

**CALUMET VILLAGE DDA MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2025, 9:00 AM
CALUMET VILLAGE TOWNHALL, 340 SIXTH STREET**

Present: Vice Chair Andrew Ranville; Members Rick Campioni, Nathan McParlan, Lorri Oikarinen, Courtney Tucker, Rob Tarvis

Absent: Chair Nikki L'Esperance; Member Jason Wickstrom, 1 Vacant Seat

Present from the village: Manager Megan Haselden

Present from the public: Adam Gill (*Edward Jones*)

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

Ranville called the meeting to order at 9:01am with roll call and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Gill introduced himself to the board as an interested member.

III. Approval of Agenda

Tarvis moved, supported by Campioni, to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion Carried 6/0

IV. Review and approve meeting minutes

i. October 20, 2025 Regular Meeting

Tarvis moved, supported by Campioni, to approve the minutes of October 20, 2025.

Motion Carried 6/0

ii. October 29, 2025 Special Meeting

Tarvis moved, supported by Campioni, to approve the minutes of October 29, 2025.

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 not able to attend the meeting; Haselden relayed an update regarding Ladies Day Out.

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3. District Updates

- i. DDA Properties
- ii. District property sales / transitions

No updates.

4. Project Updates

i. Calumet Commons

1. Big Annie Statue

Haselden provided update on location in Calumet Commons, Team Big Annie is working on placement and landscaping plan.

2. Winter/Snow Removal/Christmas Decorations

Discussion including the goal of keeping snow mobiles out of the park, keeping the pathways clear of snow and Christmas Tree with lighting ceremony December 6th.

ii. Ruppe Project

Tarvis provided updates.

iii. DDA Grant Program

Haselden updated that most grants have been completed, with 2 outstanding.

iv. Community Garden Spaces

Board would like this item to stay on the agenda for future discussion.

VI. New Business

1. Red Jacket Ball Sponsorship

Tarvis moved, supported by McParlan, to offer a sponsorship of \$1,000 to the Red Jacket Ball.

Roll Call Vote:

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Yeas: Campioni, McParlan, Oikarinen, Ranville, Tarvis, Tucker

Nays:

Absent: L'Esperance, Wickstrom, 1 Vacant Seat

Motion Carried 6/0

2. Copper Dog Sponsorship

Tarvis moved, supported by Campioni, to offer a sponsorship of \$1,000 to Copper Dog.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Campioni, McParlan, Oikarinen, Ranville, Tarvis, Tucker

Nays:

Absent: L'Esperance, Wickstrom, 1 Vacant Seat

Motion Carried 6/0

3. FY27 Draft Budget

Haselden reviewed the first draft.

4. Approval of DDA Bills/Transaction Report

Tarvis moved, supported by Campioni, to approve the bills.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Campioni, McParlan, Oikarinen, Ranville, Tarvis, Tucker

Nays:

Absent: L'Esperance, Wickstrom, 1 Vacant Seat

Motion Carried 6/0

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

VIII. Adjourn

Tarvis moved, supported by McParlan, to adjourn the meeting at 10:13am.

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Motion Carried 6/0

Respectfully submitted,

Megan Haselden, DDA Administrator

Ruppe Family Gift Fuels Next Phase of Calumet Restoration

From nikki@kedabiz.com <nikki@kedabiz.com>

Date Mon 10/27/2025 9:17 AM

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

The Bring Back Calumet Taskforce is celebrating a new milestone in the effort to save the historic Ruppe Block, one of Calumet's most recognizable landmarks.

A \$10,000 donation from a Ruppe family member with ties to the area has pushed fundraising to over \$58,000 towards the project's phase I \$200,000 goal. This generous contribution underscores the Ruppe family's continued connection to Calumet and the growing community momentum to preserve this historic downtown.

"This gift reflects the deep roots the Ruppe family still has in Calumet and the connection so many people have to this community," said Jeff Ratcliffe, member of the Bring Back Calumet Taskforce. "Their support affirms that these buildings are worth savings and that Calumet's story continues to inspire across generations."

