

**Village Board Meeting
April 20, 2020**

1 - Order

President Dobbs called the Village Board Meeting to order at 5:06 p.m., at Village Hall, 5043 Chester Lane, Racine, WI.

2 - Pledge of Allegiance

3 - Roll Call

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

Absent: None.

Staff: Administrator Tom Christensen, Assistant Administrator/HR Director Toni Muise, Development Director Peter Wagner, Utility Director Anthony Bunkelman, Public Works Director Tom Lazcano, Finance Director Kathy Kasper, Attorney Elaine Ekes and Attorney Tyler Helsel.

4 - Communications and Announcements

5 - 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) – April 6, 2020

Special Village Board meeting(s) – April 6, 2020; April 14, 2020

6 – Citizens Reports

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

Village Board – \$131,217.79

US Bank Card – \$37,209.27

Storm – \$342.20

Water – \$2,125.63

Sewer – \$1,080,704.77

Seconded by Trustee Wanggaard. Motion carried unanimously.

8 - Ordinances and Resolutions

8A - Ordinance 2020-06 – Reading and Possible Action on – An Ordinance To Amend Subsection 10-5- 8(B)(1) Of The Code Of Ordinances For The Village Of Caledonia Pertaining To Junk Vehicles

President Dobbs read the title.

Helsel explained this is a change to the Junk Vehicle Ordinance and would allow a Police Officer to ask the owner to prove the vehicle is operable. If the resident refuses or the vehicle is in fact inoperable, this would then allow the Officer to deem it as a junk vehicle. This also gives the Court the authority to issue the citation, as previously the citations had to be dismissed. This does not have to be citizen complaint driven and can be flagged during a sweep. The Ordinance was recommended for approval by the Legislative and Licensing Committee.

Motion by Trustee Weatherston to adopt Ordinance 2020-06. Seconded by Trustee Wanggaard. Motion carried unanimously.

8B - Ordinance 2020-07 – Reading and Possible Action on – An Ordinance To Amend In Part And Create In Part Title 5 Chapter 7 Of The Code Of Ordinances Of The Village Of Caledonia, Racine County, Wisconsin, Relating To Disposal Of Surplus Village Property

President Dobbs read the title. Attorney Helsel explained that this is an update to the prior surplus property Ordinance. The revision gives clarity and authority. Essentially it gives the Administrator authority to distribute surplus property that is valued under \$5,000 if it is a general use item or is being replaced. This would not apply to property that has been deemed no longer necessary (IE we used to do garbage disposal and no longer provide the service). Typically, this is done through a surplus sale website. Anything above \$5,000 would need to be seen and approved by the Village Board.

Trustee Wishau felt the Ordinance still needed work and was concerned that previous sales were not supported by an Ordinance or gap accounting rules. He thought we were not receiving the book value for past assets. He did not agree with the bullet point that dictated the Department Head could set the fair market value of an item and felt the Finance Committee should have final review and get the most current/market value as accurate as possible. He felt this needed to be revised and sent back to Legislative and Licensing Committee.

Trustee Martin was also uncomfortable with the Department Head having sole authority to determine if the property is considered surplus. Kasper agreed that this should be ran through a central department to ensure we are getting fair market value for our assets.

Motion by Trustee Prott to send Ordinance 2020-07 back to Legislative and Licensing Committee for further review. Seconded by Trustee Wanggaard. Motion carried unanimously.

8C - Ordinance 2020-08 – Reading and Possible Action on – An Ordinance To Amend And Modify Section 15-1-14 Of The Village's Code Of Ordinances Entitled Wisconsin Electrical Code And Section 15-1-15 Of The Village Of Caledonia Code Of Ordinance Entitled Electrical Inspections; Electrical Inspectors; State Electrical Code Adopted

President Dobbs read the title. Attorney Ekes explained that the Village was notified that we could no longer do the commercial inspections until we became a delegated community through the State. Lazcano has submitted the application to professional services at the State to become a delegated authority, and we need to update the code to reflect that. Until we can become a delegated community, the State will perform the inspections.

Motion by Trustee Prott to adopt Ordinance 2020-08. Seconded by Trustee Martin. Motion carried unanimously.

8D - Resolution 2020-28 – Resolution Authorizing The Village Of Caledonia To Award A Contract For The South Lane Sanitary Sewer Relay Project

Bunkelman explained that the primary reason for this project is the existing sewers have been severely corroded by hydrogen sulfide as a result of the force main discharging into the gravity sewer. The sewer piping, lateral connections, and manholes are beyond the point of rehabilitation. Bunkelman recommended awarding the project to Reesman's Excavating & Grading Inc. with Alternate #1 for the total bid amount of \$690,585.24. Their bid is complete and contains all required documentation. The engineer's estimate for the project with Alternate #1 was \$796,366.00.

Motion by Trustee Weatherston to adopt Resolution 2020-28. Seconded by Trustee Stillman. Motion carried unanimously.

