

VILLAGE OF CALEDONIA

County of Kent, Michigan

Village Council Meeting Minutes

For Monday November 13th 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.

Trustee Miller offered a moment of silence for a resident family who very recently suffered the lose of a very young child.

Members present were; Soest, Hahn, Miller, Schuler, Erskine, Lindsey and Niles, also present was Treasurer Eardley, Attorney Stegink and Manager Thornton.

Moved by Miller, supported by Schuler to approve the consent minutes of the October 9th meeting, treasurers report and pay the bills. Motion passed unanimously.

Consultant reports were provided in the packet and Jon Moxey was on hand and presented that the Village had received preliminary notice that we are approved to make application with MDOT for the Category "B" project that we had outlined. It was moved by Niles and supported by Soest to; To accept the MDOT Category B grant in the amount of \$368,000. To enter into an agreement with FLEIS & VANDENBRINK ENGINEERING, INC for Engineering Services in the amount of \$42,80 and to allocate the ARPA funds to be used as a match for the grant. With a roll call vote; motion passed unanimously.

Miller reported that the school board had been having discussions on the superintendent search.

Thornton reported on the activities of the DPW and other activities. He reminded council that he volunteers his time and the village volunteers the use of the tractor to assist in the hanging of the sports banners through the village by simply assisting in lifting folks hanging the banners and that many of them are hung by family members without any assistance. He also reported on a recent meeting with NOAA regarding this winter's weather forecast, which is calling for less precipitation and warmer temperatures which means greater chance of ice for us. The Village in no way are responsible for the banners condition, presentation. He spoke that leaf pickup has been ongoing and that it should slow down, if not come to a halt while staff prepares for Christmas in Caledonia. Mr. Erskine commented that he does not see any fewer piles and questioned if vacuuming is happening. Mrs. Schuler and Mr. Nile commented that they had seen crews working and hauling large volumes of leaves contradictory to what Mr. Erskine believes.

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. The manager reported that enforcement continues to be an issue. Mrs. Miller questioned of any liability to the Village if a child was injured? Attorney Stegink stated that she would look into Torts and report back. A motion was made by Schuler and supported by Hahn to Table the issue until the next meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

At a meeting convened of the Caledonia Planning Commission; Action was take to forward to the Village Council a Solar Ordinance with their recommendation. It was also noted that the Planning Commission did hold a public hearing on the ordinance. A motion was made by Niles, supported by Schuler to direct the manager to prepare the appropriate documentation for implementing the recommended Solar Ordinance. Motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Miller and supported by Soest to renew the employees Priority Health HMO/HAS plan, including Delta Dental and Optical with employee's contribution 10% of the premium cost and receiving a monthly HAS contribution and Opt out of PA152 for 2024. Motion was passed unanimously.

After receiving two quotes: A motion was made by Schuler and supported by Niles, to direct the manager to purchase new computers from IT Solutions and dispose of the old ones for fair market value. The motion passed unanimously.

Derek Hall of the Michigan Department of Treasury reviewed with the council the 2022-2023 audit and reported that the Village was in a very good financial position and was poised to responsibly fund future purchases and projects.

The President asked all of council to assist in making Christmas in Caledonia a great event.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:38p.m.

Jeffrey D. Thornton, Village Clerk-