The Ruppe Block, originally home to P. Ruppe & Son General Merchandise in the late 1800s, has been a cornerstone of Calumet's commercial district for more than a century. Today, stabilization work is underway to secure the structure and prepare it for future rehabilitation and reuse. So far, the Bring Back Calumet Taskforce and volunteers have:

- Removed over 7 tons of debris from the interior
- Logged 200+ volunteer hours
- Completed critical shoring and stabilization
- Applied roof sealant to prevent further weather damage.

The Bring Back Calumet Initiative is a special community project of the Keweenaw Community Foundation. Each step brings us closer to returning the Ruppe Block and downtown Calumet to active, vibrant life. Help keep the momentum going! Your donations and volunteer support make this progress possible. Learn more and donate at <https://www.keweenawcommunityfoundation.org/bring-back-calumet>.

Sincerely,

The Bring Back Calumet Taskforce

A partnership of local organizations and community leaders working to stabilize, preserve, and redevelop historic buildings in downtown Calumet, Michigan

CALUMET VILLAGE DDA ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	APPROVED BUDGET FY 2026	AMENDED BUDGET FY 2026	DRAFT BUDGET FY 2027	FY 2026 BUDGET NOTES
REVENUES(AND OTHER SOURCES)				
Taxes Current and Delinquent	\$6,032	\$6,032	\$6,032	
State Grants	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Insurance Reimbursement	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Donations / Sponsors	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200	
Restricted Donations	\$235,000	\$235,000	\$0	
Community Garden Fees	\$0	\$0	\$0	
TIF FUNDS				
Village	\$50,561	\$50,561	\$50,561	
Township-Current	\$2,750	\$2,750	\$2,750	
County - Med Care	\$4,250	\$4,250	\$4,250	
County-Current	\$13,750	\$13,750	\$13,750	
Total Revenues	\$313,543	\$313,543	\$78,543	
EXPENDITURES(AND OTHER USES)				
Administration	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$5,500 Village Administration & \$500 Audit Share
Advertising & Promotion	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	Billboard US 41; Newspaper postings; flyers, etc.
Sponsorships			\$9,500	\$5k MSC; \$1K Copper Dog; \$4K other downtown events
Beautification	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	Watering flowers; beautification in district
Blight Enforcement/Ordinances	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	To support expenses for blight enforcement within the DDA district
Contracted Services	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$5,000	FY27 \$5k Main Street Calumet Services (\$5K split to sponsorships)
DDA Property Maintenance	\$500	\$500	\$500	DDA owned properties (utilities etc)
Downtown Streets (to Gen Fund)	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	
Insurance Contribution (to Gen Fund)	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500 to Village to cover DDA portion of insurance
HDC Contribution	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	*\$2k match to KNHP Grant (exp. 2027)
Grant Match - Public	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	FY26 Grant not received - moved to Public Spaces & Improvements
Grant Match - Private	\$0	\$0	\$10,000	FY27 \$10K committed for Hotel Calumet
DDA Grant Program	\$5,000	\$6,000	\$5,000	*FY26 Amendmend adopted in April to \$6k from \$5k
Historic Preservation	\$200,000	\$200,000		Ruppe Building
Memberships & Trainings	\$500	\$500	\$1,000	For MDA Membership & Board Education/Training
Public Programming	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000	Farmers Market, Sled Rides, holiday/event expenses
Public Spaces & Improvements	\$7,000	\$35,000	\$7,500	FY26: \$10K for Greenspace maint & furniture; public bathroom; trashcans downtown district
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$268,000	\$292,000	\$78,500	
NET REVENUES(EXPENDITURES)	\$45,543	\$21,543	\$43	
Fund Balance Beginning of Year	\$132,277	\$132,277	\$132,277	
Fund Balance End of Year	\$177,820	\$153,820	\$132,320	

VILLAGE OF CALUMET DDA #07-716-3
Transactions For August 2025

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>TRANSACTION DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>PAYMENT</u>	<u>DEPOSIT</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
		Balance Forward			\$ 87,216.58
2175	10/27/25	Charter Township of Calumet	\$ 98.34		\$ 87,118.24
2176	10/27/25	UPPCO	\$ 28.03		\$ 87,090.21
