

**Village Board Meeting  
February 28, 2023**

**1 - Order**

President Dobbs called the Village Board meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Caledonia Village Hall.

**2 - Pledge of Allegiance**

**3 - Roll Call**

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

Absent: None.

Staff: Also present were Public Services Director Anthony Bunkelman, Village Engineer Ryan Schmidt, Finance Director Wayne Krueger, Development Director Peter Wagner, Police Chief Christopher Botsch, Fire BC Walter Leininger and Administrator Kathy Kasper. Attorney Elaine Ekes was also present.

**4 – Communications and Announcements**

**5 – Approval of Minutes**

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

**6 – Citizens Reports (citizen comments are in-person only)**

Marla Wishau, 8345 Foley Road, spoke of her involvement with parks and her nine-year work towards a dog park at Gorney Park. She mentioned the amenities already provided in the park, and nearby attractions like Jellystone Park. She explained the park's layout and its conception and stated how the project could be financially and community-supported.

Patricia Roeder, 3016 5 Mile Road, spoke of the issues they've had with dogs in Gorney Park. She mentioned that dogs are currently not allowed in the park, but they are present, and there have been issues with their presence. She was not in support of the location.

Gail, 8724 7 Mile Road, who lives adjacent to the park, is not in support of this being a dog park. She was concerned about the safety of the animals she has on her property, diseases that could be brought to the area, and dogs being abandoned.

Sharon Knapp, 6714 Brian Drive, has been a resident for 39 years and spoke in support of the dog park. She has been going to dog parks for 15 years and felt that owners who take their dogs to a dog park are responsible and attentive to their animals. She addressed the worries of the previous citizen's comments and assured them that she thought it would be a nice amenity for the Village. She felt it was a nice way to connect with their neighbors.

Susan Schlieve, 8531 7 Mile Road, who lives directly across from the park, spoke of another dog park 3.8 miles away and did not understand why another one was needed. She had concerns about what could be brought to the area, who would maintain and enforce the rules, and the limited use of the property. She suggested more natural uses for the area and even volunteered to mow the grass.

Michael Uhler, 8824 7 Mile Road, submitted signatures of those who lived west of the railroad track who were against the dog park. He expressed concerns about traffic and thought the current project should be finished before a new one is started. He believed that the general appearance of the park was poor and that the existing park should be worked on before a new amenity is installed. (These signatures will be included in the minutes as part of the record).

Jason Maller, 8513 7 Mile Road, also lives across the street from Gorney and echoed the concerns of his neighbors. He is not in favor of the location and thought Crawford was a better fit.

Erin Grove, 8432 7 Mile Road, is not opposed to the dog park but is opposed to the location. She has horses on her property and expressed concern about unsafe situations if a horse gets scared.

Diane Maller, 8513 7 Mile Road, who lives across the street from the park, is concerned about the extra traffic. She thought the neighborhood was beautiful as is and thought the fence would ruin the open space view. She believed this would have a negative impact and thought a better location would suit the Village.

Robert Grove was not able to attend this meeting and emailed his comments to the Board, which they requested to be included in the minutes.

## **7 – Committee Reports**

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

Village – \$2,248,578.58

Motion by Trustee Wishau to approve the A/P checks as presented for \$2,248,578.58. Seconded by Trustee Folk. Motion carried unanimously.

### **7B - Legislative & Licensing**

#### **1. Approval of Amended Class B Combo Liquor License Application by Burgey's Pub & Grill/Melissa Urban, Agent at 8619 East Frontage Road (Legislative & Licensing Committee: 02/14/2023, Motion carried 3/0)**

Motion by Trustee Martin to approve the Amended Class B Combo Liquor License Application by Burgey's Pub & Grill/Melissa Urban, Agent at 8619 East Frontage Road. Seconded by Trustee Weatherston. Motion carried unanimously.

## **8 – Ordinances and Resolutions**

### **8A – Resolution 2023-10 – A Resolution Adopting The Caledonia 2023 Revised Salary Compensation Schedule Eliminating Human Resources Manager And Adding Assistant Village Attorney/Human Resources Manager (Personnel Committee: 02/21/2023)**

Kasper presented a proposal on the restructuring of a position to better serve the Village. Attorney Ekes provided insight and expressed her support for the proposal, acknowledging its practicality and potential benefit to the Village's resource management. She suggested serious consideration be given to the creation of the proposed role, given her firm's commitment to the Village's interests.

