

**Village Board Meeting  
February 3, 2020**

**1 - Order**

President Dobbs called the Village Board Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., at Village Hall, 5043 Chester Lane, Racine, WI.

**2 - Pledge of Allegiance**

**3 - Roll Call**

Board: Trustee Weatherston, Trustee Stillman, Trustee Wanggaard, Trustee Martin, Trustee Prott, Trustee Wishau and President Dobbs

Absent: None

Staff: Planning Director Pete Wagner and Fire Chief Richard Roeder.

**4 - Approval of minutes**

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

Village Board meeting(s) – January 20, 2020

Special Village Board meeting(s) – January 20, 2020, January 22, 2020 & January 27, 2020

Trustee Wanggaard motioned to take the agenda out of order, starting with 6A and moving forward with the remainder of the agenda. Seconded by Trustee Martin. Motion carried unanimously.

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

None.

**6 - Communications and Announcements**

**6A - First Responder Award presented by State Rep. Robert Wittke to FF/Medic Nathan Elderbrook**

An award was presented to Nathan Elderbrook by State Rep. Robert Wittke for his excellent work and was recognized as a first responder of the year. Wittke stated they honor one but appreciate them all.

**6B - Semi-Annual Update from RCEDC – Laura Million**

The Village has a contract for economic development services with RCEDC and Million explained the 2020 contract adjustments. She noted the specific goals in the handout and explained how they would be measuring themselves against those goals. RCEDC will continue to work closely with the Village President and Administrator with prospects that may be interested in the Village and continue to provide them with an overview of resources the Village has to offer. She spoke of the talent recruitment effort that started in 2018, and how a specialist was hired to focus on attracting talent to work at companies in the community. RCEDC will continue to work closely with Real Racine to continue this campaign in 2020. There is a forthcoming digital campaign that would reach out to individuals in high demand jobs so that they can focus on bringing in target groups. They will also be hosting events to engage interns and out-of-state talent that may be interested in growing their career in Racine. There are a host of events that support business growth, and specified support for recruitment for Hwy K corridor and vacant buildings such as Brass Rail, Kmart, Western Publishing, and Olympia Brown.

Notable activities include:

- Loan approval for Jellystone expansion which is expected to result in a \$26 million project and 40 new jobs.
- Assisted with transfer of Brass Rail Property.
- Part of team supporting redevelopment of the Western Publishing and Olympia Brown Elementary School Site; completed drone footage at no cost.
- Worked with 36 prospects with interest in the Village of Caledonia and responded to 10 requests for information (RFI) from WEDC, M7, site selectors or an end user.
- Ongoing discussions with brokers and site selectors regarding opportunities in Racine County and the Village of Caledonia.
- Targeted outreach campaign to 45 national site selectors.
- Hosted tours with M7 and WEDC to showcase site development opportunities in Racine County and the Village of Caledonia.
- Active outreach to housing developers and engagement of a consultant to undertake Racine County Housing Study.
- RCEDC consultant led residential development tours in eastern Racine County, including Caledonia sites in the Highway K and I94 corridor.
- Over the last three years of the 2017-2019 Strategic Plan, RCEDC assisted a total of 73 business expansion & recruitment projects.

Trustee Wanggaard questioned Unified School District's new proposed referendum and how that might affect the potential recruitment of businesses, talent, etc. coming here. Wittke stated that this is not an issue for the district, but the entire state. There is concern with reading levels and securing an adequate future workforce. He thought the analysis should be looked at for answers because it is thorough.

Tom Weatherston questioned Hwy K, Badgerland, and DeBack Farms and wondered if there is something the Village can do to make those areas more attractive. There was discussion regarding potential focus on DeBack, and how division could be applied. She hoped something would be secured within the next year. The construction of I94 created an issue when recruiting developers but with that being completed it may bring in more viewers. There is a trend of Milwaukee developers viewing these properties. Erica Harris stated that developers are looking for a quick answer.

## **7 - Committee Reports**

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

Motion by Trustee Wishau to approve the A/P checks as presented in the amount of \$319,144.76. Seconded by Trustee Martin. Motion carried unanimously.

### **7B(1) - Approval of 2019-2020 Operator's Licenses (Bartenders)**

Motion by Trustee Prott to approve 2019-2020 Operator's License as presented. Seconded by Trustee Wanggaard. Motion carried unanimously.

## **8 - Ordinances and Resolutions**

### **8A - Resolution 2020-08 – Resolution Authorizing The Village Of Caledonia To Enter Into A Contract With The Racine County Economic Development Corporation For Economic Development Technical Assistance For 2020**

Motion by Trustee Weatherston approve to Resolution 2020-08. Seconded by Trustee Stillman. Motion carried unanimously.

There was discussion regarding housing and possibly extending the bus service to run out to the Village's business parks in the future.

### **8B - Resolution 2020-09 – Resolution Of The Village Board Of The Village Of Caledonia To Approve A Conditional Use And Site Plan To Expand The Truck And Trailer Parking Area For Amston Supplies Inc.; 7213 Highway 41; Hribar Holdings, LLC, Applicant/Owner**

Wagner explained that the applicant has requested approval of an expansion for their development to include a 357-parking stall on the easternmost portion of the property. The Plan Commission recommended approval for this expansion with conditions. There were originally 19 conditions, and additional conditions were applied to include vehicle storage and no automotive parts and fluid storage. The applicant accepted and understood the conditions. He further explained the site plan.

Motion by Trustee Prott to approve Resolution 2020-09 with conditions. Seconded by Trustee Wishau. Motion carried unanimously.

## **9 – New Business**

### **9A – Appointments for the 2050 Comprehensive Planning Sub-Committee**

Peter Wagner will be heading the Committee.

President Dobbs appointed the following people to the 2050 Comprehensive Planning Sub-Committee:

Village Board

- Fran Martin (Chair)
- Lee Wishau

Plan Commission

- Jonathan Schattner
- Joe Minorik
- Bill Folk

CDA

- Dave Gobis

Resident(s) at Large

- Howard Stacey
- Jay Benkowski

*1 Vacancy*

President Dobbs stated he hoped a developer would be interested in joining this committee.

Motion by Trustee Martin to approve those appointed to the 2050 Comprehensive Planning Sub-Committee. Seconded by Trustee Wishau. Motion carried unanimously.

**10 - Report from Village Administrator**

Nothing was reported.

**11 – Adjournment**

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Joslyn Hoeffert  
Deputy Village Clerk