

**Committee of the Whole Meeting
September 9, 2025**

1 - Order

President Weatherston called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 6:41 p.m. at the Caledonia Village Hall.

2 – Roll Call

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

EXCUSED: 2 –Trustee McManus and Trustee Wishau

STAFF: Village Administrator Todd Willis, Village Attorney Elaine Ekes, Finance Director Wayne Krueger, Human Resources Manager Amanda Ardis, Public Services Director Tony Bunkelman, Village Engineer Ryan Schmidt, Development Director Peter Wagner, Police Chief Christopher Botsch, Deputy Police Chief Shawn Engleman, Fire Chief Walter Leininger, Deputy Clerk Brittany Kickland, and Village Clerk Jennifer Bass

3 – Approval of Minutes

A **motion** was made by Trustee Pierce to approve the August 26, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting, seconded by Trustee Martin. **Motion carried 5-0.**

4 – Public Comment

The following people appeared to speak before the Committee:

1. Chris Atkinson, 6205 STH 31 – Additional comments about data centers
2. Prescott Balch, 7373 Foley Rd – Additional comments about data centers
3. Paula Pintar, 7348 Botting Rd – Additional comments about data centers
4. Valerie Lancelle, 10810 7 Mile Rd – Additional comments about data centers
5. Karl Scheidt, 7325 Foley Rd – Additional comments about data centers
6. Mark Gottsacker, 4950 Carter Dr – Comments about community development
7. Gabe Barkdell, 5147 Pinetree Cir – Comments about community development
8. Jerilynn Barkdell, 5147 Pinetree Cir – Additional comments about data centers

5 – Committee Updates

- A. Plan Commission – Nancy Pierce
- B. Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee – Holly McManus
- C. Caledonia Utility District Commission – Lee Wishau
- D. Visit Racine County – Fran Martin
- E. Other Committees – Tom Weatherston

6 – New Business

A. 2026 Humane Society Contract

A **motion** was made by Trustee Pierce to recommend approval to the Village Board, seconded by Trustee Martin. **Motion carried 5-0.**

B. 2026 Ryde Racine Contract

A **motion** was made by Trustee Pierce to recommend approval to the Village Board, seconded by Trustee Martin. **Motion carried 5-0.**

C. **Discussion on Village Board SWOT Analysis**

Staff advised this is planned to take place later on, per discussions at the Special Comprehensive Plan Committee meeting.

D. **Discussion on disposition of records stored at Gorney Park**

Staff summarized the information provided in the packet

A **motion** was made by Trustee Martin to direct staff to complete a hazardous material assessment and send to the Village Board for approval, seconded by Trustee Pierce. **Motion carried 5-0.**

E. **Suggested items to be placed on a future meeting agenda (*with no action*)**

None

7 – Continuing Business

A. **Ordinance 2025-XXX - To Amend Section 2-3-9 Related To Quorum; Village Board Member Absence and Participation by Teleconferencing and Videoconferencing (*CoW 3/25/25; 4/8, 5/13, 7/22, and 8/12 postponed, 8/26/25*)**

A **motion** was made by President Weatherston to recommend approval to the Village Board with proposed amendments, seconded by Trustee Stillman. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Amendments:

1. Sec. 2-3-9 (b)(2): Change “may notify the Village President no later than five p.m. on the Wednesday prior to the meeting” to “may notify the Village President and/or the Village Clerk no later than five p.m. on the Friday prior to the meeting”
2. Sec. 2-3-9 (b)(2): Strike the sentence “The Village President may use their discretion to allow or disallow such attendance”
3. Sec. 2-3-9 (b)(3): Strike “as determined in the Village President’s sole discretion; or, if the Village President is the member requesting, the [Vice President consider instead “most senior member”] of the Village Board sole discretion”

B. **Discuss repeat offenders of nuisance animals and clarification on process with the Humane Society (*COW 4/8/25, 5/13 laid over until contract renewal*)**

A **motion** was made by Trustee Pierce to direct staff to draft an ordinance and seek community input, seconded by President Weatherston. **Motion carried 5-0.**

8 – Adjournment

President Weatherston adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
Jennifer Bass
Village Clerk