

# **VILLAGE OF CALEDONIA**

County of Kent, Michigan

## **Minutes – Village Council Meeting**

**November 12, 2024, 7:00 p.m.**

**250 S. Maple St. SE, Caledonia, MI**

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call**
4. **Brief public comment on agenda items (2 minutes)**
  - a. Mr. Kusmierz – Congratulations to the council members that won the election, thank you Karen for your service, and rebranding comments
5. **Communications – None**
6. **Inquiry of Conflict of Interest**
7. **Approval of consent and regular agenda. \***
8. **Consent agenda. (One Motion Accepts All)**
  - a. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of October 14, 2024
  - b. Treasurer’s report
  - c. Payment of bills
    - i. **Motion by:** Hahn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Soest, **Vote: All Ayes**
9. **Reports from Council, Staff and Consultants**
  - a. Auditor Report – *Derek Hall*
    - i. Report reflects June 30, 2024 financials cash & investment numbers for all 3 ledger accounts
    - ii. Village is looking great, have enough funds to do road projects, equipment upgrades, been building reserves, wonderful cash balances, taxable value on real estate went up which boosts tax revenue
    - iii. The overages are due to manager/employee transition, lawyer fees, insurance costs
  - b. Engineers & Consultants – *Fleis & Vanden Brink, Infrastructure Alternatives*
    - i. PR plan, still working on it with Township
    - ii. Cat B project is finished, waiting for spring to see if grass grows and to touch up a few spots
    - iii. Kinsey St phase 2, submitted to the Grand Valley Metro Council for approval, if approved construction would begin in 2026 through 2029.
    - iv. Village 5-year plan for improvements/projects was submitted to manager for review
  - c. Liaisons – *School Board, Township*
    - i. School Board – presented their audit, strategic plan, and stadium work
  - d. Other Committees
  - e. DPW Foreman’s Report
    - i. Working on leaves, Christmas projects, and Full-Time employee hired
  - f. Managers’ Report
    - i. Leaf pickup started, mostly in the beginning of the week when we are fully staffed
    - ii. Road projects, come back in spring to correct any issues
    - iii. New truck should be in the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of December
    - iv. Parking Lot lights at 250 Maple will be upgraded, no cost to Village
    - v. Hired new full time DPW worker, Joe Brisco
10. **Discussion Item(s)**
  - a. Christmas in Caledonia, Dec 7<sup>th</sup>
    - i. Flyers are created, print and distribute to local businesses
    - ii. Christmas decorations have been placed on the lamp posts and around town

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- iii. Buer's will have a kids area/petting zoo, Christmas Market, the parade route is the same, food trucks, businesses encouraged to decorate, starts at 4pm, parade at 6pm.

## **11. Unfinished business**

- a. Re-Branding Campaign
  - i. Nothing new yet, received some quotes
    - **Motion to table:** Schuler, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Soest
    - **Vote - Ayes: Niles, Hahn, Soest, Miller, Schuler**  
**Nays: Erskine**
- b. Village code section 8.26 Right of Way & Parkways, still researching

## **12. New Business**

- a. Health Insurance
  - i. **Motion by:** Schuler, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hahn to select 'Full Funding of deductible, 20% employee contribution' for insurance renewal terms (column E) **Vote: All Ayes**
- b. R21-24 - Resolution for Designation of Street Administrator
  - i. **Motion by:** Erskine, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schuler, **Vote: All Ayes**

## **13. Extended Public Comments *on any topic* (3 minutes)**

- a. Mr. Kusmierz – form a trail study committee, proposal for safer scenic connecting trail route for biking
- b. Nikki Daley – formally introduced herself, newly elected trustee

## **14. Manager comments - None**

## **15. Village Council member comments and announcements**

- a. Niles – Congratulate the girls volleyball team on their first ever championship win, lake sewage issue found where it might be coming in
- b. Hahn – Happy Thanksgiving, it was a pleasure to serve the Village for 20 years
- c. Soest – Had a safe Halloween, good Christmas in Caledonia meetings, leaf vacuum in action, Have a Happy & Safe Thanksgiving
- d. Schuler – Thanks
- e. Erskine – No IAI report in packet, comments on re-branding numbers and estimates
- f. Miller – Thank you for re-electing me to council, thanks for voting and coming tonight

## **16. Adjournment**

- a. **Motion by:** Schuler to adjourn meeting

**\*Any council member shall have the right to add items to the regular agenda.**

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*Lisa Sunday, Village Clerk*