

VILLAGE OF CALEDONIA

County of Kent, Michigan

Village Council Meeting Minutes

For Monday February 12th 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; Hahn, Miller, Schuler, Niles, Lindsey, also present was Attorney Stegink, Treasurer Eardley and Manager Thornton. Trustees Soest and Erskine were absent.

Chuck Swift spoke on agenda item Rental/Inspections in that he was in favor and that it not only protects the renters but neighbors. Sharon Haas spoke on agenda item Rental/Inspections in that it is an intrusion on Liberty and Justice but also wrong. Landlord screen tenants and it is government overreach. Hallie McNeil spoke on agenda item Rental/Inspections who recently purchased property on Main St and will be moving Sugar Momma's there that does have rentals on the property and expressed that rental inspections are not good use of the Village's resources. Keely Shay spoke on agenda item Rental/Inspections and is just back to the 203 Main St who has since 2020 paid more attention to local government and that government is taking away freedoms and that it is a conflict to interest. Shay also commented on her lack of ability to call and speak with the President and questioned why it took so long for the agenda to be posted on the website, was there a public hearing on the Rental/Inspection discussion and wanted to know what complaints there were. The village attorney replied to Shay that a public hearing was not required. Chuck Swift readdressed the council that there have been issues with garbage in a garage and that after power had been shut off to a well the landlord ran wires across the floor of an entire home and connected to another unit. McNeil reiterated that the agenda had not been posted prior to early this evening on the website.

Moved by Miller, supported by Schuler to approve the agenda, minutes of the January 8th and 22nd meetings (with noted correctios), Treasurer's report and approve payment of the bills. Motion passed unanimously.

The annual report of the Planning Commission was received.

Jon Moxey of Flies and Vanderbrink reported that he would be meeting with staff on the category B grant work to be done and that the Manager and he would be working with the GVMC to secure funding for the next Kinsey St. project.

Written reports from Engineers and Consultants were received.

Trustee Miller reported on recent meetings of Caledonia Community Schools.

President Lindsey reported on recent meetings of the Township.

The manger reported on activities of the DPW and various other topics.

Moved by Hahn, supported by Niles to adopt a Resolution (R04-24) that the Village of Caledonia appoints the Village Manager to be the signature of documents with the State of Michigan for the category B grant. Motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Schuler, supported by Miller to table item 11b. Village Manager-Flex time. Due to a full agenda and the subject may take an excessive amount of time. Motion passed unanimously.

Council had brief discussion on having a public hearing to receive information from the public. Moved by Miller, supported by Niles to table 11c. Rental Registration / Inspection discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

The President presented her list of appointments for the 2024 calendar year. Motion by Hahn, supported by Schuler to accept the recommendations (R05-24). Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Miller, supported by Niles to adopt a resolution (R03-24) to extend services including Money Markets with LCMU. Motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Schuler, supported by Miller to enter into an agreement with the State of Michigan Treasurer to provide auditing services. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Hahn, Supported by Niles to enter into an agreement with Hometown Decorations and Display LLC. For continued Christmas decoration services. Motion passed unanimously.

Chuck Swift asked that the Village go ahead and pay for sidewalks to be repaired. County Commissioner Wally Bojac introduced himself to the council and those in attendance. Keely Shay again spoke and feels that the inspection company has a conflict of interest in performing rental inspections. Andrew Flier spoke that he too is not in favor of rental inspections. Sharon Haas said that there are long periods of time wasted waiting for inspectors and that the inspections are unnecessary. Jeff Niles too feels that the Village too should pay to have sidewalks repaired.

Motion by Hahn, supported by Schuler, to meet in a closed session pursuant to Section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act to consider material which is exempt from disclosure under Section 13(1)(g) of Michigan's Freedom of Information Act. The Village Attorney, Kathryn Z. Stegink, is hereby appointed as Secretary for the purpose of taking minutes of the closed session in accordance with the Open Meetings Act. YEAS: Members: Niles, Hahn, Schuler, Miller, and Lindsey NAYS: Members: None ABSENT: Member: Soest and Erskine APPROVED by the Village Council of the Village of Caledonia at a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m., local time, on February 12, 2024. The closed session commenced at approximately 8:12 p.m. and ended at approximately 8:48 p.m. Motion by Miller, supported by Niles, to return to open session at 8:48 p.m., local time, on February 12, 2024. YEAS: Members: Niles, Hahn, Schuler, Miller, and Lindsey NAYS: Members: None ABSENT: Member: Soest and Erskine APPROVED by the Village Council of the Village of Caledonia at a regular meeting on February 12, 2024. Moved by Miller, supported by Hahn to approve following the attorney's recommendation. Motion passed unanimously.

Niles wanted to let Council know that he will not be in attendance at the next council meeting. Hahn asked for everyone to watch for Black Ice. Lindsey wanted to let council know about the changes to be expected for this year's egg hunt and that our committee would be working with Holy Family on it.

Moved by Hahn, supported by Schuler to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.
Meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Note: It was later discovered that during the brief power outage that occurred during the meeting, the video camera stopped recording.

Jeffrey D. Thornton, Village Clerk-

