

**Committee of the Whole Meeting
January 28, 2025**

1 - Order

President Weatherston called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Caledonia Village Hall.

2 – Roll Call

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

EXCUSED: 1 – Trustee Martin

STAFF: Administrator Todd Willis, Finance Director Wayne Krueger, Assistant Village Attorney Tim Pruitt, Public Services Director Tony Bunkelman, Village Engineer Ryan Schmidt, Development Director Peter Wagner, Police Chief Christopher Botsch, Interim Fire Chief Walter Leininger, Deputy Clerk Norgie Metzinger, and Clerk Jennifer Bass

3 – Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Trustee Lambrecht to approve the January 14, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting, seconded by Trustee Stillman. **Motion carried 5-0. Trustee McManus abstained.**

4 – Public Comment

The following people appeared to speak before the Committee:
None

5 – New Business

A. Review and Discuss Equestrian Sign Request - Multiple Locations

Staff summarized the information provided in the packet.

Motion by Trustee Pierce to approve the request, seconded by Trustee Wishau. **Motion carried 6-0.**

B. Discuss options for reducing utility bill mailing costs *(1/14/25 CoW)*

Staff will present the item to the Utility District Commission next week, which will then make a recommendation to the Village Board.

Motion by Trustee McManus to refer the item to the Utility District Commission, seconded by Trustee Pierce. **Motion carried 6-0.**

C. Discussion on fire department consolidation *(1/14/25 CoW)*

Comments made regarding previous discussion and study on consolidation:

1. Consolidation would provide no real cost savings
2. Consolidation would provide no improvement in response time

3. Consolidation would provide no improvement in overall service
4. South Shore's costs are significantly higher than Caledonia's
5. Consolidation would likely result in an increased tax burden on Caledonia citizens
6. We do already have a "closest vehicle response agreement" with South Shore Fire Department.

Motion by President Weatherston to receive and file, seconded by Trustee McManus. **Motion carried 6-0.**

- D. Suggested items to be placed on the next meeting agenda (*with no action*)
1. Report on stop sign visibility at 7 Mile Rd and Hwy 32

7 – Continuing Business

- A. Report on 4 Mile Road roadway conditions, truck use, and vehicle speeds (*CoW 9/24/24, 10/8/2024, 11/12/2024*)

Staff summarized the information provided in the packet.

Motion by Trustee McManus to recommend that the Village Board approve a traffic study at an estimated cost of \$14,823.00, seconded by Trustee Stillman. **Motion carried 6-0.**

- B. Discussion on potential revisions to Title 14, Chapter 3, subdivision controls (*CoW 2/13/24 postponed, CoW 2/27/24 postponed to 3/26/24 meeting, CoW 3/26/24 invite SEWRPC for presentation, VB 6/25 SEWRPC presentation*)

Staff and Trustees are currently working through comments and review of current edits, and legal review is ongoing. A detailed presentation of the proposed updates will occur at a later date.

8 – Adjournment

President Weatherston adjourned the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
Jennifer Bass
Village Clerk