

CALUMET VILLAGE COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2024 – 6:00 PM
CALUMET VILLAGE TOWNHALL, 340 SIXTH STREET
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Present: President Rob Tarvis; Trustees Virginia Dwyer, Peggy Germain, Pamela Que, Bernice Smith; Clerk Lori Weir

Absent: Trustee Andrew Ranville

Also Present from the Village: Manager Megan Haselden

Present from the Public: Dan Jamison (Calumet Theatre)

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

Tarvis called the meeting to order at 6:00pm 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

Que moved, seconded by Smith to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion Carried 5/0

IV. Reports

1. Manager
2. DDA
3. Planning Commission
4. HDC

Haselden provided all reports. The Manager Report included updates on grants, new roof, U.P. Managers Meeting, Spring Clean-up, and the upcoming June Financial Quarterly Review. The DDA Report included updates on the new highway billboard, the awarding of 10 grants to downtown businesses through the small grants program, and the Green Space bid process. The Planning Commission Report included updates about the Master Plan Public Engagement Meetings. The HDC Report included an update on the upcoming meeting where several certificate of appropriateness applications will be reviewed.

V. Unfinished / Revolving Business

1. Ordinances:

- i. Restatement of Ordinance No. 146: Blight

Discussion. Haselden is talking with Calumet Township and

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Village of Laurium to explore the possibility of some consistency around blight ordinances between these municipalities.

ii. Ordinance No. 92 & Snow Removal Issues

No Update

iii. New Ordinances/Amendments being drafted:

1. Dangerous Buildings Ordinance
2. Marihuana Ordinance (*Planning Commission*)

2. Sidewalk Repair Issues

Discussion regarding attorney feedback and following through with processing an insurance claim.

3. Job Posting – Blight Enforcement Officer

Discussion of job posting, hours needed per week, rate of pay, and whether this should be an employee vs. an independent contractor.

4. Lease Amendment (Calumet Theatre)

Discussion regarding the presented draft of the Lease Amendment. Jamison provided a history of working with the Village Council to produce the draft and suggested a timeline for approval and an official “signing ceremony”. Feedback from Trustees is due to the Village Manager by the end of May.

VI. New Business

1. Vacant Council Seat

Haselden will publicly post that the Village is seeking to fill the vacant council seat and is accepting Letters of Interest.

2. Credit Services

Discussion regarding outstanding bills of property owners that were placed with Credit Services in 2018. Additional discussion regarding future process for handling delinquent accounts.

3. Equipment Purchase Pre-Approval

Discussion regarding the budgeted amount set aside for equipment and the need for pre-

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approval to spend, in order to allow for bidding on equipment auctions.

4. Noise Complaints

Discussion regarding complaints in the residential area regarding noise, blight, and unleashed dogs. Additional discussion on ordinance enforcement and whether or not contracting with the Sheriff's office would be an option.

VII. Announcements – Other Council Business

- Germain asked for an update on the EV Charging Stations. No update, but Haselden will follow-up on that.
- Germain requested a copy of the water lease.
- Dwyer requested all leases be reviewed, which led to discussion of the Calumet Colosseum property.

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

None.

IX. Adjourn

Que moved, seconded by Germain to adjourn the meeting at 7:30pm.

Motion Carried 5/0

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Weir, Clerk

Megan Haselden, Manager