

Committee of the Whole Meeting
February 27, 2024

1 - Order

President Weatherston called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. at the Caledonia Village Hall.

PRESENT: 5 – President Weatherston, Trustee Pierce, Trustee Stillman, Trustee Martin, and Trustee Wishau

EXCUSED: 1 – Trustee McManus, Trustee Lambrecht

STAFF: Public Services Director Tony Bunkelman, Village Engineer Ryan Schmidt, Development Director, Peter Wagner, Police Chief Christopher Botsch, Fire Chief Jeff Henningfeld, Village Attorney/HR Manager Tyler Helsel and Clerk Jennifer Olsen.

2 – Approval of Minutes February 13, 2024

A motion was made by Trustee Martin to approve the Committee of the Whole minutes of 02/13/24, seconded by Trustee Stillman. The motion carried 5-0.

3 – Public Comment

The following people appeared to speak before the Committee:

1. Fran Martin, The League of Wisconsin Municipalities meeting was very useful and recommends others attend.

4 – New Business

A. Discussion on potential space sharing with Racine FD at Station 12

Staff presented on the item. The City of Racine Fire Department's Lombard St. station will be undergoing renovations and has requested permission to utilize space in Station 12 for an ambulance and staff. After limited discussion, the Committee approved the request.

B. Update on Public Safety Building

Staff presented an update on the Public Safety Building progress. The larger issue right now is IT setbacks. Security and access systems will be completed once the IT issues are resolved. Move-in will be a phased in approach, dependent on IT progress. After the Police Department admin staff is moved in, the Fire Department admin staff will move in first to troubleshoot bugs.

5 – Continuing Business

A. Continuing Discussion - Village 5-10 Year Vision (CoW 1/9/24, CoW 1/23/24, CoW 2/13/24 postponed)

A motion was made by Trustee Pierce to postpone the item until the next meeting, seconded by Trustee Martin. The motion carried.

B. Discussion regarding livestock fencing requirements and animals running at large; Reference: Title 7, Ch. 1 Animal control and Title 11, Ch. 6 Nuisances (CoW 1/23/24 direct staff to review, CoW 2/13/24 postponed)

Staff presented on the item, summarizing the memo attached to the agenda. Staff clarified that other ordinances may be more appropriate for enforcement of this issue. Committee members suggested changes to Title 15 instead, asking for restrictions on animals being unenclosed while on private property. The committee directed staff to prepare additional options.

C. Discussion on potential revisions to Title 14, Chapter 3, subdivision controls (CoW 2/13/24 direct staff to review)

Staff presented on the item showing that the rural area in the Land Use Map matches the area that is outside of the utility district boundary, and open space meets requirements naturally just by using storm water ponds and other easements. Storm Water Management Areas within subdivisions was calculated for recent developments and it was found that they varied from 5% to 14% open space versus the lots. Staff recommendation is to reduce or eliminate open space and conservation easement requirements within the utility district, and reduce the open space requirement in the non-serviced area.

A motion was made by Trustee Pierce to postpone action on the item until the second meeting in March, seconded by Trustee Stillman. The motion carried.

6 – Adjournment

President Weatherston adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

*Jennifer Olsen
Village Clerk*