



# Houghton County Land Bank Authority 2016 Annual Report

## Board of Directors:

Kathleen Beattie, Chairperson;

John Haeussler, Secretary; James Hainault, Treasurer;

Glenn Anderson; Tom Tikkanen.

The Houghton County Land Bank Authority (LBA) Board of Directors met one time in 2016: October 17.

The board elected to retain the 2015 officers with Director Haeussler serving as secretary and Director Hainault serving as treasurer.

Entering 2016 the LBA had twenty-three (23) properties in its inventory. Parcel 31-010-503-013-00, Dodgeville, was sold via side lot disposition for \$100.00. Parcels 31-041-106-008-50, 31-041-106-009-00, 31-041-420-136-00, and 31-041-420-137-00, Calumet, were sold for \$100.00 for the purpose of rehabilitation. (Table 1, Properties 1-5.)

The Houghton County treasurer foreclosed thirty-six (36) properties in 2016. The board discussed many of the tax-foreclosed properties and the majority of them were visited by one or more board members for visual inspection.

Prior to the first public tax sale auction the LBA expressed interest in obtaining six (6) properties to be transferred via side lot disposition. At the request of the LBA the county commissioners approved the county's purchase of parcels 31-001-200-084-00, 31-002-007-174-00, 31-005-177-018-00, 31-014-329-024-00, 31-044-131-001-25, and 31-044-131-001-50 from the county treasurer and the sale of said properties by the county to the LBA. The LBA subsequently sold each of these properties via side lot disposition to county residents for the purchase price plus ten percent (10%). (Table 1, Properties 6-11.)

Following the second and final public tax sale auction six (6) unsold properties were rejected by their local units of government and subsequently were conveyed to the LBA by the Houghton County Treasurer. (Table 1, Properties 12-17.)

At the close of 2016 the LBA had twenty-four (24) properties in its inventory. (Table 2.)

**Table 1: 2016 LBA Property Transactions**

<u>Property Address</u>	<u>2016 Transactions</u>
1. Parcel 31-010-503-013-00 Dodgeville (Portage Township)	Sold to county residents for \$100.00 via side lot disposition.
2. Parcel 31-041-106-008-50 3. Parcel 31-041-106-009-00 308-310 Fifth Street 4. Parcel 31-041-420-136-00 5. Parcel 31-041-420-137-00 Fourth Street Calumet (Village of Calumet)	Quello Block and Kirby building. Sold to Restoration Capital for \$100.00 for the purpose of rehabilitation.
6. Parcel 31-001-200-084-00 7. Parcel 31-002-007-174-00 8. Parcel 31-005-177-018-00 9. Parcel 31-014-329-024-00 10. Parcel 31-044-131-001-25 11. Parcel 31-044-131-001-50	2016 tax foreclosures purchased from county. Sold to county residents via side lot disposition.
12. Parcel 31-002-120-016-00 13. Parcel 31-011-101-003-00 14. Parcel 31-014-470-001-00 15. Parcel 31-014-657-014-00 16. Parcel 31-014-660-010-00 17. Parcel 31-041-131-014-20	Conveyed to LBA via MCL 211.78m and MCL 124.755.

**Table 2: 2016 LBA Property Inventory**

<u>Property Address</u>	<u>Comments/Status</u>
1. Parcel 31-001-081-005-50 15331 Second Street Painesdale (Adams Township)	Champion Mine No. 4 site. County treasurer received 2016 DEQ grants for baseline environmental assessment and removal of scrap tires. LBA intends to seek grant opportunities for cleanup.
2. Parcel 31-001-200-055-00 15125 Baltic Street Painesdale (Adams Township)	Vacant lot.
3. Parcel 31-001-400-015-00 44376 Seventh Avenue Trimountain (Adams Township)	Vacant lot. LBA granted water line easement to Adams Township.
4. Parcel 31-002-120-016-00 26364 Atlantic Street Laurium (Calumet Township)	Blighted house.
5. Parcel 31-002-420-111-00 57435 Fourth Street Calumet (Calumet Township)	One half of duplex.
6. Parcel 31-004-006-003-00 Sidnaw (Duncan Township)	Vacant lot.
7. Parcel 31-006-007-009-00 21903 New Street Boston (Franklin Township)	Vacant lot.
8. Parcel 31-011-101-003-00 Quincy Hill (Quincy Township)	Sliver of vacant land.
9. Parcel 31-014-470-001-00 Hubbell (Torch Lake Township)	Vacant ravine.
10. Parcel 31-014-657-014-00 Acadia (Torch Lake Township)	Vacant lot.
11. Parcel 31-014-660-010-00 Acadia (Torch Lake Township)	Vacant lot.
12. Parcel 31-041-105-14-00 13. Parcel 31-041-105-15-00 426 Fifth Street Calumet (Village of Calumet)	Formerly Erkkila's Garage. DEQ environmental assessment has been completed.

Table 2: **2016 LBA Property Inventory** (continued)

<u>Property Address</u>	<u>Comments/Status</u>
14. Parcel 31-041-121-010-00 439 Pine Street Calumet (Village of Calumet)	Formerly Rose & Thorn. These seven (7) parcels include a blighted, unoccupied storefront on the northeast corner of Pine and Fifth Streets and several adjacent vacant lots. LBA intends to collaborate with the village regarding a desirable redevelopment strategy that addresses the future of these parcels as a whole rather than as seven (7) individual pieces.
15. Parcel 31-041-121-010-10	
16. Parcel 31-041-121-010-20	
17. Parcel 31-041-121-010-30	
18. Parcel 31-041-121-011-00	
19. Parcel 31-041-121-012-00	
20. Parcel 31-041-121-013-00 451 Pine Street and environs Calumet (Village of Calumet)	
21. Parcel 31-041-128-009-00 Fifth Street Calumet (Village of Calumet)	Formerly Sullivan Livery. DEQ environmental assessment has been completed.
22. Parcel 31-041-131-014-20 316 Seventh Street Calumet (Village of Calumet)	Severely blighted residence. LBA and/or county treasurer intends to seek grant funding for demolition.
23. Parcel 31-041-141-016-00 417 Seventh Street Calumet (Village of Calumet)	Vacant lot.
24. Parcel 31-043-269-010-00 1406 Calumet Street Lake Linden (Village of L Linden)	Vacant lot.

The LBA receives no outside funding for its operations. At the close of 2016 the LBA's bank account contained a balance of \$48,328.75.

Questions regarding this report should be addressed to:

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