

Committee of the Whole Meeting June 25, 2024

1 - Order

President Weatherston called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. at the Caledonia Village Hall.

2 – Roll Call

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

EXCUSED: 0

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

3 – Approval of Minutes

A **motion** was made by Trustee Lambrecht to approve the Committee of the Whole minutes of 06/11/24, seconded by Trustee McManus. **The motion carried 7-0.**

4 – Public Comment

The following people appeared to speak before the Committee:
None

5 – New Business

A. Traffic and speed limit issues, specifically on 4 Mile Rd, 4 1/2 Mile Rd, and 6 Mile Rd
(*CoW 6/11/2024*)

4 1/2 Mile – Staff recommended no changes based on traffic data collected during the past week.

4 Mile – More evidence of higher speeds than at 4 1/2 Mile, but 87% of traffic was still within 5 mph of the posted speed limit. Staff can present more data as it becomes available. No action at this time.

6 Mile – Racine County controlled ROW (CTH G), Village does not have jurisdiction.

B. Discussion on potential sidewalk requirement in new subdivisions (*CoW 6/11/2024*)

It was noted that all children in Caledonia must take the bus to RUSD schools because there are no uniform sidewalks. Staff noted that conservancy subdivision rules in place prohibit sidewalks. Concerns were raised over potential requests for subsidization of sidewalks for developers if we required them to build them. Additional items of concern are adding snow removal ordinances and other peripherals, and a probable objection from the community. Staff recommended this become part of the larger conversation on the conservation subdivisions.

A **motion** was made by Trustee Martin to receive and file seconded by Trustee McManus. **The motion carried 7-0.**

- C. Discussion on the need to establish a new zoning district that would accommodate small scale farm uses (Hobby Farms) with residential uses (*CoW 6/11/2024*)

A motion was made by Trustee Pierce to direct staff to bring examples back to CoW for further discussion, seconded by Trustee McManus. **The motion carried 7-0.**

- D. Driveway access request on 7 Mile Road

A motion was made by Trustee Weatherston to approve the driveway access, seconded by Trustee Stillman. **The motion carried 7-0.**

6 – Closed Session

- A. The Village Board will take up a motion to go into CLOSED SESSION, pursuant to Wis. Stat. S. 19.85(1)(e), deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session specifically to terms of potential development agreement with Ashley Capital.

A motion was made by Trustee McManus to go into closed session, seconded by Trustee Lambrecht. **Motion carried** by the following vote:

Ayes: 7 – Weatherston, Lambrecht, Pierce, Wishau, Martin, Stillman, McManus
Nays: 0

- B. The Village Board reserves the right to go back into OPEN SESSION, and possibly take action on the items discussed during the closed session and to move to the remaining items on the agenda.

A motion was made by Trustee McManus to go back into open session, seconded by Trustee Pierce. **Motion carried 7-0.**

7 – Adjournment

President Weatherston adjourned the meeting at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
Jennifer Olsen
Village Clerk