8E - Resolution 2020-29 – Resolution Authorizing The Village Of Caledonia To Award A Contract For The Wind Dale & Wind Point West Storm Water Utility Improvements Project

Bunkelman explained that both Wind Dale and Wind Point West were designated projects to replace storm sewer systems. Wind Dale is replacing some storm drain tiles. Wind Point West is replacing storm sewer that is significantly aged and will be expanded to also correct some right-away drainage. Counsel has already reviewed the prequalification statement for the bidders and has determined that each have met the prequalification requirements. Reesman's Excavating & Grading Inc.'s bid is complete and contains all required documentation. The engineer's estimate for the project was \$1,957,000. Bunkelman recommended awarding the project to Reesman's Excavating & Grading Inc. for the total bid amount of \$1,566,307.81.

Motion by Trustee Stillman to adopt Resolution 2020-29. Seconded by Trustee Wishau. Motion carried unanimously.

F - Resolution 2020-30 – Resolution Authorizing The Village Of Caledonia To Enter Into An Agreement With Civic Webware To Provide Planning & Zoning Software

Wagner explained that Foth recommended this software. This will be one-stop shop for zoning needs and will digitize a lot of functions for the public. The cost is relatively low for the function it will be providing. Wagner would work with the software team to make sure the zoning is always up to date.

Motion by Trustee Wishau to adopt Resolution 2020-30. Seconded by Trustee Martin. Motion carried unanimously.

8G - Resolution 2020-31 – A Resolution Of The Village Board Of The Village Of Caledonia Adopting A Village Of Caledonia Teleconference And Videoconference Policy For The Board Of Trustees And Village Committees And Village Commissions

This is to create a general procedure to keep holding Village meetings during what would be considered a public emergency. Village meetings are defaulted as in person meetings but would allow members to appear virtually so business can carry on. The policy would allow, at the discretion of the President or Chair member of that body, a member or members to participate in the meeting virtually. Compliance for open meeting laws are still in effect and notices would need to be posted to reflect how the meeting would be held.

Trustee Wanggaard explained that the Legislative & Licensing Committee discussed this, and it is meant to be used as an emergency basis and should not be applied to any general meeting.

Motion by Trustee Wanggaard to adopt Resolution 2020-31. Seconded by Trustee Stillman. Motion carried, 6/1.

9 – New Business

President Dobbs took the agenda out of order with 9B first.

9B – Appointments to Village Board Sub-Committees and Commission Liaisons

President Dobbs stated that Trustee Committee assignments will remain as they were last year. The only addition will be making Tom Weatherston the Chair of the new Parks Committee and add Lee Wishau as the second Board member on it.

9A – Discussion on COVID-19

Last week Trustee Wishau requested that the Board discuss the COVID-19 situation. He forwarded a letter to the Trustee's to review and is meant to be forwarded to Governor Evers from the Board. He felt that we have been told on numerous occasions that the "curve must be flattened" to assure that hospitals and health care providers are not overwhelmed. Based on the Wisconsin Department of Health Services data it certainly appears that the "curve" has indeed been flattened. There are still issues, particularly in Milwaukee County that still may need some type of controls however most of the other

71 counties are in a much better position to move forward. Essentially, the letter urges Governor Evers to update the shutdown orders to reflect the fact that not all counties are the same and a “one size fits all” directive is no longer the most effective method for Wisconsin. He is requesting to see a plan to re-open Wisconsin, and that it be published as soon as possible to avoid economic depression.

Trustee Martin disagreed entirely with this letter and felt the point of this is to not overwhelm the hospitals. She felt the numbers need to be considered and thought the statistical expertise know better than the Village Board. She thought people were doing the best with the information they are being given. There is not enough PPE in hospitals to safely treat the influx of potential COVID patients. She thought it was reasonable to ask for a plan, as well as a letter asking for additional funds for the Health Department.

Trustee Weatherston stated he speaks with Margaret Gesner, the Racine County Health Officer almost daily. He felt no one had a handle on actual data. As of today, the Health Department shows that trends are going downward. He agreed with Trustee Wishau regarding the economic impact and agreed that the “one size fits all” directive is no longer the most effective. He thought direction was better than an outright shutdown.

Trustee Wanggaard thought personal responsibility goes a long way. He spoke of the letter Senator Van Wanggaard submitted and the twenty-two questions being asked of the Governor. He felt he was leading from behind and was concerned for the welfare of the citizens. He was in support of Trustee Wishau’s letter.

Christensen stated the Governor did release a bounce back plan as of today and wondered if the Trustee’s should review before sending out the letter. Attorney Ekes stated a letter could be sent by the majority of the Board, and agreed with Christensen’s thought that the bounce back plan should be reviewed prior to communication. Trustee Weatherston thought this should be tabled so the plan can be properly digested. The Board agreed.

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 6:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Joslyn Hoeffert
Deputy Village Clerk