CALUMET VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2025
CALUMET VILLAGE TOWNHALL, 340 SIXTH STREET
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Present: President Pro-Tempore Pamela Que; Trustees Matt L'Esperance, Kelly Ryan, Bernice Smith; Clerk Lori Weir - 1 Vacant Trustee Seat
Absent: President Rob Tarvis
Also Present from the Village: Manager Megan Haselden, CEDM Fellow Joey Foster, Tara West (Village Secretary)
Present from the Public: Virginia Dwyer (via Zoom); 1 Community Member

I. Call to Order
Que 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)*
Public comments provided on the following:
- Allowing for those attending electronically time to make comments including time for them to "unmute" in order to respond to the call for public comments.
- Stop sign at the intersection of Elm & 9th Street
- Blight enforcement process regarding a specific 8th Street property

III. Approval of Agenda
Ryan moved, seconded by Tercha to approve the agenda with the addition of Trash Cans as number 5 under section VI.

Motion Carried 5/0

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

Regular Meeting	April 15, 2025
Special Meeting	May 1, 2025
Work Session Meeting	May 13, 2025

Review and approval of bills
Prior Paid Bills in the amount of $48,900.60
New Bills in the amount of $57,717.14

Haselden noted the invoice from the Daily Mining Gazette is included in the new bills, however she will not be paying it until she receives some clarification as the invoice is unclear. Also, the $50,000 invoice for the Calumet Theatre boiler is paid by the Village as we are the fiduciary on the grant. Haselden also noted that the Village is the "boiler owner".

Review and acceptance of Reports
Manager Report – Attached
Review and acceptance of Correspondence Received
VFW Letters RE: Veterans Banners - Attached

L'Esperance moved, seconded by Tercha to approve the consent agenda as presented.
Roll Call Vote:
Yeas: Smith, Ryan, L'Esperance, Tercha, Que
Nays: None
Absent: Tavis

Motion Carried 5/0

V. Unfinished Business

1. Outdoor Buring Policy vs. Ordinance
   Discussion of attorney comments (summary attached).

   Tercha moved, seconded by Ryan to adopt the Outdoor Burning Policy as presented with the intention that this policy goes to the Planning Commission for future review to be considered as an update to the Zoning Ordinance.
   Roll Call Vote:
   Yeas: Smith, Ryan, L'Esperance, Tercha, Que
   Nays: None
   Absent: Tarvis

   Motion Carried 5/0

VI. New Business

1. Resolution No. 25.03 "Big Annie Week"
   Ryan moved, seconded by Smith to approve Resolution No. 25.03 to designate the week of June 17 "Big Annie Week" as presented.
   Roll Call Vote:
   Yeas: Smith, Ryan, L'Esperance, Tercha, Que
   Nays: None
   Absent: Tarvis

   Motion Carried 5/0

2. Audit Engagement Letter
   Tercha moved, seconded by L'Esperance to move forward on behalf of the Village with the Auditor based on the presented engagement letter.

   Motion Carried 5/0

3. Hiring Part-time DPW Worker – Attached recommendation proposal
   Ryan moved, seconded by L'Esperance to support the hiring of a new seasonal part-time DPW worker as presented.
   Roll Call Vote:
   Yeas: Smith, Ryan, L'Esperance, Tercha, Que
   Nays: None
   Absent: Tarvis

   Motion Carried 5/0

4. Expense Approval for Line Striping
   Discussion on options (2 professional quotes from contractors; cost to purchase the equipment). Discussion on the need to have the work completed in a timely manner and DPW current staffing level and workload. Discussion on the possibility of purchasing equipment in the future following having the lines professionally striped this year.

   Ryan moved, seconded by Smith to approve $8,000.00 be spent to have the Village professionally lined/striped this summer for our 150th anniversary celebration with the understanding that Haselden will further research both bids, and select the most cost effective.
   Roll Call Vote:
   Yeas: Smith, Ryan, L'Esperance, Tercha, Que
   Nays: None
   Absent: Tarvis

   Motion Carried 5/0

5. Trash Cans
   Haselden updated that the DDA declined her request to invest in the purchase of all new trash cans for the Village ($900 per can for 20 55-gallon cans with lids). Haselden looked at the cost of smaller 36-gallon cans. Haselden also reviewed the Village budget to see where they could assist with covering this expense. She found $5,000 that the Village could invest with the DDA investing the remaining cost. Discussion on size, splitting the purchase over 2 years, and the recommendation that the DDA contribute to at least 50% of the cost of the trash cans since they are mainly located in the downtown district.

   L'Esperance moved, seconded by Ryan to recommend that the DDA partner with the Village to purchase 10 trash cans this year and 10 trash cans next year, with the Village contributing $5000 this year from the following budget areas: $1,500 from the Sanitation Fund; $3,500 from the General Fund including from the following budget categories: $1,500 from Parks & Recreation, $1,000 from Department of Public Works and $1,000 from Buildings & Grounds.

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

   Motion Carried 5/0

VII. Announcements
- Ryan & Haselden attended the Michigan Association of Planners meeting in Marquette.
- Que & Haselden attended the Michigan Historic Preservation Conference in Sault Ste., Marie.

- Leah Polzien has resigned from her position as Executive Director of Main Street Calumet effective September 2025. The Village will work with MSC and DDA in order to plan how to move forward.

VIII. Comments from the Public
Public comment regarding Village ownership of line striping equipment in the past.

IX. Adjourn
L'Esperance moved, seconded by Tercha to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 p.m.
Motion Carried 5/0

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Weir, Clerk