

Village of Caledonia Board Meeting Minutes
January 16, 2007, 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 Yaakey-Present
Trustees Present-Kraig Bryan, Teresa Hunt, Jack Nicholson, Jeff Nye
Trustees Absent-Colleen Blaney
- IV. Trustee Bryan motioned to approve the agenda. Seconded by Trustee Nye. Motion carried by voice vote. (4 ayes)
- V. Trustee Hunt motioned to approve the December 19, 2006 Board Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Trustee Nicholson. Motion carried by voice vote. (4 ayes)
- VI. Attorneys Remarks: None
- VII. Presidents Report: attended a meeting at the courthouse regarding the growth corridor. They are about 2/3 away from being done with the study. On Wednesday, January 31 at 6p there is a Summit meeting for all leaders and board members to attend. This will be scheduled as a meeting so as to be compliant with the Open Meetings Act. There will be another meeting for the public on February 27, 2007. Next, the Clerk read aloud a letter dated January 4, 2007 from Bev Moore, Planning Commission Member & President of Capron addressed to Adam Tegan, Director of Planning, Belvidere-Boone Co. Planning Department regarding the January 3, 2007 meeting at Belvidere School District Office. (See attached)
- VIII. Vacancy Position of Board Q & A with John Stenerson and Rod Fritz:
President Siek explained that since there were two people who wanted to be appointed to fill this vacancy, she invited John Stenerson to come tonight and assumed that Rod Fritz would come probably knowing that there would be an appointment tonight, for them to tell us why they want to be on the Board and to give the Trustees a chance to ask them questions.
John Stenerson-born and raised here in Caledonia came back two years ago and has a great concern for the goings on in this community. Growth is coming and we need to do all we can to make it worthwhile. He drives a truck part-time and sells real estate full-time.
Rod Fritz-was not aware his name would appear on the agenda. He had called President Siek about this vacancy but got no answer. He went on to say the Lord has taught him forgiveness and can forgive her (Siek) for the way he was treated, and believes he can work with her and everyone else on the Board. He is an electrician by trade. He has talked with others in the community who say if subdivision comes in, they will move out, which he could too, but does not want to. He likes this community and sees this vacancy as a chance to have a voice, but that does not mean he will vote against everything-he will work with us (the Board).
Trustee Nye asked John with the growth around here, what would you see fit for Caledonia's answer to it? John answered that input from the community is needed and that you do what the majority says. Growth will come but you need to control it, protect our rights. Not too sure regarding Caledonia Crossings Subdivision, been working nights and have not heard much. The same question was asked of Rod and he replied he had no problem with growth, but with the

density. Does not want this to be another Poplar Grove. Should be an asset to the community.

Trustee Bryan asked if either of them has a personal agenda to wanting to be on the Board.

John Stenerson-no, there is no personal agenda. Would like to see Caledonia be like it was when he grew up here. We don't have the caring like we used to; wants to see the spirit come back into this Village and believes it can be achieved even with subdivision. Does not want to see homes that look alike.

Rod Fritz in reply-my personal agenda would be that I own my home here. People sitting on porches like in the past is a 'bygone era'. He realizes his home won't be a 'horse farm' forever.

Trustee Bryan-the past Board, when they resigned, let the people of this community down. We almost lost this Village. To serve on this Board takes commitment; you take the Oath of Office. Wants whoever gets appointed to know they will feel the disrespect, the harassment that the community has dished out toward the Board. This is a thankless job.

Trustee Hunt-both are qualified and would bring good things to the Board.

President Siek-whomever gets appointed needs to run in April's election. The previous board successfully kept growth at bay for 10 years, but a lot of changes have taken place. Poplar Grove is right by our legal boundary. While Caledonia kept to the Comprehensive Plan, no one else did. Next, President Siek commented that she senses negativity from Rod. He did not respect time limit when talking at one particular meeting.

President Siek, with Board approval, would like to appoint John Stenerson to the Board, stressing the fact that he will have to run in the April election. Trustee Bryan motioned to accept John Stenerson to fill the vacancy until the April 17th election or to the appointment of a new Board. Seconded by Trustee Nye. Discussion followed. Roll call vote: 3 ayes (Trustees Bryan, Nye, Nicholson) 1 nay (Trustee Hunt). John will take the Oath of Office next month.

IX. Treasurers Report: (See attached Sheet)

Trustee Hunt motioned to approve the treasurer's report as given. Seconded by Trustee Nicholson. Motion carried by voice vote. (4 ayes)

X. Clerks Report: Pre-filing notice is posted outside where the agendas are hung. Filing date is Jan. 29-Feb. 5 from 4p-6p at my home.

XI. Committee Reports:

A. Roads & Capital Improvements

1. Tree trimming will have to wait until the ground firms up. A call from a resident of the Village was discussed. The particular snowfall in question was December 1st and the roads in our Village were all opened by 6p. Some went 3 days after that snowfall before their roads were all opened! So Caledonia did a pretty good job. As to the issue of the sod being torn up in front of the house, even though we maintain it, it is easement.

