

Village of Caledonia Board Meeting Minutes  
February 21, 2006, 7:00 p.m.

- I. Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Caledonia Fire Station.
- II. Roll Call:
  - Susan Siek, President - Present
  - Susan Yakey, Clerk & Acting Treasurer - Present
  - Colleen Blaney, Trustee - Present
  - Garrett Havens, Trustee - Present
  - Teresa Hunt, Trustee - Present
  - Todd Moore, Trustee - Absent
  - Jack Nicholson, Trustee - Present
  - Jeff Nye, Trustee - Present
- III. Mr. Nye motioned to approve the agenda with the change of tabling items 1-5 under PZB Committee. Mrs. Hunt seconded and the motion carried. Ayes-5 Nays-0
- IV. Mrs. Hunt motioned to approve the January 17, 2006 board meeting minutes with these corrections: 1) pg. 3, under Old Business-A. after levy on wages add `pertaining to Debbie Schroeder`, 2) pg. 4, #3, add `Ms. Blaney put the copies out` and 3) pg. 6, #21, after the last sentence, add `not stated by Ms. Blaney`. Mr. Havens seconded and the motion carried. Ayes-5 Nays-0
- V. Attorney Remarks: None
- VI. Presidents Report: Siek attended a mayors meeting at the Boone County Courthouse with Ken Terranoni and Susan Anderson regarding countywide water plan. A commission will be created with twelve members. Next, Siek and Yakey met with Bob Quimby to finalize the 2004 audit. Siek also met with him on a Sunday to sign the audit so a copy could get off to the State. The FPA has been approved and as soon as the permit fee is received, it's a done deal. Next, on March 7<sup>th</sup> at 2p Siek will meet with Steve Rapp, President of Timberline, along with Chris Dopkins and Jack Nicholson to discuss a border agreement. We also have a tentative agreement with Loves Park and will meet with them again.
- VII. Treasurers Report: (See attached sheet.) Mrs. Hunt motioned to approve the treasurers report as written. Ms. Blaney seconded and the motion carried. Aye-5 Nay-0  
Also, a sheet explaining LOCIS, software for government entities, was given to Mrs. Hunt, chair of Budget & Finance to look into.
- VIII. Clerks Report: At last board meeting I was asked to find ordinance pertaining to the treasurer being elected. In the Municipal Code of Caledonia, pg. 21, Ordinance 5.101 (there is no date as to when this was done) states the Village Treasurer is an

elected position, elected at the same time as the President. Discussion followed. Attorney Nicolosi will look into whether you can change an elected position back to an appointed position. From the audience, former board member Mary Walraven said the treasurer was changed from an appointed one to an elected one when all the trouble started. I also gave info on the Municipal Clerks of IL to Mrs. Hunt, chair of Budget & Finance as something for the clerk to belong to.

IX. Committee Reports:

A. Roads & Capital Improvement:

1. Mr. Nicholson recommended to the board approve Nicolosi & Associates to put bids out for snow removal for 2007. Mr. Nicolosi said it would be more economical to give us the tools we need to do it ourselves. A motion was not needed because Jack Ferry, Caledonia Township Trustee, spoke and said they (township board) agreed to do snow removal for 2007. Initially, it had been said that they could not do us and Caledonia Crossings because doing Timberline just broke us, but at their last meeting they agreed to do our snow removal for about the same price for another year. Siek commented that maybe Norm acted out of anger over losing a driver after some residents had some words with that driver. Jack Ferry said that Norm changed his mind and they are willing to continue to do our plowing.

B. Ordinance: Ms. Blaney reported since Mr. Moore was absent. They split the zoning up in three parts and will come back to the board with their findings.

C. Budget & Finance:

1. We will be getting quotes from a couple of accountants to see what the cost would be to look over the books and help with the taxes.
2. Mrs. Hunt motioned to approve the bills as printed. Ms. Blaney seconded

and

the motion carried. (See attached sheet).

