CALUMET VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2025 @ 6:00PM
CALUMET VILLAGE TOWNHALL, 340 SIXTH STREET
Public viewing available via ZOOM - Meeting ID: 869 9877 4486 Passcode: 699798
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86998774486 or via phone: 1-312-626-6799

I. Call to Order

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

III. Approval of Agenda

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 23, 2025

Review and approval of bills

Prior paid bills in the amount of $39,564.62

New bills in the amount of $35,791.54

Review and acceptance of Correspondence Received

V. Unfinished Business

VI. New Business

1. Big Annie Statue Location

VII. Announcements – Other Council Business

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

IX. Adjourn

CALUMET VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2025
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Present: President Pro-Tempore Pamela Que, Trustees Ariele Pizzo, Kelly Ryan, Bernice Smith, James Tercha; Clerk Lori Weir
Absent: President Rob Tarvis, Trustee Matt L'Esperance, Manager Megan Haselden
Also Present from the Village: CEDM Fellow Joey Foster
Present from the Public: 3 Community Members

I. Call to Order
Que called the meeting to order at 6:02pm with roll call and led the Pledge of Allegiance

II. Petitions from the Public *(members of the public have 5 minutes to speak)*
- The council received comments and questions from Virginia Dwyer.

III. Approval of Agenda
Tercha moved, seconded by Pizzo to approve the agenda as presented, with the understanding that the council will get through as much as it can without the Manager.
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	August 19, 2025
Special Meeting	September 3, 2025
Public Hearing	September 16, 2025
Special Meeting	September 16, 2025

Review and approval of bills
Prior Paid Bills in the amount of $221,479.34
New Bills in the amount of $72,866.47

Review and acceptance of Correspondence Received
None

Pizzo moved, seconded by Tercha to approve the consent agenda with the edits to the August 19, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes, with the removal of the Closed Session Meeting Minutes for edits, and with the removal of the $1557 invoice (McCoy) from New Bills.
Roll Call Vote:
Yeas: Smith, Ryan, Pizzo, Tercha, Que
Nays: None
Absent: Tarvis, L'Esperance

Motion Carried 5/0

V. Unfinished Business – None

VI. New Business

1. Street Closure Request – Trunk or Treat
   Discussion on request, in particular the closing of Em Street between 5th and 6th streets (in front of the Fire Department). Suggestion to table this until Haselden can follow-up with applicant. A special meeting can be called.

   Que called for a vote to table this until there is some follow-up on the concerns.

   Motion Carried 5/0

2. New Loader Tire Purchase
   Tercha moved, seconded by Pizzo to approve the purchase of tires as presented.
   Roll Call Vote:
   Yeas: Smith, Ryan, Tercha, Pizzo, Que
   Nays: None
   Absent: Tarvis, L'Esperance

   Motion Carried 5/0

3. 7th Street Sidewalk Proposal
   Discussion on presented proposal and cost to the Village. Discussion on Ordinance that states property owners are responsible for maintaining and repairing sidewalks.

   Tercha moved, seconded by Pizzo to table this issue until there is further discussion with the Houghton County Land Bank and/or more information provided by the Village Manager.

   Motion Carried 5/0

4. Committees
   Ryan presented the proposal for the creation of an Ad-hoc Committee for blight and a Standing Committee for organizational development (see attached). All members assigned to committees have been approached and have agreed to serve in these capacities. Also outlined is a reporting structure for the DDA, HDC, and Planning Commission. Clerk Weir suggested to add "tax reporting" by the Treasurer bi-annually to the proposed reporting structure.

   Pizzo moved, seconded by Smith to approve the committees and reporting structure with the addition of a Treasurer's report bi-annually.

