

# **VILLAGE OF CALEDONIA**

County of Kent, Michigan

## **Village Council Meeting Minutes**

For Monday March 11th 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, Soest and Erskine, also present was Attorney Stegink, Treasurer Eardley and Manager Thornton.

President Lindsey informed council on the plans for the 2024 Easter Egg Hunt that was now being held on the second Saturday before Easter and will now be held at the Holy Family Parish.

The President asked if the minutes could reflect for what reason an item was tabled. Manager/Clerk Thornton said it would be no problem. The tabled item of Managers flex time was added to the agenda along with an appointment and the Oaths of office were moved in the agenda. There were some corrections to the spelling of names. Treasurer Eardley reported the intentions of moving money into Michigan Class now that the monies at LMCU have been invested into Money Market investments. Moved by Soest, supported by Miller, to accept the minutes of the February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 meeting, the Treasurers report and to pay the bills. Motion passed unanimously.

Peter Tierney of Flies and Vanderbrink reported that he would be working with staff on the category B grant work to be done. He reported that some parts of the project were being cleared up with MDOT. Trustee Erskine inquired about the side walk that comes to an abrupt end on S. Rogers Ct. Peter explained that it was planned to be installed during the 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.

The Treasurer and Clerk accepted the Oaths of office, administered by the Village President.

It was moved by Niles, supported by Hahn to have a "Workshop" on Monday April 22<sup>nd</sup> to have discussion of a Rental Registration / Inspection ordinance and ask our Planner, Fire Official, IMS and Attorney to be present to help understand such a program. Motion passed unanimously.

The President reported that the item of the Managers Flex Time should be addressed when the job description is done.

Fire Chief Scott Siler was present to explain his request to amend the Villages Fire Ordinance to somewhat be consistent with the Townships to help alleviate confusion with his staff in trying to keep differing information based on an imaginary line in the dirt. Keely Shay asked if this amendment would make things more restrictive and the Fire Chief reiterated that it was only to make them more alike. Moved by Miller, supported by Soest to adopt the Ordinance (O -24) with changes to be made by the attorney. Motion passed unanimously.

Two quotes were obtained to install a sidewalk to connect the Village Hall with the DPW. After some discussion, it was asked if another quote could be obtained with an alternate route.

It was moved by Schuler and supported by Soest, to partner with the KCRC on chip sealing Johnson, School and Main Streets for up to \$82,000. Motion passed unanimously.

The President presented Stephon "Spike" Baird as her recommendation to fill a vacant seat on the Planning Commission. Moved by Lindsey, supported by Niles to appoint Mr. Stephon to the Planning Commission. Motion passed unanimously.

Bill Robertson thanked the manager and DPW for the installation of another Dead End Street sign on Casey Court, in hopes it would stop the thru traffic folks.

Moved by Miller, supported by Hahn to go into closed session as allowed by Sec 8 of the open meetings act. Motion passed unanimously at 8:19.

Open meeting resumed at 9:15

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, Lindsey, Soest and Erskine NAYS: Members: None ABSENT: Member: APPROVED by the Village Council of the Village of Caledonia at a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m., local time, on March 11, 2024. The closed session commenced at approximately 8:19 p.m. and ended at approximately 9:15 p.m. Motion by Miller, supported by Niles, to return to open session at 9:15 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.

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Jeffrey D. Thornton, Village Clerk-

