

**Village Board Meeting
May 17, 2021**

1 - Order

President Dobbs called the Village Board meeting to order at 6:03 p.m., at the Caledonia Village Hall and via ZOOM.

2 - Pledge of Allegiance

3 - Roll Call

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

Absent: none.

Staff: Administrator Tom Christensen, Finance Director Kathy Kasper, Public Works Director Tom Lazcano, Police Chief Christopher Botsch and Fire Chief Jeffrey Henningfeld.

4 - Communications and Announcements

Clerk Hoeffert announced the swearing-in of the Fire Chief Jeffrey Henningfeld will be held at the Village Hall Boardroom this Thursday, May 20, at 5:30PM

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 – May 3, 2021

Special Village Board – April 27, 2021; April 27,2021; May 3,2021

6. Citizens Reports

None.

7 - Committee Report

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

Village - \$ 315,840.50

US Bank - \$ 47,665.46

Motion by Trustee Wishau to approve the A/P checks and US Bank as presented. Seconded by Trustee Martin. Motion carried unanimously.

7B(Public Works) – Blasting and Non-Metallic Mining Permit Renewal for Payne & Dolan Racine Quarry

This permit referral came before the Public Works Committee last week and under the recommendation from staff it was approved unanimously.

Motion by Trustee Wanggaard to approve the Blasting and Non-Metallic Mining Permit Renewal for Payne & Dolan Racine Quarry. Seconded by Trustee Stillman. Motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Martin inquired about the complaint process and the Public Works Director informed the Board about the complaint form hosted on the Village Website, that are also accompanied by the blasting reports supplied from the quarry. Since last year's renewal there have been 21 complaints regarding blasting, dust, etc. over the last renewal that were forwarded to Payne and Dolan. With the expansion there has been more activity further east and the top rock is more audible as they work their way into the sediment.

8 – Ordinances and Resolutions

8A - Resolution 2021-62 – Resolution Authorizing The Salary For Fire Chief Jeffrey Henningfeld

Trustee Wishau commented the salary offered exceeded the budget amount.

Motion by Trustee Martin to approve Resolution 2021-62. Seconded by Trustee Weatherston. Motion carried, 6/1.

8B- Resolution 2021-63 – Resolution Of The Village Board Of The Village Of Caledonia Authorizing The Village To Enter Into An Engagement Agreement With The Law Firm Of Terry & Nudo, Llc

Motion by Trustee Martin to approve Resolution 2021-63. Seconded by Trustee Wanggaard. Motion carried unanimously.

8C- Resolution 2021-64 – Resolution Appointing Village Human Resources Manager Michelle Tucker

A candidate was identified for appointment of this position and will be starting on June 1st. Tucker has a background that includes municipal experience.

Motion by Trustee Weatherston to approve Resolution 2021-64. Seconded by Trustee Stillman. Motion carried unanimously.

9 - New Business

9A – COPS Grant By The Police Department

There were six members of the Board present for the Finance Committee who reviewed this topic. The Board directed the Police Chief to explore grant funding during last year's budget process. Chief Botsch overviewed the COPS grant he previously presented and reiterated that they should be at least 40 sworn officers but currently only have 35. This is a federal grant that supports community polices. The grant would cover 75% of the cost and the Village would be responsible for the remaining 25%. The grant amount supports only the cost of the first year so any additional cost would also be the Village's responsibility. By the final year (4th year) of the grant the Village will need to support that officer independently. The cost is dependent on the amount of officers, the narrative/direction of the grant has changed; the Village could tie the Police needs to focus on an area supported by the grant. Chief Botsch suggested the possibility of exploring various task forces. It is the Chief's intent to request 1-3 positions, but with the Village obligations he would need to work with the Finance Committee and Board to determine if this is a reachable goal.

Some Board members were worried about increasing taxes. Last year taxes were increased 4-6%, and there are major projects that may further impact taxes. 2020 was an extraordinary year by many means and has negatively affected many local small businesses. There was concern about exceeding the budget and ensuring this is something the Village can maintain.

Motion by Trustee Weatherston to authorize the police chief to go for the grant application for two officers. Seconded by Trustee Wanggaard.

Trustee Weatherston – aye

Trustee Stillman – aye

Trustee Wanggaard – aye

Trustee Wishau – nay

Trustee McManus – aye

Trustee Martin – nay

President Dobbs – aye

Motion carried 5/2.

10 – Report from Village Administrator

Finance Director interviews were held on the morning of 5/17 where there were good candidates identified.

11 – Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joslyn Hoeffert, Village Clerk