   Motion Carried 5/0

   Que moved to appoint the following people to the newly formed Blight Taskforce:

Matt L'Esperance, Chair	Village Trustee
Ariele Pizzo	Village Trustee
Jim Tercha	Village Trustee

Jason Wickstrom	DDA Member
Megan Haselden	Village Manager
Paula DeCaire	Village DPW Representative

Motion Carried 5/0

Que moved to appoint the following people to the Organizational Development Committee:

Kelly Ryan, Chair	Village Trustee
Rob Tarvis	Village President
Pam Que	Village Trustee & President Pro Tempore
Megan Haselden	Village Manager
Lori Weir	Village Clerk

Motion Carried 5/0

5. 150th Celebration Reporting
   Tabled for Haselden to report on at the October meeting. Ryan would like to see information on Sponsorships. Council provided thanks to all the staff who worked long and hard to make the event a success. Positive feedback shared from council and public.

6. Ruppe Development Agreement
   Discussion. Determined that the full council and Manager need to be present to have a conversation about this topic.

   Pizzo moved, seconded by Smith to table this issue until the October meeting where there will hopefully be a full council and the Manager will be present.

Motion Carried 5/0

7. Calumet Depot / 9th Street
   Que shared that the landowner requested a public hearing about the project. Ryan would like the council to be provided with more information prior to any public hearing: a summary of the project, what is being requested from the Village, how it may impact the Village budget and services (i.e., snow removal).

   Tercha moved, seconded by Ryan to honor the request of a Public Hearing to be scheduled for Tuesday, October 21sy at 6:00pm prior to the Regular Council Meeting for October.

Motion Carried 5/0

VII. Announcements/Other Council Business
- Que asked for Agenda items for October.

- Discussed a standard for property owners/ developers to not be delinquent on taxes or fees on any property they own within the Village. Ryan requested language be included in the "Developer's Guide" that is being created.
- Discussion on progress of marijuana ordinance, master plan, and strategic plan. Ryan provided an updated on the Master Plan work and shared that Chris Green has been appointed the new Chair of the Planning Commission.

VIII. Comments from the Public

- A community member asked for an update on the progress made on blight, and if snow removal contracts were paid last winter or were a bunch of accounts still in arrears. Haselden would be best able to update on these, but the new Blight Taskforce will be addressing blight on a larger scale and will provide regular updates.

IX. Adjourn

Tercha moved, seconded by Smith to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

Motion Carried 5/0

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Weir, Clerk

VILLAGE OF CALUMET OCTOBER 2025 PAID BILLS

OFFICE			
Spectrum/Charter		$	199.98
MML Unemployment Fund		$	12.34
		$	**212.32**
DPW			
Ace Hardware		$	348.94
Airgas		$	82.82
Auto-Wares		$	111.32
Spectrum/Charter		$	220.00
MCCOY Construction & Forestry		$	783.21
Shane Karrio	Truck Light	$	27.89
Electreus		$	2,851.13
		$	**4,425.31**
Uniform Allowance			
Shane Karrio		$	150.00
Paula Decaire		$	150.00
Thomas Pintar		$	150.00
Joseph Held		$	150.00
		$	**600.00**
MANAGER			
Megan Haselden	Telephone and Website online fees	**$**	**244.00**
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS			
Paula DeCaire - Reimbursement for flowers			
Semco Energy	Village Hall	$	145.58
Semco Energy	DPW	$	50.24
Semco Energy	Agassiz Pavillion	$	20.54
UPPCO	Village Hall	$	303.80
UPPCO	DPW	$	176.00
UPPCO	Fire Hall	$	27.75
UPPCO	St Lights	$	7.53
UPPCO	St Pauls	$	118.15
UPPCO	Ag Park	$	89.36
		$	**938.95**
HYDRANT RENTAL			
Upper Michigan Water Company		**$**	**1,435.61**
EVENTS			
Ace Hardware	Supplies for 150th	$	417.73
East Fork Pasties	Pasties for Friends of Fashion	$	300.00
Dave Sladek	Tents for 150th Block Party	$	150.00
Terra West	Event Food Supplies from KCW	$	68.60
Megan Haselden	Event Supplies from Walmart	$	97.48
Friends of Fashion	Payment for Fashion Show	$	700.00
Alex Johnston	Musician Payment	$	50.00
		$	**1,783.81**
Insurance			
Michigan Municipal League		**$**	**372.00**
Michigan State Tax		**$**	**3,027.32**
DEBT SERVICE PAYMENT			
Grader/Loader Payment		**$**	**982.47**
PAYROLL			
09/23/25	Payroll	$	10,596.90
	FICA	$	810.68
09/23/25	Council Payroll	$	630.00
	FICA	$	48.18
09/09/25	Payroll	$	12,484.07
	FICA	$	955.00
		$	**25,524.83**
BILLS PAID PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 2025 COUNCIL MEETING		**$**	**39,546.62**

