

VILLAGE OF CALEDONIA

County of Kent, Michigan

Village Council Meeting Minutes

For Monday July 10th 2023 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, Erskine, Niles and Lindsey, Also present was Treasurer Eardley and Manager Thornton.

Moved by Miller, supported by Schuler to approve the consent minutes of the June 12th meeting, treasurers report and pay the bills. Motion passed unanimously.

Consultant reports were provided in the packet.

Activities of the DPW during Western Week with some hiccups were experienced but a meeting to review and already start preparing for next year would be happening with Terry Muller. Fourth of July also had some hiccups with traffic control. This years drought is hampering the growth of everything. The manager reported that the asphalt patching that had been discussed in budget workshop had been performed and billed in the last fiscal year as discussed.

It was moved by Schuler and supported by Soest, to adopt the resolution to adopt an ordinance to amend the zoning ordinance (Site Plan O04-23) of the Village of Caledonia. Motion passed unanimously.

The enforcement of our golf cart ordinance was discussed and that staff was working with our attorney for clarification and assistance.

The sound amplifier ordinance was discussed as there seems to be a growing number of events that occur on Sundays' and it was discussed if there was a need for the ordinance at all, since we already have nuisance and disorderly provisions in our ordinances. The manager is to forward to the attorney to see if there is a need or at least the provision for no Sunday uses of amplifiers.

The safety of the attendees of parades within the village was discussed and it seems that candy seems to be the biggest problem. Someone mentioned that most parades have entries register so that each can be told about and Sec 8.21(3) is pretty clear that if they violate, not only may they not be allowed back but may see fines. The manager said he would check around and see what municipalities around us do and report back.

Ms. Lulu Brown of the Kent District Library, Caledonia Branch, just wanted to say "Hi" and spoke briefly about how active the library is. Mr. Erskine asked if there had been any issues with the opening of the splash pad? Ms. Brown explained that there had been some with parking that should resolve itself and there had been one instance of two children entering into the library still wet.

Mr. Swift spoke on golf carts and the possibility of a public meeting about the problem

Mr. Allen spoke also of golf carts and how he felt that there needs to be some self-policing by operators. He also suggested some sort of sticky note pads that other golf cart operators may be able to stick on golf carts that had been observed not complying with the law.

Mr. Swift again spoke in that he had belonged to a car club that had bad experience with children running out for candy and that most communities had banned candy being thrown.

Erskin asked why we were recently worried about enforcing our laws?

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.



Jeffrey D. Thornton, Village Clerk