Roll Call Vote: Colleen Blaney-Yea Jeff Nye-Yea Teresa Hunt-Yea  
Jack Nicholson-Yea Garrett Havens-Yea

D. PZB: We are also working on a multi-family dwelling/residential ordinance.

X. Old Business:

A. A workshop will be held on March 4, 2006 at 12 Noon for the purpose of the Board to meet with Jim Bassett and Wayne Blaeser regarding new draft that he handed out to the board members. There will be no public comment at this meeting. Attorney Nicolosi offered to create a web site with info regarding Caledonia Crossings that anyone can access, but he stresses that anything posted is just a draft-nothing has been approved.

B. President Siek had wanted to ask Mr. Moore (but he's not here) if he still wants, and is able with his work load, to be chair of the Ordinance Committee because the impact fee ordinance needs to be addressed at committee level and brought to the board for its passage.

C. The Clerk wanted to clarify something Mr. Nicholson said at last month's board meeting. He had said that the minutes are to be made available to the public within seven days. The rest of that sentence is *after they have been approved*.

This is stated in the Illinois Municipal Handbook, pg. 82.

- D. Ms. Blaney stated that Mr. Moore is working on an impact fee ordinance.
- E. Attorney Nicolosi will be getting us the new Illinois Municipal handbooks as soon as they are released.

XI. New Business:

A. For clarification: the Plat Committee had consisted of the PZB Committee and it was done in ordinance form to create the committee. Kraig Bryan was the Chair of the Plat Committee.

B. Alice VanBrocklin brought forth some concerns the Planning Commission has. (See attached sheet). Attorney Nicolosi commented that a planner is a good idea

but at what cost and as for the 45-day issue- maybe that can be amended.

C. Mr. Nicholson motioned to pass a resolution for the Village of Caledonia, Illinois establishing a copying fee for reproduction or copying of public records. Ms. Blaney seconded and the motion carried.

Roll Call Vote: Jeff Nye-Yea Jack Nicholson-Yea Garrett Havens-Yea  
Colleen Blaney-Yea Teresa Hunt-Yea

D. Ms. Blaney motioned for the board to spend money for Paul to look into the matter of a referendum. There was no second, so the motion fails.

E. Ms. Blaney would like to see a Border Agreement Team that meets monthly on committee night. Discussion followed. Steve Rapp, President of Timberline, and their board has expressed desire and have acknowledged that the border agreement has come up to them a long time ago. Siek continued saying it's all ready, just needs to be signed but would like our new attorneys look at it since this was done under our previous attorneys. Siek said most of these meetings take place during the day and that is why Mr. Nicholson is the only one on the board that attends. But if you want to be on the committee it can be scheduled at different times to accommodate someone who works during the day. Mr. Havens agreed to be chair. Ms. Blaney would like to it meet monthly on committee night. Ms. Blaney motioned to have a border agreement team with Mr. Havens as chair of an ad-hock committee of the board with the chair and two other members to it for the purposes of exploring border agreements with surrounding communities. Mr. Nicholson seconded. Alice VanBrocklin asked if members of the Planning Commission could be on it. Mr. Nicolosi responded saying it's very unorthodox to have a member of the Planning Commission to

be on it. Mr. Nicolosi said we can pass the resolution then come back and amend it later. The question came up if members of the ad-hock committee would be paid. So, Ms. Blaney amended her motion that the (Border Agreement Team) members be paid as any other committee. Mr. Nicholson seconded and the motion carried. Ayes-5 Nays-0

F. Ms. Blaney would like to see change in the size of committees. Discussion followed with it being sent to Budget & Finance of the additional cost it would be to have six on each committee.

