

**Special Village Board Meeting
October 23, 2017**

Board Present: Trustee Benkowski, Trustee Trentadue, Trustee Wanggaard, Trustee Willing, Trustee Dobbs, Trustee Wishau and President Bradley

Absent: None

Staff/Others: Administrator Tom Christensen, HR Director Toni Muise, Finance Manager Larry Borchert. Also present was Attorney Elaine Ekes

1. Call the meeting to order.

President Bradley called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m. at Village Hall, located at 5043 Chester Lane, Racine, Wisconsin.

2. Resolution 2017-114 - Resolution Approving And Authorizing The Adoption Of The 2018 Budget For The Village Of Caledonia, Authorizing, Fees, Capital Projects, And Setting Various Tax Levies

Motion by Trustee Trentadue to adopt Resolution 2017-114 Resolution Approving And Authorizing The Adoption Of The 2018 Budget For The Village Of Caledonia, Authorizing, Fees, Capital Projects, And Setting Various Tax Levies. Seconded by Trustee Benkowski.

Trustee Benkowski – aye	Trustee Dobbs – aye
Trustee Trentadue – aye	Trustee Wishau – aye
Trustee Wanggaard – aye	President Bradley - aye
Trustee Willing - aye	

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Resolution 2017-115 - Resolution Imposing A Special Charge On The 2017 Tax Roll Representing The Annual Storm Water Management Fee Against Property In The Village Of Caledonia Storm Water Utility District And Establishing The Storm Water Management Rate For Each Equivalent Residential Unit In Accordance With Sections 9-2-12(G) And (H) Of The Village Of Caledonia Code Of Ordinances For The Time Period Of 12/1/17 To 11/30/18

Motion by Trustee Benkowski to adopt Resolution 2017-115 - Resolution Imposing A Special Charge On The 2017 Tax Roll Representing The Annual Storm Water Management Fee Against Property In The Village Of Caledonia Storm Water Utility District And Establishing The Storm Water Management Rate For Each Equivalent Residential Unit In Accordance With Sections 9-2-12(G) And (H) Of The Village Of Caledonia Code Of Ordinances For The Time Period Of 12/1/17 To 11/30/18. Seconded by Trustee Trentadue. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Resolution 2017-116 - Resolution Authorizing Filling The Vacant Battalion Chief And Lieutenant Position

Motion by Trustee Dobbs to adopt Resolution 2017-116 - Resolution Authorizing Filling The Vacant Battalion Chief And Lieutenant Position. Seconded by Trustee Benkowski. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Resolution 2017-117 - Resolution Authorizing The Village Of Caledonia To Enter Into An Agreement With Aladtec To Provide Personnel Scheduling Software

Finance Committee recommended approval. Trustee Wishau stated that this is scheduling software that has been tested by the Fire Department. \$8,700 user fee. At the end of March, a list of enhancement requests will be given to the software provider.

Motion by Trustee Wishau to adopt Resolution 2017-117 Resolution Authorizing the Village of Caledonia To Enter Into An Agreement With Aladtec To Provide Personnel Scheduling Software. Seconded by Trustee Benkowski. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Ordinance 2017-19 - 2nd Reading and Possible Adoption - An Ordinance To Amend Section 9-1-1 Entitled Caledonia Water Utility District, Section 9-2-1 Caledonia Storm Water Utility District; Purpose, And Section 9-4-1 Caledonia Sewer Utility District Of The Code Of Ordinances For The Village Of Caledonia Pertaining To The Governance Of All Utility Districts By One Commission, Addressing The Utility Director Appointment And Reorganizing Existing Ordinances Into Title 9.

Motion by Trustee Trentadue to suspend the rules and read Ordinance 2017-19 by title only. Seconded by Trustee Wanggaard. Motion carried unanimously.

Clerk read the title.

