

VILLAGE OF CALEDONIA

County of Kent, Michigan

Village Council Meeting Minutes

For Monday November 14th, 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; Soest, Hahn, Miller, Schuler and Lindsey. Absent were Neil and Erskine, Also present was the Manager and Treasurer.

Moved by Miller, supported by Soest to approve the consent agenda minutes of the October 10th meeting, treasurers report and pay the bills. with PA-152 annual opt out being pulled at the request of Trustee Hahn. Motion passed unanimously.

The Treasurer presented that with the December 1st healthcare plan renewal showing a projected 9% increase over last year, that the manager had obtained information on a variety of options for healthcare, including several that would not only save the village money but add dental and optical coverage for employees. The employees are currently on an HMO with varying employee contribution amounts. Motion was made by Miller supported by Soest to move the employees to a Priority Health HMO / HSA plan, including Delta Dental and Optical with employees contributing 10% of the premium cost. Motion passed unanimously.

Draft minutes of the PC was received. It was also indicated that PC member Roberston had been miss identified as Richardson

Jon Moxey gave an update on Kinsey Street finalization along with other activities including helping with inspections for site plan and occupancy certificates.

Miller reported on Cal Comm. School board activities and its new board.

President Lindsey reported on the most recent township board meeting and their board has authorized a conditional liquor license to the Vanderhoff's who own a building on Main Street.

The manager spoke of the village's manpower shortage and the difficulty getting prospects to either pass the physical or drug test. He also brought to the attention of council the difficulties of leaf pickup with the lack of physical labor and breakdowns with equipment. He thanked Karen Hast for spending a few days, volunteering to rake leaves with Jeff and Jim. Jeff reminded everyone that snow will soon be upon us and odd / even parking will be soon a challenge. The manger brought to the attention that with the concurrence of the president, an emergency order for yard waste bags had been placed with Caledonia Village Hardware (who has now held their price for three orders) in that usage has increased due to more residents bagging their leaves. The bags were budgeted

Mr. Hall was not in attendance to present the audit.

Moved by Soest, supported by Hahn for a resolution adopting the proposed Village of Caledonia General Development Plan Update. Motion passed unanimously.

It was explained that with the change in the villages healthcare plan it was no longer needed to opt out of PA152.

Several council members commented on the ease of understanding and comprehension of the information in this evening meeting in that a lot of good questions were asked, answered and some very important decisions were made affecting our current and future staff.

Meeting was adjourned at 8p.m..

Jeffrey D. Thornton, Village Clerk

