

CALUMET VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2024
CALUMET VILLAGE TOWNHALL, 340 SIXTH STREET
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Present: President Rob Tarvis; Trustees Virginia Dwyer, Peggy Germain, Andrew Ranville
(arrived at 6:01p.m.), Kelly Ryan, Bernice Smith; Clerk Lori Weir

Absent: Trustee Pamela Que

Also Present from the Village: Manager Megan Haselden

Present from the Public: 3 community members

I. Call to Order

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

Ryan moved, seconded by Dwyer to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion Carried 6/0

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	September 17, 2024
Work Session Meeting	October 8, 2024

Edit noted to add Trustee Ryan as “Present” on the September 17, 2024 Regular Meeting minutes.

Review and approval of bills

Prior paid bills in the amount of \$186,074.54

New bills in the amount of \$13,327.33

Discussion on prior paid bills (water line testing, Up & Running, grant funds and payments).

Review and acceptance of Reports

Manager Report - Haselden read the Manager Report (attached).

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Ranville moved, seconded by Ryan to approve the consent agenda with the addition of Trustee Ryan as “Present” on the September 17, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Dwyer, Germain, Ranville, Ryan, Smith, Tarvis

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried 6/0

V. New Business

1. Snow Removal Policy

Discussion about holding a public engagement session to get feedback and educate the public on snow removal processes, village expenses incurred, and possible changes to snow contracts or snow removal in the downtown. Discussed expenditures vs. revenue from snow contracts and special assessment as a possible solution. More discussion is needed. Sidewalk snow contracts for this upcoming winter season will be offered the same as they have been in the past as there is not enough time to gather public feedback, to make decisions, and to give notice about any upcoming changes that may take place prior to winter.

2. Master Plan Update

Ryan moved, seconded by Dwyer to approve the expenditure, and accept the bid for the Master Plan Update as presented.

Discussion.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Smith, Ryan, Dwyer, Ranville, Tarvis

Nays: Germain

Absent: None

Motion Carried 5/1

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3. 2024-2025 Fee Schedule

Discussion on removing Park Pavilion fee and deposit for reserved use.

Ryan moved, seconded by Ranville to approve the updated Fee Schedule for 2024-2025 with fees as presented, and with the removal of designated zoning areas for sidewalk snow removal as noted by the Village Manager.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Smith, Ryan, Dwyer, Ranville, Germain, Tarvis.

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried 6/0

4. Main Street Calumet Street Closure

5th St from Scott St to Oak St. on Saturday, October 26 from 2pm – 5pm for Trunk or Treat community event.

Ryan moved, seconded by Smith to approve the street closure as presented.

Motion Carried 6/0

VI. Announcements – Other Council Business

1. VFW Signage – Follow up from September 17, 2024 meeting.

Germain provided schematic on sign and placement along with rationale for the requested location near the Calumet Colosseum. Discussion on VFW commitment to the project.

Dwyer moved to approve the request for sign placement as presented in the schematic if the VFW moves forward with the project. Motion failed due to lack of a second.

Continued discussion regarding land use, land use planning, and uncertainty of the requirements of the specific location requested (right-of-way).

Ryan moved, seconded by Smith that the Village will work in partnership with the VFW Auxiliary to find an appropriate location on Village owned property for the placement of the proposed VFW signage to honor veterans.

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- VII. Comments from the Public (*members of the public have 5 minutes to speak*)
Michael Maas – Encouraged the village to gather public input from downtown business owners regarding snow removal on the sidewalks and streets. Importance of having a walkable downtown even in the winter (winter tourism and an accessible downtown for residents).

Additional comments and discussion from all community members present regarding the snow removal topic with the request that downtown businesses be invited to any public engagement session or work session on this topic.

- VIII. Adjourn
Ranville moved, seconded by Smith to adjourn the meeting at 7:51pm.

Motion Carried 6/0

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Weir, Clerk