VILLAGE OF CALUMET OCTOBER 2025 BILLS DUE

OFFICE			
The Office Shop		$	104.24
UP & Running		$	494.00
Michigan Municipal League		$	1,266.00
Zoom		$	169.49
		$	**2,033.73**
COUNCIL			
Daily Mining Gazette	Public Hearing Affidavit	**$**	**170.50**
CAPITAL OVERLAY			
Keweenaw Power & Lite		**$**	**16,260.00**
DPW			
Calumet Floral	Pumpkins	$	631.00
Campioni True Value		$	95.14
Compass Minerals	SALT	$	8,370.43
B&B Sand & Gravel		$	269.20
Bekkala's Diesel Repair		$	3,450.93
Harter Auto Supply		$	279.47
Honkala Welding and Fab		$	600.00
		$	**13,696.17**
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS			
UPEA	EGLE FAR Issue	**$**	**405.75**
MUNICIPAL STREET			
UPEA		**$**	**996.90**
AGGASSIZ PARK			
Waste Management		**$**	**450.00**
ATTORNEY FEES			
Kirkpatrick, Slough, Duitsman-Coy & Mott, PLC		**$**	**450.00**
EVENTS			
Calumet Theatre	Movie Licenses	$	650.00
Amazon	Event Supplies	$	678.49
		$	**1,328.49**
		$	**35,791.54**

TO: Calumet Village Council

FROM: Big Annie Statue Advisory Committee

DATE: October 14, 2025

RE: Proposal for Location of Big Annie Statue

On October 2, 2025, Megan Haselden met with several members of our Team Annie Committee to review potential locations within Greenspace Park for the placement of the Big Annie statue. We were very pleased to learn that the Village Council has approved relocating the Theatre bell and the two historic signs from the grassy parcel next to the Theatre to another spot along the walkway.

This decision makes the grassy parcel next to the Theatre an ideal, more spacious location for the statue — far more suitable than the smaller sites previously considered.

We are respectfully requesting Village Council approval to locate the Big Annie statue on this grassy parcel adjacent to the Theatre. To support this request, we offer the following details:

Statue and Base Specifications

- Estimated statue weight: 500–700 lbs
- Bronze base dimensions: 4 ft x 4 ft, with a decorative brick design
- Recommended concrete pad: 10 ft x 10 ft, 7–8 inches deep (one step up)
- Statue will be securely anchored using large bolts through the bronze base into the concrete foundation — a standard installation method used by the sculptor for numerous projects.
- We will consult with George Kiiskila, structural engineer at UP Engineering, to review and confirm the installation plan.

Proposed Landscaping and Site Design

We have also begun discussions with Karl Dietzler, Landscape Architect with the Keweenaw National Historical Park, to explore potential landscaping concepts.

Our current vision includes:

- A brick walkway leading up to the statue, with an additional circular brick walkway surrounding the base.
- Donor recognition bricks integrated into the walkway design
- A possible interpretive wayside sign near the statue, sharing the story and legacy of Big Annie.

We welcome continued collaboration with the Village Council to refine these landscaping and site details.

Project Timeline

- Sculpture Completion: The clay sculpture is nearing completion at the artist's studio in Port Clinton, Ohio. Anita and Paul Campbell will conduct a final viewing and approval visit on November 21.

