

**Village Board Meeting  
March 18, 2019**

**1 - Order**

President Dobbs called the Village Board Meeting to order at 7:03 p.m., at Village Hall, 5043 Chester Lane, Racine, WI.

**2 - Pledge of Allegiance**

**3 - Roll Call**

Board: Trustee Benkowski, Trustee Stillman, Trustee Wanggaard, Trustee Martin, Trustee Prott and President Dobbs

Absent: Trustee Wishau was excused

Staff: Village Administrator Tom Christensen, HR Director/Asst. Village Administrator Toni Muise and Utility Director Anthony Bunkelman

**4 - Approval of minutes**

Motion by Trustee Wanggaard to approve the minutes of the following meeting(s) as printed. Seconded by Trustee Benkowski. Motion carried unanimously.

Village Board meeting(s) – March 4, 2019  
Special Village Board meeting(s) – March 4, 2019 (both meetings)

**5 - Citizens Reports/General comments from the audience**

Ray Lentz, 7124 Hwy 38, spoke about his past 62 presentations which he felt has been ignored. He referred, again, to his neighbor Mr. V (V is for Violator) and commented on his many violations, including burning violations with assistance from the Fire Department. He thought there had been many numerous illegal fires, and zoning violations with no effort from the Village to bring into compliance. He stated that for the sake of harassment the zoning administrators continue to issue violation notices for much smaller and made up violations as retaliation for pointing out Mr. V's wrong doings. He thought quality leadership was desperately needed and that it is a paid privilege through honorably serving the community. He stated that this long time marriage between local leadership and undesirable individuals should be divorced and replaced with community enriching, common sense and quality leadership.

**6 - Communications and Announcements**

**7 - Committee Reports**

**7A(1) - Approval of A/P checks**

Motion by Trustee Wanggaard to approve the A/P checks as presented. Seconded by Trustee Benkowski. Motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Martin wanted to be reassured that a process is in place for approval and signature of checks being issued. Discussion continued regarding the current process through Docuware which is the Village's current account payables software. It was suggested that a policy be in writing when the new Finance Director is hired and the new software is put in place.

General Fund	Check No's 79054-79149	in the amount of \$2,056,220.41
Parks Enterprise	Check No's 6391- 6391	in the amount of \$5,162.27
Joint Health	Check No's 12831-12848	in the amount of \$243,736.26
Joint Parks	Check No's 8781-8782	in the amount of \$7,277.82

### **7B(1) - Approval of 2018-2019 Operator's Licenses (Bartenders)**

Motion by Trustee Prott to approve 2018-2019 Operator's License as presented. Seconded by Trustee Martin. Motion carried unanimously.

### **8 - Ordinances and Resolutions**

#### **8A - Resolution 2019-25 – Resolution Authorizing The Village Of Caledonia To Enter Into A Contract With St. Rita's School For A Ditch Cleaning Project In 2019**

There was discussion regarding where they can and cannot enter for safety reasons. They are supervised and are cleaning out a wet ditch.

Motion by Trustee Benkowski to adopt Resolution 2019-25. Seconded by Trustee Wanggaard. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **8B - Resolution 2019-26 – Preliminary Resolution Declaring Intent To Exercise Special Assessment Powers Under Section 66.0703, Wisconsin Statutes, For Public Water And Sanitary Sewer Improvements, Along 4 Mile Road In The Caledonia Utility District And Village Of Caledonia**

The properties along 4 Mile Road from the East Frontage Road Easterly approximately 3,650 ft. to the unnamed road in the DeBack Farms Business Park will be assessed for the installation of water and sewer mains. At this point in time they are anticipating the Public Hearing being held on approximately May 6<sup>th</sup>.

Motion by Trustee Benkowski to adopt Resolution 2019-26. Seconded by Trustee Stillman. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **8C - Resolution 2019-27 – Resolution Authorizing The Village Of Caledonia To Execute A Deposit Agreement With DR Investments 5231 LLC & In Auto Inc. For In Auto Inc. – 4730 State Trunk Highway 41**

Motion by Trustee Wanggaard to adopt Resolution 2019-27. Seconded by Trustee Prott. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **8D - Resolution 2019-28 – Resolution Authorizing The Village Of Caledonia To Execute A Stormwater Easement Agreement With DR Investments 5231 LLC & In Auto Inc. For In Auto Inc. – 4730 State Trunk Highway 41**

Motion by Trustee Martin to adopt Resolution 2019-28. Seconded by Trustee Stillman. Motion carried unanimously.

**8E - Resolution 2019-29 – Resolution Of The Village Board Of The Village Of Caledonia Approving Amendment No. 1 For Engineering Consulting Services Between The Village Of Caledonia Utility District, The Village Of Caledonia And Strand Associates, Inc.**

This would extend the current contract with Strand Associated, Inc. an additional three years to continue to perform the Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination Program Project per the MS4 Permit issued by the WDNR.

Motion by Trustee Stillman to adopt Resolution 2019-29. Seconded by Trustee Wanggaard. Motion carried unanimously.

