

**In The Matter Of:**  
*Before the Calumet Township  
Board of Trustees*

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*January 03, 2023  
Regular Meeting*

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6 BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
7 GARY, INDIANA

8 REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS had at the meeting  
9 before the Calumet Township Board of Trustees,  
10 reported by Beth A. Barnette, CSR and Notary Public,  
11 Illinois License No. 084-004727, held at 610  
12 Connecticut Street, Gary, Indiana, on the 3rd day of  
13 January, 2023, at 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

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APPEARANCES

Jacqueline Holmes, Board Chairwoman

Michael Protho, Board Secretary

James Piggee, Board Member

Deidre Monroe, Board Attorney

Kimberly Robinson, Township Trustee

Sherita Smith, Chief Deputy

Rinzer Williams, III, Township Attorney

Toyka Cunningham, Executive Secretary

Gladys Miller, Finance Manager

Steve Dalton, Financial Advisor

and

Members of the Public

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CHAIRWOMAN HOLMES: Good afternoon,  
everyone. Welcome to our Board meeting on  
this date. Let's all stand for the Pledge of  
Allegiance.

(Pledge of Allegiance recited.)

CHAIRWOMAN HOLMES: Thank you.

MS. CUNNINGHAM: Okay. Roll call.

Mr. Piggee?

MR. PIGGEE: Present.

MS. CUNNINGHAM: Mr. Protho?

MR. PROTHO: Present.

MS. CUNNINGHAM: Ms. Holmes?

CHAIRWOMAN HOLMES: Present.

ATTORNEY MONROE: At this time we're  
going to have reorganization, and there are  
two offices to be reorganized; that is, the  
office of the Chairman of the Board and as  
well as the Secretary.

So at this time we will open any  
nominations as it relates to the Chairman of  
the Board.

MR. PROTHO: I'd like to nominate  
for Chairman of the Board Ms. Holmes.

ATTORNEY MONROE: Do you accept it?

MR. PIGGEE: I second it.

1 ATTORNEY MONROE: Do you accept it?  
2 CHAIRWOMAN HOLMES: Yes, I accept.  
3 ATTORNEY MONROE: Roll call, please.  
4 MS. CUNNINGHAM: Mr. Piggee?  
5 MR. PIGGEE: Yes.  
6 MS. CUNNINGHAM: Mr. Protho?  
7 MR. PROTHO: Yes.  
8 MS. CUNNINGHAM: Ms. Holmes?  
9 CHAIRWOMAN HOLMES: Yes.  
10 ATTORNEY MONROE: And at this time I  
11 will additionally open up the nomination as  
12 relates to Secretary for the Board to serve  
13 the term -- I should have said that the last  
14 time, for 2023.  
15 CHAIRWOMAN HOLMES: And I would like  
16 to nominate Mr. Michael Protho.  
17 ATTORNEY MONROE: Mr. Protho, do you  
18 accept that nomination?  
19 MR. PROTHO: Yes.  
20 MS. CUNNINGHAM: It needs to be  
21 seconded.  
22 MR. PIGGEE: Second.  
23 MS. CUNNINGHAM: Roll call.  
24 Mr. Piggee?  
25 MR. PIGGEE: Yes.

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1 MS. CUNNINGHAM: Mr. Protho?

2 MR. PROTHO: Yes.

3 MS. CUNNINGHAM: And Ms. Holmes?

4 CHAIRWOMAN HOLMES: Yes.

5 MS. CUNNINGHAM: Approval of the  
6 minutes?

7 CHAIRWOMAN HOLMES: I'd like to take  
8 a motion to approve the minutes of the last  
9 meeting.

10 MR. PROTHO: I move that we accept  
11 the minutes from the last meeting.

12 MR. PIGGEE: I second.

13 CHAIRWOMAN HOLMES: Any corrections  
14 or additions? None.

15 MS. CUNNINGHAM: Okay. Roll call.

16 Mr. Piggee?

17 MR. PIGGEE: Yes.

18 MS. CUNNINGHAM: Mr. Protho?

19 MR. PROTHO: Yes.

20 MS. CUNNINGHAM: Ms. Holmes?

21 CHAIRWOMAN HOLMES: Yes.

22 ATTORNEY MONROE: Counsel, do we  
23 have to vote to amend the agenda to add the  
24 contract?

25 ATTORNEY WILLIAMS: Absolutely.

1 CHAIRWOMAN HOLMES: At this time we  
2 would like to take a motion to amend the  
3 meeting agenda to approve the legal contract  
4 for 2023.