The Board engaged in a discussion on the advantages and disadvantages of creating this position, taking into account historical context and the potential benefits of having an HR Manager and an on-staff attorney.

Motion by Trustee Weatherston to approve Resolution 2023-10 – A Resolution Adopting The Caledonia 2023 Revised Salary Compensation Schedule Eliminating Human Resources Manager And Adding Assistant Village Attorney/Human Resources Manager. Seconded by Trustee Folk. Motion carried unanimously.

**8B – Resolution 2023-11 – Resolution Authorizing The Payment For Tracy Reese (Finance Committee: 02/14/2023, Motion carried 3/0)**

Motion by Trustee Stillman to approve Resolution 2023-11 – Resolution Authorizing The Payment For Tracy Reese. Seconded by Trustee Martin. Motion carried unanimously.

**8C – Resolution 2023-12 – Resolution Approving A Step Incentive Structure For The Utility Operator In Training And Utility Operator Positions (Personnel Committee: 02/21/2023)**

Motion by Trustee Stillman to approve Resolution 2023-12 – Resolution Approving A Step Incentive Structure For The Utility Operator In Training And Utility Operator Positions. Seconded by Trustee Martin. Motion carried unanimously.

**8D – Resolution 2023-13 – A Resolution Of The Village Of Caledonia Amending The 2023 Village Of Caledonia Budget And Authorizing The Expenditure Of Park Impact Fees Not To Exceed \$60,000 For The Installation Of A Fence Enclosure For The Purposes Of A Dog Park On The North Side Of Lower Gorney Park (Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee: 02/13/2023, Motion carried 5/1; Finance Committee: 02/28/2023, Motion TBD)**

Resolution 2023-13 was deferred during the Finance Committee meeting to ensure that all Board members were present for the discussion and consideration of the relevant information. There was much debate in the consideration of this proposal.

Motion by Trustee Wishau to approve Resolution 2023-13 – A Resolution Of The Village Of Caledonia Amending The 2023 Village Of Caledonia Budget And Authorizing The Expenditure Of Park Impact Fees Not To Exceed \$60,000 For The Installation Of A Fence Enclosure For The Purposes Of A Dog Park On The North Side Of Lower Gorney Park. Seconded by Trustee McManus.

Trustee Weatherston – nay	Trustee Wishau – aye
Trustee McManus – aye	Trustee Martin – aye
Trustee Stillman – nay	Trustee Folk – nay
President Dobbs – nay	
Motion fails, 3/4.	

**8E – Resolution 2023-14 – Resolution Amending The 2023 Village Of Caledonia Budget To Reflect Transfer Of Park Impact Fees For The Installation Of Concrete Pedestrian Path And Open-Air Shelter At Maple Park (Finance Committee: 02/28/2023, Motion TBD)**

Motion by Trustee Weatherston to approve Resolution 2023-14 – Resolution Amending The 2023 Village Of Caledonia Budget To Reflect Transfer Of Park Impact Fees For The Installation Of Concrete Pedestrian Path And Open-Air Shelter At Maple Park. Seconded by Trustee Stillman.

Trustee Weatherston – aye	Trustee Wishau – nay
Trustee McManus – aye	Trustee Martin – aye

Trustee Stillman – aye  
 President Dobbs – aye  
 Motion carried, 6/1.

Trustee Folk – aye

**8F – Resolution 2023-15 – Resolution Amending The 2023 Village Of Caledonia Budget To Reflect The Refurbishment Of A 2003 Dump Truck (Finance Committee: 02/14/2023, Motion carried 3/0; Finance Committee: 02/28/2023, Motion TBD)**

Motion by Trustee Weatherston to approve Resolution 2023-15 – Resolution Amending The 2023 Village Of Caledonia Budget To Reflect The Refurbishment Of A 2003 Dump Truck. Seconded by Trustee Martin.

Trustee Weatherston – aye  
 Trustee McManus – aye  
 Trustee Stillman – aye  
 President Dobbs – aye  
 Motion carried, unanimously.

Trustee Wishau – aye  
 Trustee Martin – aye  
 Trustee Folk – aye

**8G – Resolution 2023-16 – Resolution Of The Village Of Caledonia Suspending The Community Development Authority Of The Village Of Caledonia, Wisconsin (Community Development Authority: 02/08/2023)**

Kasper provided historical context on the use of the Community Development Authority (CDA) and expressed satisfaction with the CDA's achievement of tasks. Kasper noted that for any special tasks required, ad-hoc committees could be created to address specific issues rather than assign tasks to the CDA that are unrelated to their mission.

