

CALUMET VILLAGE DDA MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2025, 9:00 AM
CALUMET VILLAGE TOWNHALL, 340 SIXTH STREET

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

ii. District property sales / transitions

4. Project Updates

i. Calumet Commons

1. Big Annie Statue

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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

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Haselden, DDA Administrator

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

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>TRANSACTION DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>PAYMENT</u>	<u>DEPOSIT</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
		Balance Forward			\$ 90,730.17
2170	09/05/25	Kitschy Spirit Records	\$ 500.00		\$ 90,230.17
2171	09/29/25	Calumet Township	\$ 360.58		\$ 89,869.59
2172	09/29/25	Upper Michigan Water Company	\$ 308.83		\$ 89,560.76
2173	09/29/25	A-1 Toilets	\$ 900.00		\$ 88,660.76
2174	09/29/25	Cross Country Sports	\$ 2,674.00		\$ 85,986.76
	09/30/25	UPPCO		\$ 29.82	\$ 86,016.58
	09/30/25	Calumet Township		\$ 1,200.00	\$ 87,216.58