

Village of Caledonia Board Meeting Minutes  
December 19, 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, Kraig Bryan, Teresa Hunt  
Jack Nicholson, Jeff Nye

- IV. Trustee Hunt motioned to switch items #2 & #3 under Budget & Finance Committee and to strike #5 which is actually #4. Seconded by Trustee Nye. Motion carried by voice vote. (5 ayes)

Trustee Blaney motioned to add under New Business as 'a' *Discuss location of public comment*. Seconded by Trustee Nicholson. Motion carried by voice vote. (5 ayes)

Trustee Blaney motioned to add under New Business as 'b' *Discuss how mail is handled*, 'c' *Discuss putting ad in paper for vacancies*, and 'd' *Discuss how and where to store PA system-who will be responsible*. Seconded by Trustee Nye. Motion carried by voice vote. (5 ayes)

Trustee Bryan motioned to approve the agenda with the above-mentioned additions. Seconded by Trustee Nye. Motion carried by voice vote. (5 ayes)

- V. Trustee Hunt motioned to approve the November 21, 2006 Board Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Trustee Nye. Motion carried by voice vote. (5 ayes)
- VI. Attorneys Remarks: None
- VII. Presidents Report  
President Siek shared with us the Caledonia seal that was stamped on envelopes December 15 at the Caledonia Post Office. Received a letter from Attorney Szeto regarding liquor requirements. The Clerk read the letter aloud. It basically states they have not done work on this and if we want them to pursue it, we need to let them know. Next, she wanted to know if the Trustees were aware of the letter from Centex regarding payment that is past due to McMahan and also the payment received from Bassett. The Trustees were aware of both on Committee night. President Siek attended the meeting regarding the 173 growth corridor. Wondered if anyone else attended because they wanted input. She handed Trustee Nye a packet to take back to his committee. Lastly, she shared Christmas cards the Village received.
- VIII. Treasurers Report: (See attached Sheet)

Trustee Bryan motioned to approve the treasurer's report as given. Seconded by Trustee Nye. Discussion followed with the Budget & Finance committee looking into interest bearing accounts for Building Permit and MFT checking accounts. Motion carried by voice vote. (5 ayes)

- X. Clerks Report: In looking at the meeting dates for 2007, April's Board meeting falls on election day. The thought was to change it to the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday. Trustee Nicholson motioned to move April 17, 2007 Board meeting to April 24, 2007. Seconded by Trustee Nye. Motion carried by voice vote. (5 ayes)

XI. Committee Reports:

A. Roads & Capital Improvements

1. Trustee Nicholson motioned to submit the same IDOT expenditure statement as 2006. Seconded by Trustee Nye. Motion carried by voice vote. (5 ayes)
2. Trustee Nicholson motioned to accept Cotner's bid of \$325 to trim the tree that is on Village property. Seconded by Trustee Bryan. Discussion followed. Motion carried by voice vote. (5 ayes)

B. Ordinances

Trustee Blaney reported a lot of things were discussed:

1. If committee is changed to 'committee of the whole' does the Clerk have to take the minutes? President Siek and Attorney Cox agreed that the Clerk is part of the Board and 'committee of the whole' involves the whole Board.
2. Set February as a deadline to approve the Ordinance Code book as correct.
3. Discussed liquor requirements-resolution by Board, petition by individual? President Siek said Jo Binanti would not have to do petition if Board does resolution, which the Attorney has not been directed to do work on yet; even the Boone County Clerk said to check with your Attorney. This needs to be decided at the January committee meeting.
4. Discussed violations in Caledonia-leash, junk ect... Some places give homeowners 60 days and if not taken care of then it's done for them and the homeowner is charged for the job done.

C. Budget & Finance (see attached sheet)

1. Trustee Hunt motioned to pay the bills as listed and to forward on the ones that go to Centex/Bassett and be payable upon receipt. Seconded by Trustee Nye. Motion carried by voice vote. (5 ayes)
2. Trustee Hunt motioned to pass the 2006 budget of \$77,930.00. Seconded by Trustee Nicholson. Motion carried by voice vote. (5 ayes)
3. Trustee Hunt motioned to accept the tax levy (5% increase). Seconded by Trustee Nicholson. Discussion followed. Increase is minimal. Motion carried by voice vote. (5 ayes)

D. Planning, Zoning & Building

Trustee Nye reported that they discussed Slitkus' proposal, talked about Binanti's sign, consensus is to keep the planning commission, Sassaman wants to rezone his property-took info Phil Long gave him, and discussed how zoning is now in the Village. President Siek said previously she signed off on plats providing they were combining, not subdividing, them.

XII. Old Business

A & b. Trustee Bryan motioned to adopt Ordinance #2006-29 **Making the PZB Chairman Vice-Chair and 2<sup>ND</sup> Point Person in an Emergency**. Seconded by Trustee Hunt. Motion carried by voice vote. (5 ayes)

XIII. New Business

A. Trustee Blaney commented at Timberlane and Rockton's meetings, the public comment comes at the beginning so they can leave after they have had their say. President Siek replied if they really wanted to speak, all they have to do is call her and she will put them ahead of the President's report like she has always done. The placement on the agenda is her prerogative as President. Trustee Bryan stated more input from the Village should be at committee level where it is less formal.

B. Trustee Blaney wondered how the mail is handled. A lot of FOIA requests and levy notices have come through and they know nothing until they see it on the Attorney's bill. President Siek said we never got the FOIA requests like we do now so if the clerk is unsure of something, then legal counsel is needed. Some things are attorney/client privileged and need not be turned over per state statute.

C. Regarding an ad in the paper to fill vacancies, President Siek said she received two calls to fill the one vacancy we have at present-Rod Fritz and John Stenerson. She asked the board for input. Consensus was to appoint and fill the vacancy now, even though they will need to run in the April election.

D. If the PA system is left at the fire station, they will not be held responsible if it is lost, stolen, broke or whatever. Trustee Nye will make a box to protect it and the mike will be kept locked up.

XIV Scheduling of Special Meetings: None

XV. Public Comment:

1. Jo Binanti-comment on Aaron's letter. Why have I run around doing this? Have the Village attorney look into it. As a business owner, the village owes it to her that we look into it and put it on the ballot by resolution.
2. Judy Murphy-has copies of the maps from the growth corridor meeting if anyone would like to view them.
3. Rod Fritz-intention was to be elected but a few board members told him of the vacancy we have now so he would like to be appointed.

XVI. Closed Session: None

XVII. At 8:32 p.m. Trustee Nicholson motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Trustee Bryan. Motion carried by voice vote. (5 ayes)