**8F - Resolution 2019-30 – Resolution Authorizing The Village Of Caledonia To Award A Contract For The Caddy Vista Sanitary Sewer Improvements & Lift Station Replacement Project**

Two bids were received. The lowest bidder was Super Excavators Inc.

Motion by Trustee Stillman to adopt Resolution 2019-30. Seconded by Trustee Martin. Motion carried unanimously.

**8G - Resolution 2019-31 – Relocation Order Of The Village Of Caledonia Affecting Property South Of Hoods Creek Road And Adjacent To Hoods Creek As Part Of The Hoods Creek Bridge Replacement Project In The Village Of Caledonia, Racine County, Wisconsin**

A temporary limited easement on two properties will be required as part of this project.

Motion by Trustee Benkowski to adopt Resolution 2019-31. Seconded by Trustee Prott. Motion carried unanimously.

**8H - Resolution 2019-32 – Resolution Authorizing The Payment For Vehicle Loss For Angela Vine**

A Village snow plow struck the vehicle.

Motion by Trustee Wanggaard to adopt Resolution 2019-32. Seconded by Trustee Prott. Motion carried unanimously.

**8I - Resolution 2019-33 – Resolution Authorizing The Maximum Amount The Village Administrator Can Authorize For Auto Damage Claims**

Motion by Trustee Stillman to adopt Resolution 2019-33. Seconded by Trustee Benkowski. Motion carried unanimously.

Although authorized to pay without board approval of up to \$10,000, the Village Administrator will still keep the Board apprised of these claims. This is strictly for property damage with a max out of pocket of \$25,000.

**9 - New Business**

**9A - Variance Request For Detached Oversized Structure/Pole Barn At 6904 Baywood Drive**

Motion by Trustee Prott to layover until next board meeting. Seconded by Trustee Martin. Motion carried unanimously.

**9B – Discussion and possible action on a motion to reconsider the motion approved during the March 12, 2019 Village Board meeting to create an ad hoc committee to review Fire Department finance and staffing, including a possible SAFER grant application, for consideration as part of the 2020 budget, if such a reconsideration motion is made, seconded, and approved by a majority of the Board, the Board may then discuss and take possible action regarding the previously considered question**

Motion by Trustee Wanggaard to reconsider the previous action taken by the board. Motion by Trustee Prott.

Trustee Benkowski – no	Trustee Prott – yes
Trustee Stillman – yes	President Dobbs – yes
Trustee Wanggaard – yes	Trustee Martin – no

Motion carried, 4/2.

Motion by Trustee Wanggaard to apply for the SAFER grant and look at forming a subcommittee to find out the fiscal impacts to fund these positions in year as the Village president sees fit. Seconded by Trustee Prott

Trustee Benkowski – no	Trustee Martin – no
Trustee Stillman – yes	Trustee Prott – yes
Trustee Wanggaard – yes	President Dobbs – yes

Motion carried, 4/2.

President Dobbs explained why he asked to have this item put back on the agenda for a possible reconsideration. Trustee Martin stated that an overall analysis is needed because other requirements may be budget related. Trustee Benkowski stated that ultimately this needs to go to referendum for the citizenry to decide. There also may be a need for more accommodations. Chief Roeder stated that there are currently 6 beds and there is not more than that at a station at one time. Trustee Prott, as a public safety advocate, felt this was important and the Village should move forward with the SAFER grant. In 19 years, the fire department has not added staff. Although, population may not have increased substantially, development has. He felt the Chief has been very responsible in the way he planned filling staffing needs. He understands the fiscal impacts and supports a committee that would review these fiscal impacts now and in the future.

Trustee Martin did not understand why the Board was opposed to adding the firefighters at budget time. She wondered what had changed, and reiterated the need for the Board to be fiscally responsible.

Trustee Wanggaard felt the Board should apply for the SAFER grant. He brought up the fact that although there is a backup with South Shore fire department, they receive the funds not Caledonia.

BC Henningfeld reviewed some statistics, specifically 2018 calls:

- Station 10 – 702 calls (29% of the call volume)
- Station 11 – 402 calls (17% of the call volume)
- Station 12 – 1,283 calls (53% of the call volume)

Station 12 protects more than half of Caledonia's population base, and accounts for more than half of the call volume. On occasion the outline stations come in to assist with Station 12's district calls for ambulance, thus far:

- Station 10 – 94 calls
- Station 11 – 99 calls

These calls would be handled by Station 12 and those numbers should reflect the true number of calls that come into that district, which would account to nearly 70% of all the calls in Caledonia.

Trustee Martin reiterated the intent of the first motion which meant let's consider it in the 2020 budget.

President Dobbs felt that the SAFER grant is here now and there is time to consider how to fund them.

**10 - Report from Village Administrator**

Nothing to report at this time.

**11 – Adjournment**

Motion by Trustee Wanggaard to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Stillman. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Karie Torkilsen  
Village Clerk