- Foundry Work: Delivery to the foundry is expected in early December, with the bronzing process taking approximately 3–4 months.

- Estimated Delivery to Calumet: Early March 2026.

- Storage: The finished statue will be stored at Coppertown Museum until installation.

Dave Sladek, a member of our Team Annie Committee, has generously offered to use his equipment for both unloading and storage at Coppertown, as well as delivery to Greenspace Park at the time of installation.

Fundraising and Community Support

Thanks to strong community support, our fundraising is on track to cover the statue, landscaping, brick walkway and interpretive sign. Should there be any surplus funds, Team Annie plans to donate the remaining amount to the Village of Calumet, earmarked for ongoing maintenance and future landscaping enhancements at the statue site.

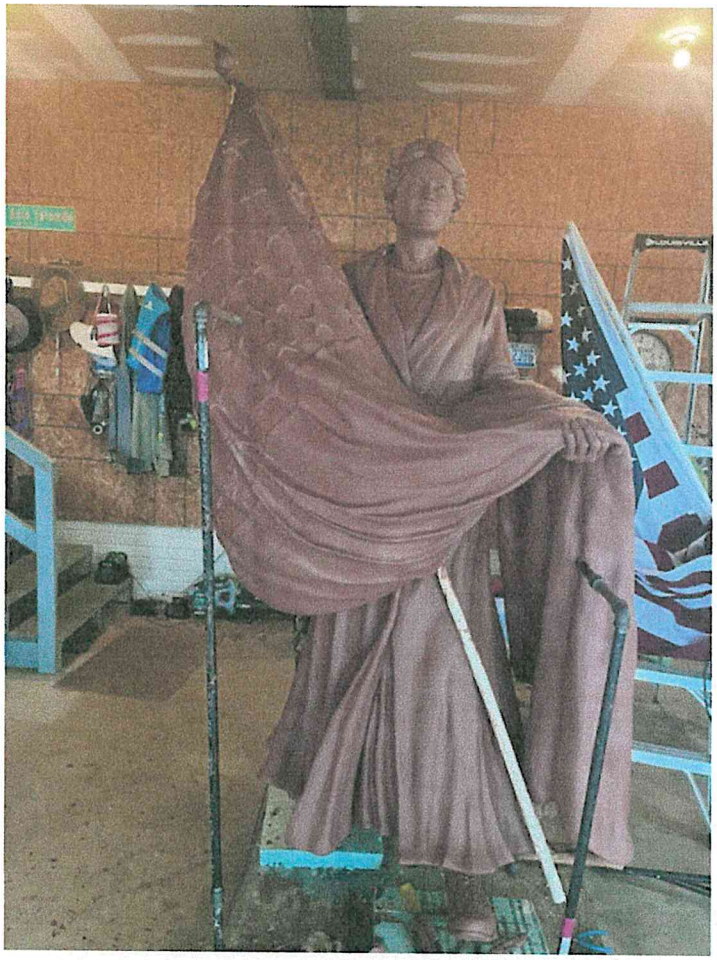
Once installation and landscaping are complete, we look forward to hosting a dedication ceremony in late summer or early fall, celebrating Big Annie's legacy with the entire community.

We sincerely thank the Calumet Village Council for your ongoing support of this project and for partnering with us to honor the enduring legacy of Big Annie. It is our heartfelt wish to gift this statue to the Village of Calumet as a lasting tribute to a remarkable woman who continues to inspire generations.

Best Regards,

Team Annie Committee

Vada Riederich, Anita Campbell, Jackie Mishica, Deb North, Lynn Mazzolini, Mark Spreitzer, Dave Sladek, Kayleigh White, Barb Summersett, Alex Johnson, Katie Proctor, Bettina Gregor, Cathy Perkowitz



This is a photo from early September before stripes were put on flag. Also some bulk taken off the bottom of flag,