

# **VILLAGE OF CALEDONIA**

County of Kent, Michigan

## **Village Council Meeting Minutes** For Monday March 14<sup>th</sup>, 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, Miller, Schuler, Erskine and Lindsey. Also present was Manager/Clerk Thornton and Treasurer Eardley.

There was no public comment.

There were no correspondence.

No inquiry of conflicts of interest were heard.

Bill Neil requested the addition of two items for discussion; a- Another access between the D&W area, across Emmons drain and through the cemetery. b- speed radar signs. The manager requested that due to the amount of action items, to move the ongoing review of Chapter 8 of our Ordinances from 11a. to 12g. Moved by Schuler, supported by Miller to approve the agenda as amended, consent agenda, consisting of the minutes of the February 14th meeting, treasurers report, to pay the bills. Motion passed unanimously.

President Lindsey reported on the enhancement committees work on an April 16<sup>th</sup> Easter Egg Hunt.

Reports from Engineer and Consultants were received.

It was communicated that at the last school board meeting the district strategic plan was discussed along with routine items. Recent township activities were reported on.

The manager reported on various activities including; Pot holes and the much-anticipated Kinsey Street Project. The process that the village has been testing for He also presented his findings of research that he had done that all of the communities that he found that do allow for anonymous zoning complaints, employ a dedicated zoning enforcement officer.

Tabled Item "Village of Caledonia Code of Ethics and Conduct for Elected and Appointed Officials" Moved by Lindsey, supported by Erskine to table this action. Motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Hahn, supported by Soest to enter into an agreement with Fleis & Vandenbrink for oversight and on-site management of the Kinsey Street Project, Motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Schuler, supported by Soest, to enter into an annual lease agreement in the amount of \$2,500/year with Burnip's Equipment for the lease of a utility loader / tractor. Motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Miller, supported by Erskine, to accept the franchise ordinance with Consumers Energy as prepared by the Village Attorney. Motion passed unanimously.

The Village Council was asked to review a proposed cemetery ordinance of the Township's. Comments were received by the manager to be passed on to the Township.

Trustee Neil offered the idea of the installation of a street to connect North Street and Higley to allow for vehicle a more direct and potentially safer way of getting to and from “downtown” to the Glen Valley Business District. After much discussion, the manager was asked to bring some information regarding the possibility.

Trustee Neil expressed that he felt that the radar signs that the manager had brought up in the past were beneficial. The manager stated that he would get pricing on purchasing and the use of the KCSD radar trailer.

Jeremy Drisco spoke as to not wanting to allow for anonymous zoning complaints and that people should try speaking to folks before making official complaints.

The manager read a letter that he had received from a Ms. Tessa Peters regarding trash.

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Jeffrey D. Thornton, Village Clerk

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