RESOLUTION NO. 2025-002 VILLAGE OF CALEDONIA

A RESOLUTION VACATING A PORTION OF THE UNIMPROVED PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR NORTH ST. CLAIR STREET

The Village Board of the Village of Caledonia, Racine County, Wisconsin, do resolve as follows:

WHEREAS, the property owners located at 713 Royal Park Road and 631 Royal Park Road have asked the Village to consider vacating a portion of unimproved right-of-way that is known as North St. Clair Street and was platted as part of the Royal Park Subdivision plat in 1964. The area of the unimproved public right-of-way requested to be vacated is depicted on **Exhibits A** included hereto; and

WHEREAS, the North St. Clair Street was platted in this manner to align with a another segment of St. Clair Street as part of the Beacon View Terrace Subdivision which was recorded in 1957. However, this right of way has never been extended entirely between these two Subdivisions due to multiple factors including a Storm Water Management Pond and private landowner acquisition in-between. This resulted in the Village having public right-of-way interests that are not necessary for public safety or convenience outside of access for the two abutting property owners; and

WHEREAS, §66.1003(4), Wisconsin Statutes requires that when right-of-way to be vacated is located between the lands of different owners, it shall be annexed to the lots to which it originally belonged if that can be ascertained and in this case the right-of-way originally belonged to the lands platted in Royal Park Subdivision. As a result, this would go back to the two abutting property owners; and

WHEREAS, the Village has no need or plans to improve the North St. Clair Street Right-of-Way in the future and will retain any necessary easements to access to any utilities that may be located therein;

WHEREAS, the public interest now requires the vacation of the areas as described above, because they are no longer needed for public right-of-way purposes;

WHEREAS, the Village Board previously commenced proceedings to consider the proposed vacation by adopting Resolution No. 2024-130 and the Village Clerk scheduled a public hearing with respect to such vacation and published a Class 3 notice of the same as provided in § 66.1003(8), Wisconsin Statutes, and served a copy of the notice on the owners of all of the frontage of the lots and lands abutting on the portions of the road rights-of-way to be vacated;

WHEREAS, a copy of the Resolution was provided to the Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation and a Lis Pendens incorporating the Resolution was recorded in the Racine County Register of Deeds Office, pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes §§ 66.1003(8)(a) and 840.11, respectively;

WHEREAS, the Village's Plan Commission at its meeting on November 25, 2024 recommended the vacation of the right-of-way as proposed herein;

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on January 28, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in accordance with the Class 3 notice and no objections to the vacation were made;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board finds that the public interest requires the vacation of said rights-of-way and said rights-of-way are hereby vacated pursuant to the authority vested in the Village Board of the Village of Caledonia by Sec. 66.1003 of the Wisconsin Statutes, except that the Village retains easements over and through said rights-of-way for any public utilities residing therein and above, including but not limited to for access, maintenance and construction thereof:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to the Village's investigation into the property ownership of the abutting properties, title will revert to two abutting properties on the plat of which they originally belonged as set forth in this Resolution such that the title to the vacated rights-of-way reverts correspondingly to Lot 4 on Block 2 and Lot 1 on Block 3 of the Royal Park Subdivision Plat.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said vacation shall not terminate the easements and rights incidental thereto to any underground or overground structures, improvements, utilities or services as may be existing and as may or may not be shown in the map and all rights of entrance, maintenance, construction of the same will continue as if the same right-of-way had not been vacated.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be final and take effect from and after its passage and recording by the Village of Caledonia pursuant to law.

Adopted by the Village Board of the Village of Caledonia, Racine County, Wisconsin, this <u>28</u> day of January, 2025.

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Jennifer Bass Village Clerk