Motion by Trustee Trentadue to adopt Ordinance 2017-19 An Ordinance To Amend Section 9-1-1 Entitled Caledonia Water Utility District, Section 9-2-1 Caledonia Storm Water Utility District; Purpose, And Section 9-4-1 Caledonia Sewer Utility District Of The Code Of Ordinances For The Village Of Caledonia Pertaining To The Governance Of All Utility Districts By One Commission, Addressing The Utility Director Appointment And Reorganizing Existing Ordinances Into Title 9. Seconded by Trustee Wanggaard. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Discussion and possible action on appointment to fill the office of the Village President upon vacancy that is effective November 6, 2017.

Motion by Trustee Willing to appoint Kevin Wanggaard to the position of Village President. Seconded by Trustee Wishau.

From the audience, Fran Martin asked to speak. She felt the Board should nominate someone to fill the position until the Spring Election to allow the citizens to vote for the President. To not do that would be abridgement of democracy.

Motion by Trustee Willing to amend his motion. Trustee Wishau misunderstood the process, he assumed there were several nominations and asked to withdraw his second on the motion. Trustee Willing stated he needed to change his motion, and apologized for not having the correct language. Trustee Wishau agreed with Fran Martin on the process, and wanted to ask questions to all those interested in the seat from the Board. Trustee Wishau felt that this wasn't the right forum to discuss the topic.

Trustee Benkowski said he'd be interested in the Board's opinion about the 2019 versus the 2018 election, he sided with the latter. President Bradley clarified with Benkowski if he sided with the Special Election in April. Benkowski corrects him that it's not a Special Election, but a General Election, so we are not paying a sum of \$15k - \$20k. Trustee Trentadue clarified with Benkowski if his point was so the people could choose the Village President, and he confirmed. Benkowski stated that each board member represents roughly 3,366 people, and thought the more input the better. He felt it wasn't his place to make that decision for those who put him or anyone else in office.

Trustee Willing agreed with Trustee Wishau, in that it would be useful to ask who's interested in the position, and ask each person questions. Trustee Willing had no issues with the appointment process, but felt that each Board member interested in the President's seat should provide the Board with a platform and to answer any questions the Board had for them. Benkowski interjected that it might be how Trustee Willing wanted to handle it, but he didn't share the same sentiment.

Attorney Ekes informed the Board that the statute dictates that they have broad authority when it comes to filling the vacancy and the power to appoint any position whether it be for the President or a Trustee. The Ordinance doesn't recommend a specific method, and they can set that as part of the current discussion. The Board could choose to fill the seat entirely at their discretion; it's mandated that the appointment must pass by a majority vote, and reminds them six will be voting, with four being the majority.

Trustee Benkowski responded in concern with the legality of this method. He felt the government should be transparent in their actions, and that it's important for the Board to enforce that honesty when representing the best interests of the citizens of Caledonia. He explained that anything else would be considered cronyism. Although he respects and conceded to the legal aspect, there isn't enough transparency and felt it would be political suicide.

Trustee Willing clarified with Attorney Ekes that the Board is not required to take action at all if there is a vacancy, and that there would a process for filling the Presidency anyway; if they wanted to take the next month, or several months to decide on that, they could. Attorney Ekes said there isn't a requirement but it does present a practical difficulty if you don't have a named filled President.

Attorney Ekes continued that even though there is a Resolution that outlines the perimeters of a temporary absence of the Village President and who would be the interim President in case of that event, it *only* specifies a temporary absence situation. If a current Trustee fills the vacancy of President, the Board isn't required to fill that Trustee seat immediately, and can let it be determined by an election, which wouldn't cause a practical difficulty as the Presidency vacancy would.

Motion by Trustee Trentadue to appoint Jim Dobbs. No second was made.

Motion by Trustee Trentadue to appoint Trustee Wanggaard. Seconded by Trustee Willing.