5 MR. PROTHO: I move that we accept  
6 the motion to amend the agenda.

7 MR. PIGGEE: And I second.

8 MS. CUNNINGHAM: Okay. Mr. Piggee?

9 MR. PIGGEE: Yes.

10 MS. CUNNINGHAM: Ms. Holmes?

11 CHAIRWOMAN HOLMES: Yes.

12 MS. CUNNINGHAM: And Mr. Protho?

13 MR. PROTHO: Yes.

14 CHAIRWOMAN HOLMES: I'd like to make  
15 a motion to accept the legal contract for  
16 2023.

17 MS. CUNNINGHAM: Now whose contract  
18 is that exactly?

19 CHAIRWOMAN HOLMES: Judge Deidre  
20 Monroe.

21 MR. PROTHO: I move that we accept  
22 the contract for Judge Deidre Monroe for 2023.

23 MR. PIGGEE: And I second the motion  
24 on that.

25 MS. CUNNINGHAM: Okay. Mr. Piggee?

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1 MR. PIGGEE: Yes.

2 MS. CUNNINGHAM: Mr. Protho?

3 MR. PROTHO: Yes.

4 MS. CUNNINGHAM: And Ms. Holmes?

5 CHAIRWOMAN HOLMES: Yes. Do we have  
6 any comments from the public?

7 (No immediate response.)

8 CHAIRWOMAN HOLMES: Trustee, do you  
9 have any comments?

10 TRUSTEE ROBINSON: No. I would just  
11 like to say Happy New Year. Congratulations  
12 to you all in your Board appointments. And if  
13 I could just make a note that I would try to  
14 say, instead of Judge Deidre Monroe, just  
15 Attorney Deidre Monroe that we are accepting  
16 the contract with. Thank you.

17 CHAIRWOMAN HOLMES: Thank you.  
18 Board comments. Mr. Piggee?

19 MR. PIGGEE: No.

20 CHAIRWOMAN HOLMES: Mr. Protho?

21 MR. PROTHO: I just want to wish  
22 everybody a Happy New Year. I don't have any  
23 comments right now.

24 MR. PIGGEE: Can I say this, Happy  
25 New Year to everyone, and this is going to be



1 a fantastic year, 2023. We are really, really  
2 looking into it because I know the Trustee and  
3 her assistant, they're going to be outstanding  
4 and they are outstanding, and we're going to  
5 have a good, good year this year.

6 CHAIRWOMAN HOLMES: Thank you.

7 ATTORNEY MONROE: And I assume we  
8 should have done the second reorganization  
9 instead of --

10 ATTORNEY WILLIAMS: No, no, that's  
11 fine. That's a separate meeting. That's the  
12 finance part.

13 ATTORNEY MONROE: Okay.

14 CHAIRWOMAN HOLMES: At this time we  
15 can adjourn the meeting.

16 MR. PROTHO: I move to adjourn.

17 CHAIRWOMAN HOLMES: Meeting is  
18 adjourned.

19 (Proceedings concluded at  
20 4:08 p.m.)

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11 above-entitled matter, at the time and place herein  
12 before set forth; and I do further certify that the  
13 foregoing transcript, consisting of eight  
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15 transcript of my said stenographic notes, to the  
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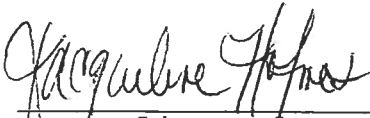
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4 THE CALUMET TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
 5 GARY, INDIANA

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 7 These minutes of the Calumet Township  
 8 Board meeting, held on January 3, 2023, were  
 9 approved by the Board of Trustees on the 3rd day  
 10 of January, 2023.

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 15 Jacqueline Holmes, Board Chairwoman

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 19 Michael Prothro, Board Secretary

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 24 James Piggee, Board Member

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