CALUMET VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2025
CALUMET VILLAGE TOWNHALL, 340 SIXTH STREET
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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