet mural (for free - ish)**

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**From** Encompass Wellness Studio <encompasstm@gmail.com>  
**Date** Mon 2/16/2026 2:50 PM  
**To** Village of Calumet Manager <manager@villageofcalumet.com>

Hey Megan, our artist we talked to last year about crosswalks has another idea that might be free for us! I would love to flush this out and get it done. She would like it to be a mural, can you think of any great spots for this? I think one of the walls in the greenspace would be cool- but the building I'm thinking of is privately owned. The one by the outdoor stage? Let me know what you think.

----- Forwarded message -----

**From:** **Lisa Gordillo** <[gordillo@mtu.edu](mailto:gordillo@mtu.edu)>  
**Date:** Tue, Feb 10, 2026 at 2:31 PM  
**Subject:** Possible Calumet mural (for free - ish)  
**To:** Encompass Therapeutic Massage <[encompasstm@gmail.com](mailto:encompasstm@gmail.com)>

Nikki,

I pitched the idea of creating a community mural for the Calumet farmer's market and doing a teen summer arts workshop to a class at Michigan Tech that's learning about grant writing. They'd like to write a grant to see if they can help get funding to pay for it.

If I can secure funding to do the project, can you help us get the blessing of the city to paint the mural?

I think it could fulfill a lot of needs (something for teens to do in the summer, brightening up that outdoor space, making community connections ....)

I'm also open to other locations, if there's a better one. I'd like to focus the mural on Keweenaw plants and wild flowers. Colorful, beautiful, fun. (And I have lots of portfolio images I could share to demonstrate I can paint this kind of thing, if anyone asks).

Does this sound like something that could work?

Lisa

**Lisa Johnson de Gordillo**

03/07/2026 DDA BUDGET REPORT FOR CALUMET VILLAGE  
 FY 26 ACTUALS - FY 27 BUDGET

GL Number	Description	25-26	25-26	26-27
		Amended Budget Mar '25 - Feb '26	Activity Mar '25 - Feb '26	Approved Budget
Fund: 248 DDA				
Estimated Revenues				
248-000-402.000	CURRENT REAL PROPERTY TAXES	6,032.00	1,618.00	6,300.00
248-000-411.000	DELINQUENT REAL PROPERTY TAXES	0.00	1,226.00	0.00
248-000-416.001	TIF REVENUE - VILLAGE	50,561.00	57,576.00	55,000.00
248-000-416.004	TIF REVENUE - HOUGHTON COUNTY	13,750.00	15,571.00	16,850.00
248-000-416.005	TIF REVENUE - HOUGHTON COUNTY MEDICARE	4,250.00	0.00	4,850.00
248-000-416.006	TIF REVENUE - CALUMET TOWNSHIP	2,750.00	0.00	3,850.00
248-000-607.003	COMMUNITY GARDEN FEES	0.00	240.00	0.00
248-000-674.000	CONTRIBUTION FROM PRIVATE SOURCES	1,200.00	1,500.00	1,200.00
248-000-674.005	CONTR. FROM PRVT SOURCES - HIST PRESERV	40,000.00	15,000.00	154,000.00
Total 000:		<b>118,543.00</b>	<b>92,731.00</b>	<b>242,050.00</b>
Estimated Revenues		118,543.00	92,731.00	242,050.00
Appropriations				
248-000-700.000	ADMINISTRATION	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
248-728-803.000	CONTRACTED SERVICES	11,000.00	10,750.00	15,500.00
248-728-805.000	ADVERTISING	6,000.00	6,000.00	7,000.00
248-728-808.000	HDC CONTRIBUTION	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
248-728-809.000	DOWNTOWN STREETS CONTRIBUTION	10,000.00	10,000.00	12,500.00
248-728-827.000	HISTORIC PRESERVATION	40,000.00	37,633.00	154,000.00
248-728-881.000	PROMOTION	0.00	0.00	7,500.00
248-728-900.000	PRINTING AND PUBLISHING	0.00	1,369.00	0.00
248-728-915.000	MEMBERSHIPS	500.00	250.00	500.00
248-728-961.002	GRANT MATCH - PUBLIC	9,130.00	9,130.00	0.00
248-728-961.007	BEAUTIFICATION	5,000.00	4,954.00	5,000.00
248-728-961.008	PUBLIC SPACES & IMPROVEMENTS	25,000.00	21,961.00	25,000.00
248-728-961.009	DDA PROPERTY MAINTENANCE	5,500.00	4,749.00	3,500.00
248-728-961.010	DDA GRANT PROGRAM	6,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
248-728-961.011	PUBLIC PROGRAMMING / EVENTS	7,000.00	6,369.00	7,000.00
248-728-961.013	ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT	3,500.00	0.00	3,500.00
248-728-969.000	INSURANCE	500.00	500.00	500.00
Total Expenses		<b>137,130.00</b>	<b>125,296.00</b>	<b>264,500.00</b>
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES		118,543.00	92,731.00	242,050.00
TOTAL EXPENSES		137,130.00	125,296.00	264,500.00
NET OF REVENUES & EXPENSES:		<b>(18,587.00)</b>	<b>(32,565.00)</b>	<b>(22,450.00)</b>
BEG. FUND BALANCE		141,965.00	141,965.00	141,965.00
END FUND BALANCE		123,378.00	109,400.00	119,515.00

CHECK DISBURSEMENT REPORT FOR CALUMET VILLAGE  
CHECK DATE 02/01/2026 - 02/28/2026

FUNDS: 248 - DDA  
Description

Check Date	Bank Account	Check #	Payee	Description	Account	Dept	Amount
<b>Fund: 248 DDA</b>							
02/05/2026	DDA	2184	CALUMET FLORAL & GIFTS	PUBLIC SPACES & IMPROVEMENTS	961.008	728	300.00
02/05/2026	DDA	2185	COPPERDOG, INC.	ADVERTISING	805.000	728	1,000.00
02/23/2026	DDA	2186	MAIN STREET CALUMET	CONTRACTED SERVICES	803.000	728	10,000.00
Total For Fund: 248							11,300.00
Report Total:							11,300.00