

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

Present:

Absent:

Present from the village:

Present from the public:

- 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. October 20, 2025 Regular Meeting
 - ii. October 29, 2025 Special Meeting
- V. Unfinished / Revolving Business
 1. Updates from Village Council, Historic District Commission, Planning Commission
 2. Main Street Calumet Update
 3. District Updates
 - i. DDA Properties
 - ii. District property sales / transitions
 4. Project Updates
 - i. Calumet Commons
 1. Big Annie Statue
 2. Winter/Snow Removal/Christmas Decorations
 - ii. Ruppe Project
 - iii. DDA Grant Program
 - iv. Community Garden Spaces
- VI. New Business

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1. Red Jacket Ball Sponsorship
 2. Copper Dog Sponsorship
 3. FY27 Draft Budget
 4. 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, OCTOBER 20, 2025, 9:00 AM
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Present: Chair Nikki L'Esperance; Members Rick Campioni, Lorri Oikarinen, Andrew Ranville, Courtney Tucker

Absent: Members Nathan McParlan, JW Miller, Rob Tarvis, Jason Wickstrom

Present from the village: Manager Megan Haselden, Fellow Joey Foster

Present from the public: MSC Director Jared Howard

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

L'Esperance called the meeting to order with roll call and led the Pledge of Allegiance at 9:00am.

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

III. Approval of Agenda

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

Motion Carried 5/0

IV. Review and approve meeting minutes of September 8, 2025 Meeting

Ranville moved, supported by Campioni, to approve the minutes.

Motion Carried 5/0

V. Unfinished / Revolving Business

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

Haselden provided updates.

2. Main Street Calumet Update

3. District Updates

i. DDA Properties

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Haselden provided that Team Big Annie requests the statue location be determined as the 6th Street Greenspace.

2. Winter/Snow Removal

Haselden discussed a potential need for new equipment to keep the pathways cleared of snow.

3. Park Ceremony – June 12, 2026

Haselden let the board know that a ceremony to rededicate the Camborne sister city sign is schedule for June 12, 2026.

ii. First Impressions Tourism

Haselden provided an update that the forum to discuss the FIT findings will be scheduled in the Winter and that MSU Extension will provide specific information to be shared with business owners prior to year end.

iii. Wayfinding Project

No update; the project seems stalled with the Township/Laurium not able to invest further for the plan and the national park closure.

iv. Highway Signage

No update.

v. Ruppe Project

L'Esperance updated the board on the fundraising efforts and consideration for the DDA to take title to the property.

vi. Buildings / Business Inventory Downtown

L'Esperance reviewed findings of the first draft Business Inventory tracking for the district.

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vii. Calumet 150th: Halloween & Red Jacket Ball

Haselden let the board know about the Halloween party and the Red Jacket Ball in December.

viii. DDA Grant Program

Two grants are outstanding: Real People Media and JLLH LLC.

VI. New Business

1. Main Street Calumet Agreement

Discussion, tabled for approval.

2. WUPPDR Recreation Plan Proposal – Grant of \$2,500 (50% cost) to complete a Recreation Plan

Ranville moved, supported by Oikarinen, to approve investing up to \$1,250 towards the Rec Plan.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Campioni, L’Esperance, Oikarinen, Ranville, Tucker

Nays: None

Absent: McParlan, Miller, Tarvis, Wickstrom

Motion Carried 5/0

3. Event Proposal: Krampus Krawl

Ranville moved, supported by Tucker to approve Krampus Krawl, organized by an outside group of volunteers in Calumet Commons.

4. Community Gardens & Planter Boxes

Discussion on DDA taking ownership of planter boxes and on the community garden location shifting for next year.

5. DDA Board Member Resignation: JW Miller

Discussion to start recruitment of new board member.

6. Approval of DDA Bills/Transaction Report

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

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Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Campioni, L'Esperance, Oikarinen, Ranville, Tucker

Nays: None

Absent: McParlan, Miller, Tarvis, Wickstrom

Motion Carried 5/0

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

VIII. Adjourn

Tucker moved, supported by Ranville, to adjourn the meeting at 10:37am.

Motion Carried 5/0

CALUMET VILLAGE DDA SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT
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Present: Chair Nikki L'Esperance; Members Rick Campioni, Lorrie Oikarinen, Andrew Ranville, Rob Tarvis, Courtney Tucker, Jason Wickstrom

Absent: 1 Vacant Seat; Member Nathan McParlan

Present from the village: Manager Megan Haselden, Fellow Joey Foster, Trustee Kelly Ryan

Present from the public: MSC Director Jared Howard

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

L'Esperance called the meeting to order at 9:01 with roll call and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

III. Approval of Agenda

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

Motion Carried 7/0

IV. Unfinished / Revolving Business

1. Main Street Calumet Agreement

Ranville moved, supported by Oikarinen, to approve the Agreement for Services in the amount of \$10,000, with the following changes:

- Removal of dollar amounts listed on Items A., B., C. under Scope of Services.
- Removal of reporting period for activities March 1 – August 31, 2025 due October 30, 2025 under #4.
- Change payment due date to Payable no later than November 30, 2025 under 6.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Campioni, L'Esperance, Oikarinen, Ranville, Tarvis, Tucker, Wickstrom

Nays: None

Absent: 1 Vacant Seat; McParlan

Motion Carried 7/0

V. New Business

1. Purchase of Conex Storage Container for Park Equipment

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Tarvis provided that the Township should have cold storage that we can use for the winter.

Haselden to confirm – item tabled.

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

Ryan addressed the board to discuss the Office of Rural Prosperity grant for strategic planning and a more robust Master Plan.

VII. Adjourn

Tarvis moved, supported by Ranville, to adjourn the meeting at 9:52am.

Motion Carried 7/0

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

FY 2026 BUDGET NOTES

CALUMET VILLAGE DDA ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	APPROVED BUDGET FY 2026	AMENDED BUDGET FY 2026	DRAFT BUDGET FY 2027
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
Advertising & Promotion	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
Sponsorships			\$9,500
Beautification	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Blight Enforcement/Ordinances	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500
Contracted Services	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$5,000
DDA Property Maintenance	\$500	\$500	\$500
Downtown Streets (to Gen Fund)	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Insurance Contribution (to Gen Fund)	\$500	\$500	\$500
HDC Contribution	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
Grant Match - Public	\$5,000	\$0	\$0
Grant Match - Private	\$0	\$0	\$0
DDA Grant Program	\$5,000	\$6,000	\$5,000
Historic Preservation	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
Memberships & Trainings	\$500	\$500	\$1,000
Public Programming	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000
Public Spaces & Improvements	\$7,000	\$35,000	\$7,500
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

*FY26 Amendment adopted in April to \$6k from \$5k

*FY26 Grant not received - moved to Public Spaces & Improvements

*\$2k match to KNHP Grant (exp. 2027)

FY27 \$5k Main Street Calumet Services (\$5K split to sponsorships)

DDA owned properties (utilities etc)

\$500 to Village to cover DDA portion of insurance

Watering flowers; beautification in district

To support expenses for blight enforcement within the DDA district

\$500 Village Administration & \$500 Audit Share

Billboard US 41; Newspaper postings; flyers, etc.

\$5k MSC; \$1K Copper Dog; \$4K other downtown events

For MDA Membership & Board Education/Training

Farmers Market, Sled Rides, holiday/event expenses

FY26: \$10K for Greenspace maint & furniture; public bathroom; trashcans downtown district

Ruppe Building

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