Trustee Wanggaard stated that he has been a Village Board member for 14 years, has sat on every committee or commission (except for public works), and has served as the interim President for a better part of 8 years. With the many things happening in the Village, and developments such as Foxconn coming here, his position is to go to 2019. He continued that the Village cannot afford any setbacks with anything that may come its way. He further explained when the position is appointed, the sitting President needs time; 2 to 3 months to get up to speed on privileged information that only President Bradley and Tom Christensen may know. He also pointed out that the sitting President would also have to prepare to run for Election on top of this adjustment period. He felt 5 months was not adequate time to fulfill the duty of the President seat with everything going on with development, and felt it would be a disservice to the Village, himself and the Board.

Trustee Dobbs concurred with Wanggaard. Dobbs also stated an interest in the President seat, and said he would be on the Board nonetheless until his term expires in 2019. He felt he wasn't a typical politician, but more of a manager, which is his seasoned profession. He stated through his management skills he was able to serve and get things accomplished through others. He continued with expressing enjoyment of the Village, and the Village work, and felt his

background in supervisory, real estate, private business, and negotiation would make him well suited for this position.

Trustee Benkowski felt both candidates could be briefed by Christensen and others at the Village level, in the specified timeframe until the 2018 Election. He reiterated that he still felt strongly about it going to the Spring Election in 2018.

Trustee Wishau agreed with Benkowski, and thought that we needed a sitting President. He didn't see the issue with having an election in April for this position. Secondly, the process isn't going how he initially thought it would and took blame for not reaching out to the candidates with questions. He agreed with Wanggaard's position on Foxconn but felt the neighborhood plan needs to be thoroughly reviewed and compared to the 2035 plan. He wanted to know where both Trustees stand on these issues.

Trustee Benkowski wanted to know about each Trustee's platform. He wanted to know what their plans are and how they will apply their own skill set to fill this role. He wanted to know where they viewed us going as a community. He asked that they not answer it immediately, but as a thought to discuss for a platform topic.

Motion by Trustee Willing to withdraw his second motion to appoint Trustee Wanggaard.

It was discussed to hold over until November 6 so both Trustees can prepare to talk about their goals and explain their platforms. As well as have time to review the issues discussed at the meeting, and the opportunities to have President Bradley brief them on current agendas. President Bradley confirmed that the 6th is a good time, and wanted to make sure the candidates have enough time to prepare for their platform. Both parties stressed that they were only interested in the position if there wasn't a Spring Election, as they didn't want to take on that risk.

Motion by Trustee Wishau for the appointment of President through April 2018 Seconded by Trustee Benkowski.

Trustee Benkowski – aye Trustee Willing - nay
Trustee Trentadue – nay Trustee Dobbs - nay
Trustee Wanggaard – nay Trustee Wishau – aye
Motion failed; 2/4.

Motion by Trustee Willing to fill residue of the current term of the Village President until the Spring Election of 2019 with the appointment that would take effect on November 7th of 2017 Seconded by Trustee Trentadue.

Trustee Benkowski – nay Trustee Willing - aye
Trustee Trentadue – aye Trustee Dobbs - aye
Trustee Wanggaard – aye Trustee Wishau – nay
Motion carried; 4/2.

Motion by Trustee Wishau to hold a special meeting to listen to a platform from all interested candidates such as the 2035 plan versus the neighborhood plan. Seconded by Willing. Motion carried.

Trustee Benkowski thinks that the Land Use Plan needs to be analyzed, the Highway 32 corridor needs to be analyzed, and the quality of life issues in parks in regards to open space needs to be addressed as well. President Bradley suggests that a questionnaire be assembled. Attorney Ekes suggests that this information being compiled for the questionnaire and sent to the Clerk since the Board is not allowed to email each other. It was agreed that the questions should be emailed to

the Clerk on 10/25/2017 by 5:00 p.m., and the Clerk will act as proxy and forward these questions.

A special meeting will be held Tuesday, October 31st at 5:00 p.m.

8. Adjournment

Motion by Trustee Willing to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Trentadue. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karie Torkilsen
Village Clerk