

1 - Order

President Weatherston called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. at the Caledonia Village Hall.

2 – Roll Call

PRESENT: 6 – President Weatherston, Trustee Lambrecht, Trustee McManus, Trustee Pierce, Trustee Stillman, and Trustee Wishau.

EXCUSED: 1 – Trustee Martin

STAFF: Administrator Kathryn Kasper, Development Director Peter Wagner, Public Services Director Tony Bunkelman, Village Engineer Ryan Schmidt, Police Chief Christopher Botsch, Fire Chief Jeff Henningfeld, Village Attorney Elaine Ekes, and Clerk Jennifer Olsen.

3 – Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Trustee Stillman to approve the Committee of the Whole minutes of 05/14/24, seconded by Trustee Lambrecht. **The motion carried 5-1.**

Prior to approval, Trustee Pierce expressed concern about the level of detail regarding residents’ statements as part of the public comment agenda item.

4 – Public Comment

The following people appeared to speak before the Committee:
None

5 – New Business

A. RUSD President presentation (CoW 3/26/2024)

RUSD President Jane Barbian addressed the Committee to provide more information regarding the addition to Olympia Brown, and to answer questions. In response to community concerns, additional parking spots have been added, a drainage pond is being expanded and additional flood control added. There will be three sessions per grade level instead of two.

Additional discussion on high school Academies (Health, Tech, Education, etc.) President Barbian stated RUSD has strong partnerships with many local business including Uline, Amazon, Foxconn, and Harboro. Middle schools are beginning Academy implementation as well.

B. Discussion on Highway/DPW name transition

Staff stated that traditionally, the majority of the municipalities in the area use the Department of Public Works (DPW) to identify their highway department. Village staff have been making a slow transition in renaming job positions using the DPW

title. However, the Village does not officially recognize our Highway Department as DPW.

A motion was made by Trustee Pierce to recommend that the Village Board rename the Highway Department as the Department of Public Works (DPW), seconded by Trustee Wishau. **Motion carried 6-0.**

C. Request for Approval to Purchase an Evidence Response Vehicle

Staff presented on the item, summarizing the material provided in the packet and answering questions. Staff conducted preliminary research on vehicle purchase and is seeking Committee approval before providing a more in-depth proposal.

A motion was made by Trustee Stillman to allow staff to move forward with their vehicle search, seconded by Trustee McManus. **Motion carried 6-0.**

6 – Continuing Business

A. Discussion on removing the sign at Highways 31 and 32 (CC 3/12/24 recommend removal, 2-0, CoW 3/26/24 postponed, CoW 4/9/24 directed staff to get quote, CoW 5/14/24 postponed until quote is received)

Staff presented on the item, summarizing the material provided in the packet and answering questions. The cost estimate provided by the vendor to update the sign would be \$5,580.00. Discussion followed on the pros and cons of paying to upgrade an outdated welcome sign which the Village does not own and has no rights to.

A motion was made by Trustee Stillman to leave the sign as is, seconded by Trustee McManus **Motion carried 5-1.**

8. Adjournment

President Weatherston adjourned the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Jennifer Olsen

Village Clerk