

VILLAGE OF CALEDONIA

County of Kent, Michigan

Village Council Meeting Minutes

For Monday January 10th, 2022 7:00 p.m.

250 S. Maple St. SE

Caledonia, MI 49316

Meeting was called to order by President Lindsey at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members present were; Neil, Miller, Soest, Hahn, Schuler, Erskine and Lindsey. Also present was Manager/Clerk Thornton and Treasurer Eardley.

There was no public comment.

No inquiry of conflicts of interest were heard.

Moved by Neil, supported by Soest to approve the agenda and consent agenda, consisting of the minutes of the January 10th meeting, treasurers report, to pay the bills. Motion passed unanimously.

Reports from Engineer and Consultants were received.

Thornton attended that the last school board meeting and provided information as to the school districts activities. Lindsey reported some of the Townships activities

The manager reported on various activities including; Snow removal, overnight parking, Christmas clean up and equipment repairs, He also reported that we had received \$85,000 of the ARPA funds so far.

There was no unfinished business.

Moved by Soest, supported by Schuler to accept the 2022 meeting dates. Motion passed unanimously.

President Lindsey explained that one of her goals for her term is to examine some of our ordinances to determine if they are still applicable and enforceable. Council was provided with Chapter 8 of our code to take the time to review and be prepared to discuss.

Manager Thornton provided council with a notification that the village had received regarding a notice of Migration of Contamination, regarding the now BP gas station. He has contacted the Kent County Drain Commissioner who will be investigating and reporting back to the manager.

Speaking during public comment, Jeremy Drisco spoke on the recent ordinance amendment and wondered about enforcement of others. Elizabeth Crosby spoke that her neighbor's mother had received a warning regarding winter time parking rules on the windshield of her car when she was not in violation. She also commented that she felt that the manager should be more diligent in finding out more information on the migration of contamination.

During council comments Erskine commented on the snowmobiles driving around the village recently and how they came very close to hitting a well head. President Lindsey responded to Mr. Drisco, explaining that most of our ordinances are complaint driven and they will be dealt with when complaints are made.

The manager responded to Mrs. Crosby in that staff had not placed any notices on windshields and mistakenly placed them in mailboxes. The manger also asked to see the notice because staff had written the license plates on them (of which the one Mrs.

Crosby had knowledge of, had none). The manager explained that it is not uncommon for folks to remove them from their own vehicle and place them on others. He also apologized that Mrs. Crosby felt the way she did about his handling of the contamination notice, but by letting the more knowledgeable and higher authorities track down some explanation was in his opinion the best course of action.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Jeffrey D. Thornton, Village Clerk