Trustee Martin agreed that the CDA had not functioned as intended. Trustee Martin states that there were tasks in the Village that did not fall under the responsibility of any department, and the CDA had often assumed these projects. The Board discussed concerns raised by Trustee Martin. It was noted that the appropriate department should be tasked with dealing with these projects.

Motion by Trustee Weatherston to approve Resolution 2023-16 – Resolution Of The Village Of Caledonia Suspending The Community Development Authority Of The Village Of Caledonia, Wisconsin and correct the Resolution date of 2022 to 2023. Seconded by Trustee Stillman. Motion carried unanimously.

**9 – New Business**

**9A - Committee and Commission – potential for Ad-hoc committees for specialized tasks**

The Board expressed support for the idea of creating ad-hoc committees to address specific issues but felt that this concept required further consideration and discussion at the committee level.

Therefore, it was resolved that the proposal be forwarded to the Legislative and Licensing committee for further review, to evaluate the feasibility and effectiveness of creating ad-hoc committees to address outstanding items on the CDA agenda.

**9B - SAFER Grant – potential application**

BC Walter Leinenger explained that the Chief is requested the opportunity to apply for this SAFER Grant to maintain the three firefighters we will be closing once the past SAFER grant lapses. If the Referendum does not pass, this would provide an alternative to funding these positions.

Motion by Trustee Martin to give the Fire Chief permission to apply for the SAFER Grant.  
Seconded by Trustee Folk. Motion carried unanimously.

**10 – Report from Village Administrator**

- HWY 38 Bridge Update
- Referendum Public Education Sessions 3/2 & 3/7
- REAL Racine Board Vacancy
- Public Safety Building Update
- Inclement Weather & Power Outages
- Bi-County Meeting – March 18th
- Kudos To Clerk's Office On Smooth Election

**11 – Adjournment**

Motion by Trustee McManus to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Weatherston. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joslyn Hoeffert, Village Clerk



DD Stillman &lt;ddstillman50@gmail.com&gt;

**Dog Park**

3 messages

**Robert Grove** <rgjg81@aol.com>

Tue, Feb 28, 2023 at 1:06 PM

To: MOBRIEN@caledonia-wi.gov

Cc: DDStillman50@gmail.com

Robert & Judy Grove  
8024 Nicholson Rd / 8432 7 Mile Rd  
Caledonia, Wi 53108

2/28/23

We are adjoining property owners to the proposed dog park at Gorney Park.

We are opposed to this use for these reasons:

Noise factor of barking dogs.

Having livestock (horses) we feel/ know that this will cause unsafe conditions for the animals and handlers.

Uncontrolled use of the premises. Clean up of feces, loitering by unwanted at closed hours, more maintenance costs for lawn care ( grass needs to be mowed regardless) and fences need to be weed trimmed, will dogs be allowed with in the entire park- if not how do you control.

With the village needing more police and firefighters how can the village spend this amount of money.

If needing a dog park why put it in an area where the population is not centered, put it at Crawford Park where you are developing or the 10 acres of bare farmland on 5 mile Rd ( village owned) with no neighbors. Gorney Park already has issues with destruction and trespassers from adjoining municipalities.

At one time in the past the village/ town denied a dog boarding facility at the property to the west because of the noise factor....now you feel this is ok?

Robert Grove  
Judy Grove

Sent from my iPad

# Petition Versus Gorney Dog Park on Seven Mile Rd.

If you agree Gorney Park is not the right setting for a dog park, we invite you to sign this petition opposing its construction. This will be brought to the Caledonia Park Commission.

Name	Address	Date
Mike Julie Uher	8824 7 Mile Rd	2-23-23
BOB S. OSBORN	8817 7 mile	2-23-23
Jonathan A. Groove <i>[Signature]</i>	4529 Nicholson Rd	2-23-23
<i>[Signature]</i>	8827 7 mile	2-23-23
Charles Miller	8015 7 mile Rd	2-24-23
Gail Knapp	8724 7 Mile Rd	2/24/23
ERIN GROVE	8432 7 mile Rd	2/25/23
Bob Grove	8024 Nicholson Rd	2/25/23
Judy Grove	8025 Nicholson Rd	2/25/23
Bob Proch	8516 107 mile Rd	2/25/23
JASON MILLER	8513 7 MILE RD	2/25/23
Connor Norton	8423 7 Mile Rd	2/28/23

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