

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

- I. Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Caledonia Fire Station.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- III. Roll Call: President Susan Siek, Clerk & Acting Treasurer Susan Yakey-Present
Trustees Present-Colleen Blaney, Garrett Havens, Jeff Nye, Teresa Hunt,
Jack Nicholson
Trustees Absent-Kraig Bryan
- IV. Trustee Nye motioned to approve the agenda with the above-mentioned additions.
Seconded by Trustee Nicholson. Motion carried by voice vote. (5 ayes)
- V. Trustee Nye motioned to approve the October 17, 2006 Board Meeting Minutes.
Seconded by Trustee Hunt. Motion carried by voice vote. (5 ayes)
- VI. Attorneys Remarks: None
- VII. Judy Murphy spoke on behalf of the Caledonia Congregational Church where she is
a Deacon. She thanked the Board members and the residents of the Village for the
30 bags of food they picked up for the Salvation Army.
- VIII. Presidents Report:
President Siek read Trustee Garrett Haven's letter of resignation, dated October 17,
2006. Caledonia's Postmaster contacted Susan regarding the 150th celebration logo
that can be stamped on envelopes if desired starting December 15, 2006. A
reminder to all of the Boone County Corridor Open House, Nov. 30 from 4:30p-7:
30p. Also, aerial shots are going to be taken of Route 173. Just received contract
for the snowplowing from the Township. The Clerk will make copies for the
Village and Trustee Nicholson. We received a Safety Award Plaque from the
IMLRMA. And finally, the bus tour with Dave Slitkus never materialized. The bus
never arrived.
- IX. Treasurers Report: (See attached Sheet)
Trustee Nye motioned to approve the treasurer's report as given. Seconded by
Trustee Hunt. Motion carried by voice vote. (5 ayes)
- X. Clerks Report: Election packets are available from the Clerk if anyone wants one.
- XI. Committee Reports:
 - A. Roads & Capital Improvements: None
 - B. Ordinances: Trustee Blaney said Trustee Bryan chaired and that nothing of
substance came out of the meeting.

C. Budget & Finance: (see attached sheet)

1. Trustee Hunt motioned to pay the bills as listed Seconded by Trustee Nye. Motion carried by voice vote. (5 ayes)
2. Trustee Hunt and Acting Treasurer Yakey met with Steve Addante. He said we do not need a full time accountant. He proposes to set us up with the software and to teach the Acting Treasurer how to run the program. He can do this for no more than \$1000.00, which includes him buying the software. Pay for other work we may need help with will range from \$40-\$125 depending if we need him or his bookkeeper. (His proposal is on file with the Clerk) Trustee Hunt motioned to go ahead with Steve Addante's proposal. Seconded by Trustee Nicholson. Discussion followed. Motion carried by voice vote. (5 ayes)
3. To use the payroll portion of the software we are implementing, we need access to the Internet at the Yakey home. Trustee Hunt motioned to reimburse \$20 a month to Clerk Yakey for the use of the Internet. Seconded by Trustee Nye. Motion carried by voice vote. (5 ayes)
4. Trustee Hunt motioned to pass the Levy of 5%. Seconded by Trustee Nicholson. No discussion. Roll call vote: 5 ayes (Trustees Nye, Blaney, Nicholson, Hunt) 0 nays
5. Trustee Hunt motioned to transfer \$15,000.00 from the General Fund account to the Money Market account. Seconded by Trustee Nye. Motion carried by voice vote. (5 ayes)

D. PZB:

1. Trustee Nye asks everyone to look over Dave Slitkus proposal. It will be discussed at next committee meeting.

XII. Old Business

- a. This has been done; it is the proposal that needs to be discussed.
- b. Trustee Nye motioned to pass Ordinance #2006-28, creating enforcement officer position. Seconded by Trustee Nicholson. Discussion followed. Motion carried by voice vote. (5 ayes)
- c. Trustee Nicholson motioned to pass Resolution #2006-12, hiring Phil Long as Our enforcement officer. Seconded by Trustee Nye. Discussion followed with the main point being the length of agreement is at the Board's discretion. Motion carried by voice vote. (5 ayes)

XIII. New Business

- a. President Siek would like Trustee Nicholson to be the point person in finding a tree trimmer to take care of the tree that is located on Village property. Trustee Nicholson wanted to know if it's the Village's responsibility or the homeowner's whose garage the tree is rubbing. The branch didn't just happen, he knew what he was getting when he went in. Attorney Szeto commented you could just wait and see or just trim the tree and not fight with your neighbors. Trustee Hunt motioned to trim the tree that is on Village owned property. Seconded by Trustee Blaney. Discussion followed. Trustee Blaney will contact

the owner and see about splitting the cost of the tree trimming. Roll call vote: 5 ayes (Trustees Hunt, Nicholson, Blaney, Nye)