G. Ms. Blaney would like to see that a copy of the Attorney's bill, roughly \$2800,

regarding the Ramsey's lawsuit be sent to Mr. Ramsey himself so he can see what it cost the Village. Mr. Nicolosi spoke about the Boone Heritage Windfarms Litigation. (See attached letter). Mr. Ramsey spoke and said it was not the intent to have us involved that it was a legal ploy by the lawyers. He then said he told us not to do anything, that we didn't have to show up. Furthermore, he said the courthouse had no business telling us we had to do something. Mr. Ramsey said Jim Hursch dismissed the suit because some were not mailed to specific addresses and since the Village has no address so it went to Susan Siek's home address. President Siek clarified that remark saying the Village does have a legal address, a PO Box and Mr. Ramsey replied whatever. Mr. Nicolosi stated we have to be careful because you are represented by counsel. Mr. Ramsey replied he is his own person and his counsel will do what he tells them to do. Mr. Nicolosi said we plan no action, but if you do re-file... Mr. Ramsey interrupted saying he'll do nothing and will send the board a letter stating that he won't re-file from his Attorney. Each time Mr. Nicolosi tried to speak Mr. Ramsey would interrupt. Finally, Mr. Nicolosi addressed the board saying we'll wait and see what happens.

XII. Scheduling of Special Meetings: March 4, 2006 at 12 Noon at the fire station.

XIII. Public Comment:

1. Jack Ferry-wanted to let us know the Township meets every Thursday and we are welcome to come. They have a lot of questions-concerns about the roads and water/sewer. Siek replied that possibly her and PZB would go.
2. Karen Boettcher, 2416 Main Street, health department testing their water for \$37 with the results in two days. She asked them if there's been any contaminated water in town; they responded no. She also wanted us to know of rumors that are wells and septic systems would be condemned and the person she talked to said there are no plans to do that.
3. Tom Peacock, 2012 Kelly Road, thanked the Planning Commission for their negative vote.
4. Sandra Stockwell, 14157 Caledonia Road, Is money gone regarding the Ramsey lawsuit?, he said to do nothing. President Siek said she took it to the attorney and Attorney Kurlinkus said you don't just do nothing when you're being served. Siek continued saying, "we hired legal counsel, I asked legal counsel a question, this board voted to hire the legal counsel, if you're going to hire them you follow their advice. Mr. Szeto spoke and said it was a timing issue also. We acted before it was automatically dropped.
5. Karen Yokum, 909 Kelly Road, question regarding referendum if people who are pre-annexed in being a part of it. She wants to know where she legally stands and how she can get out of it. You can come before the committee. Mr. Nicolosi you're not part of the Village yet, so no. People outside the Village

limits do not pay municipal taxes. Next, she stated that more people have been approached, like the Kemps and Nelsons. Mr. Nicolosi said no committee has recommended this.

6. Lisa Rodgers, 477 Kelly Road, said if it's not been approved and the committees are here, they need to hear what the people are saying. Next, she said the homes in Caledonia Crossings need to have basements.
7. Mary Walraven, Main Street, asked about motion made a while back about mailing minutes out. Mrs. Hunt said that was rescinded. Secondly, she asked if the Treasurers position could be changed back to an appointed position so we can find someone qualified because there is no one within our boundaries. Mr. Nicolosi will look into it; it may be able to be done by ordinance. Next, she asked for copy of ordinance stating PZB as Plat committee. Siek stated we have not found it yet. Lastly, regarding the approval of the FPA, she wondered if we were told of a limit on the recommendation with the Department of Agriculture for the FPA of 550 acres. Mr. Dopkins spoke saying they look at the agriculture aspect only not the engineering aspect. It's only a recommendation. Mary asked why this info (January 9<sup>th</sup> letter) is not passed on to the rest of the board.
8. Joann Fritz, Caledonia Road, wondered what type of advice the professional Planner would give. Mr. Nye said it's at PZB right now, but mentioned the cost would be like a retainer of two/three planners to come to us. Next, Mary

wanted

to know who would be doing the water checks and who is paying for them. The Village Engineer is doing them and with the developer is paying for it. Chris Dopkins spoke and said they pulled the samples today; about 14 of them. McHenry Analytical will be running the tests. They also are certified not only in Illinois but in Wisconsin, too. Karen Boettcher asked Chris if he wanted a sample of her water to compare with the results of the sample she took to the Boone County Health Department. He said sure.

XIV. Closed Session: None

XV. At 9:15 p.m. Ms. Blaney motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Havens seconded and the motion carried. Ayes-5 Nays-0