

**Committee of the Whole Meeting
March 12, 2024**

1 - Order

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

2 – Roll Call

PRESENT: 7 – President Weatherston, Trustee McManus, Trustee Stillman, Trustee Lambrecht, Trustee Martin, Trustee Pierce, and Trustee Wishau

EXCUSED: 0

STAFF: Administrator Kathryn Kasper, Clerk Jennifer Olsen, Public Services Director Tony Bunkelman, Finance Director Wayne Krueger, Development Director Peter Wagner, Police Chief Christopher Botsch, Fire Chief Jeff Henningfeld, and Village Attorney/HR Manager Tyler Helsel.

3 – Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Trustee Pierce to approve the Committee of the Whole minutes of 02/27/24, seconded by Trustee Lambrecht. The motion carried 7-0.

4 – Public Comment

The following people appeared to speak before the Committee:
None

5 – New Business

A. Discussion on changes to Title 7, Chapter 3 regarding the Cigarette, Tobacco, and Electronic Smoking Devices License.

Staff presented the topic for discussion, detailing changes to the current state law regarding electronic smoking devices. Staff directed to work on changes to the ordinance and bring it back to committee for review.

6 – Continuing Business

A. Continuing Discussion - Village 5-10 Year Vision (*CoW 1/9/24, CoW 1/23/24, CoW 2/13/24 postponed, CoW 2/27/24 postponed*)

Motion by Trustee Pierce to postpone until the 3/26/2024 meeting, seconded by Trustee Stillman. Motion failed, 0-7.

Discussion on conservation subdivisions and considering the original intent of their creation, what the wishes of the residents were at the time, and if they may have changed in the time since. Debate was had on whether to develop a vision first or decide on the conservation issues first. Staff suggested the Village investigate professional consulting services to help develop a strategic plan if that was the direction the board was taking; UW Extension was suggested as a potential, cost-effective option. Some committee members stated that extensive work has been done in the past regarding this issue and the Village should not need to start all over or that work was needed at all.

Motion by Trustee Pierce directing staff to receive a quote from the UW extension for a strategic vision seconded by McManus second. Motion carried, 7-0.

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, CoW 2/27/24 postponed, CoW 2/27/24 directed staff to review)

Staff presented proposed ordinance changes addressing animals at large, followed by discussion on whether the proposed changes address the issue satisfactorily. It was suggested that changes should also address unenclosed livestock on private property, making that a citable offense. Some of the arguments presented opposing this suggestion include 1) the regulation of livestock is intended for licensing and permitting, not public safety, 2) the proposed changes may not have the intended deterrent effect, and 3) broken enclosures are already addressed in the building code.

Motion by Trustee Pierce to direct staff to further review ordinance changes, seconded by Trustee McManus. Motion carried, 7-0.

7. Adjournment

President Weatherston adjourned the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

*Jennifer Olsen
Village Clerk*