

VILLAGE OF CALEDONIA

County of Kent, Michigan

Village Council Meeting Minutes

For Monday October 9th 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, Lindsey and Niles, Also present was Treasurer Eardley and Manager Thornton.

The manager requested that the subject of Vine Street paving be added to the agenda.

Moved by Schuler, supported by Niles to approve the consent minutes of the September 11th meeting, treasurers report and pay the bills. Motion passed unanimously.

Consultant reports were provided in the packet and Jon Moxey was on hand for any questions. He reported that there had been an agreement drawn up for the Joint Recreation Plan as in past years. The manager stated that it seemed a bit unbalanced as to the Village paying half of the cost of the Recreation Plan while receiving hardly any benefit compared to the townships benefit and that it should be addressed on the occasion of the next plan renewal. There was no objection as to paying for half of the cost of this recreation plan.

Thornton reported on the activities of the DPW and other activities. He reminded council that even though the leaf vac is back, it's use does not normally start until at least half of the village's tree canopy has fallen but until then folks can still bag their leaves. He also said that we are also preparing for snow season and that we currently have about 50t of salt on hand. He also noted that we have a new casual employee to assist in our DPW and that he would be starting very soon.

The golf cart ordinance, as prepared by the attorney was reviewed. After some discussion, it was asked that the attorney be requested to attend the next meeting to answer questions; Mainly the need to add "spouse, father, mother, brother, sister, son, daughter, or other immediate members of the family."? In previous correspondence the attorney just recommended the language include owner and operator,

Lt. Kieft was not in attendance to be introduced.

The manager reported that a catch basin is in need of repair at the intersection of Vine and Vine and that the asphalt company was looking at the basin marked some asphalt in the area for repair at the same time at a reduced cost. The prices provided was \$1,850 for the catch basin and \$3,000 for the additional asphalt work. Trustee Nile had stated that he had looked in the area and felt that he felt the asphalt company had marked a large amount of areas to be fixed for \$3,000. Moved by Niles, supported by Miller to have A-1 Asphalt make the repairs. Motion passed unanimously.

Jeff Kusmierz spoke that he is interested in the open position on the Planning Commission and that a lot of cement and paving problems can be prevented by spraying the weeds once a year.

Trustee asked that everyone say prayers of Roger Loring who is not doing well and Trustee

Jeffrey D. Thornton, Village Clerk