- b. President Siek spoke with Pam McCullough regarding going 'wet' by referendum at next election, and she suggested we ask our attorney to see whether to go by petition or resolution. February 13, 2007 is the last day to pass resolution to place referenda on the ballot. President Siek stated the attorney needs to be paid if they pursue this. Attorney Szeto said usually petitions are done by individual persons and Boards do so by resolution. The Village can do the resolution himself or herself or he can do it. Clerk Yakey said we should put it on ballot by resolution so the people can decide yes or no to going 'wet', not just the trustees deciding. Phil Long wanted us to know it's not just for Binanti's but also for any future business that may want to acquire a liquor license. Trustee Hunt motioned to send this back to Ordinance Committee for further discussion to decide whether to put it on the ballot by resolution or not. Seconded by Trustee Nye. Motion passed by voice vote. (5 ayes)
- c. President Siek would like to appoint Trustee Nicholson to be the 3rd check signer, if he accepts. She then asked for a motion to do this. Trustee Nye motioned to appoint Trustee Nicholson as the 3rd check signer. Seconded by Trustee Blaney. Motion carried by voice vote. (5 ayes)
- d. President Siek would like the Board to consider going to 'committee of the whole' instead of separate committee meetings as it is being done at the present time. There are many advantages to this one very important one is all trustees can participate in all discussions. This is done in Capron where they also have two weeks between meetings. Trustee Blaney motioned to send this Ordinance Committee. Seconded by Trustee Nye. Motion carried by voice vote. (5 ayes)
- e. President Siek wondered if day/time of meetings were changed if that would help some potential members who cannot make it on Tuesdays. There is currently one board member that has a problem with Tuesdays, are there any others? Trustee Nye spoke and said he has trouble with making some Tuesday meetings. Trustee Hunt motioned to table this until next month's board meeting. Seconded by Trustee Nye. Motion carried by voice vote. (5 ayes)
- f. President Siek would like to appoint someone to chair meetings in case of her absence. Trustee Nye nominated Jack Nicholson to chair in case of the President's absence. Trustee Nicholson nominated the chairman of PZB committee. Trustee Nicholson motioned that the chairman of PZB committee be the vice-chair. Seconded by Trustee Blaney. Attorney Szeto will have the ordinance will be ready for vote at next month's meeting under old business.
- g. Phil Long read in the paper of a building N. Bo. School District is going to demolish and thought we could get it for a temporary village hall. Mary Walraven said it was found to be junk by the school district.
- h. President Siek received a letter from The Glen at Belvidere, which is a housing facility for seniors, asking for her signature as President of Village of Caledonia on this letter to show our support. Clerk Yakey read the letter. President Siek would like to know if the Trustees want to show support and send this letter in. Trustee Nye motioned to write the letter to show our support for The Glen at

Belvidere. Seconded by Trustee Hunt. Discussion followed. Motion carried by voice vote. (4 ayes-Trustee Hunt, Nye, Nicholson) (1 nay-Trustee Blaney)

- i. President Siek wondered if we need to have a planning commission and checked with Attorney Szeto who said we are not bound by law to have a planning commission. She said Alice VanBrocklin is no longer on it and probably not with the members. Trustee Nye motioned to table any discussion regarding planning commission til after new members are elected in April and follow up With the existing planning commission members. Seconded by Trustee Blaney. Discussion followed. Phil Long wondered what that would do with the agreement we have with the developer. He thought maybe we should refer this to committee. Motion carried by voice vote. (5 nays) Motion failed. Trustee Nye motioned to table planning commission decision until next month and refer it to the PZB committee and he (Jeff) will follow up with the existing planning commission members. Seconded by Trustee Blaney. Motion carried by voice vote. (5 ayes)
- j. President Siek would like a 2nd point person in the Village in case of an emergency disaster. She is the first point person. Trustee Blaney nominated Jack Nicholson. Trustee Nicholson commented that the 2nd point person should be the vice-chair, and that person is the chairman of the PZB committee. Attorney Szeto will have this ordinance ready (along with the other for PZB) for vote at next month's meeting under old business.

XIV. Scheduling of Special Meetings: None

XV. Public Comment:

1. Alice VanBrocklin read her resignation letter as chair of planning commission.
2. Wallace Ramsey-be wise to have planning commission for public input. Offered to be on this planning commission.
3. Doris Nelson-is Sue the only one learning the software program? Yes, for now. Will there be a web site? No. Also says we need to do The Glen.
4. Phil Long-says the two past trustees that left the board (Todd and Garrett) served the community adequately and that the village needs to step forward and pat themselves on the back for job they did do. At some point, the Village may want to impose road limits on our streets-that would help with the caravan of buses on the streets. Also might want to revise impact fees for future developments.

XVI. Closed Session: None

XVII. At 8:45 p.m. Trustee Nicholson motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Trustee Hunt. Motion carried by voice vote. (5 ayes)