B. Budget & Finance (see attached sheet)

1. Clarification of a \$50 charge on McMahon's bill was needed from President

Siek. A lady in Candlewick needed Siek to sign off on a plat and told her
our

Village Engineer needed to sign off as well. It turns out the Engineer did not actually have to sign off on it, but they did do some investigative work before they found that out. Siek had never seen this lady before and does not remember her name. John Zimmerman said they would just write it off instead of taking time and money to look back through notes to see if he still has her name. The question was not to have it written off, but rather if she should be billed not the Village. Trustee Hunt motioned to pay the bills as listed (a-h) and to forward on the ones that go to Centex/Bassett and be payable upon receipt. Seconded by Trustee Bryan. Discussion followed. Motion carried by voice vote. (4 ayes) Also, Centex has not paid McMahan yet and Bassett has not paid Nicolosi & Associates a \$40.27 finance charge. Trustee Hunt motioned to resend the invoices to Centex by certified mail. Seconded by Trustee Nicholson. Discussion followed. Motion carried by voice vote. (4 ayes)

The second part of the bills to pay is an outstanding amount of thirty some thousand dollars due to McMahan that Centex has not paid. Someone will have to pay. Plus, past due bills to Nicolosi & Associates by Bassett (40.27) and Centex (\$331.50). Trustee Hunt motioned for Sue to resend the bill to Centex and Bassett per certified mail so that we know they got it and when we get the money, pay upon receipt. Attorney Szeto stated the \$40.27 was a late charge their office will waive. Trustee Hunt amended her motion for Sue to resend the bill to Centex per certified mail and pay upon receipt. Seconded by Trustee Nicholson. Motion carried by voice vote. (4 ayes)

2. Trustee Hunt would like the Board to revisit the decision to hold payment (\$1,041.25) to Nicolosi & Associates for work done pertaining to the liquor ordinance. It was a request from a board member to do the work so we need to pay the bill. Trustee Hunt motioned to bring it back to the table. Seconded by Trustee Nye. Motion carried by voice vote. (3 ayes-Trustees Hunt, Bryan) (1 nay-Trustee Nicholson) Trustee Hunt motioned to pay the bill. Seconded by Trustee Bryan. Motion at a tie vote. (2 ayes-Trustees Bryan, Hunt) (2 nays-Trustees Nye, Nicholson) President Siek broke the tie to pay the bill. Motion passed.
3. Trustee Hunt motioned to make the Internet bill a recurring bill. Seconded by Trustee Nicholson. Motion carried by voice vote. (4 ayes)
4. The past two years Quimby has done our audit. Sue is working on getting info plugged into the new software in hopes it will lower our audit fee. It is not done yet though and the quote from Quimby is \$3500-\$4000 providing everything gets in the computer. It all depends on the work that needs to be done. After all the books are in order and in the computer on the new software, maybe we will be in position to look for a better price to do the 2007 audit. But for now the recommendation of the Budget & Finance Committee is to stay with Quimby since they know us. Trustee Hunt motioned to retain Lombardozzi, Moses, Quimby & Co. to do the 2006 audit. Seconded by Trustee Nicholson. Discussion followed. We do this by

resolution because of the amount of money involved and is easier to find than looking in past minutes. It can be done by motion; does not have to be done by resolution per Attorney Szeto. Trustee Hunt motioned by

Resolution

authorizing the president of the Village of Caledonia to Retain the Services of an Auditor to Perform the 2006 Audit of the Village of Caledonia, Illinois.

Seconded by Trustee Bryan. Motion carried by voice vote. (4 ayes)

Trustee Hunt reported that the issue of transferring money from MFT Account to the MFT Money Market Account has been tabled for a month or two until some bills are in. This is the same for the Building Permit Account. Trustee Bryan asked about looking into a MFT interest bearing checking account. Siek said the last she know Poplar Grove only has money market accounts. Trustee Hunt will look into it again.

C. Ordinance (In Trustee Blaney's absence, Trustee Bryan gave report).

2. The request for a workshop regarding our Ordinances is still at committee level so would like to table this for now.

1. Trustee Byran made recommendation to the Board requesting the Attorney draft a resolution to put the question of issuing liquor license on the ballot. Attorney Szeto said they were not to do any work regarding this without

prior

Board approval. Trustee Hunt brought up the fact that the deadline is February 13th which is before our next meeting. Siek said this would incur another expense-having a Special Board Meeting to vote on this. Trustee Bryan motioned that the Attorney draft a resolution for the questioning of whether we go wet or dry. Seconded by Trustee Hunt. Roll call vote: 4 ayes. (Trustees Nicholson, Hunt, Byran, Nye)

D. Planning, Zoning & Building

Trustee Nye talked with Dave Slitkus and the PZB committee about having a workshop for evaluating our Comprehensive Plan. He stated he would do this at

no charge to the Village. The question is whether we want to have to now or wait until after the election when we will have a full board. President Siek said anyone can come and listen at these workshops even though there is no public comment; they are open to the public. So if anyone wants to run they can come to this meeting and hear what is being said. A date will be discussed later on.

XII. Old Business: None

XIII. New Business: None

XIV. Scheduling of Special Meetings: January 23, 2007 at 7p for a special board meeting to (1) pass resolution to get 'wet or dry' on the ballot, (2) recommendation to the Board to have a workshop to evaluate our Comprehensive Plan, and (3) Oath of Office for John.

XV. Public Comment:

1. Jo Binanti-asks us to be careful how we word the question on the ballot. When the Township put it on, a yes meant no and a no meant yes! Attorney Szeto replied usually the question is worded "Shall the resale of alcohol beverages be prohibited in the Village", but said he can use the word permitted instead of

prohibited.

2. Phil Long-asked if new member would be coming on at next meeting. Will be at the Special meeting if it's on the agenda.
3. Rod Fritz-gave congratulations to John and also thanked the Board for taking the time to question them.
4. Joann Fritz-when the discussion of whether there was a personal vendetta, there was a question about our barn. Wants to clarify that they bought the property, owned the property for some time before building the home. They were boarding two horses and it was financially better to keep the horses on their own property. There was no personal attempt to thwart the Board at anything.

XVI. Closed Session: None

XVII. At 8:38 p.m. Trustee Nicholson motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Trustee Bryan. Motion carried by voice vote. (4 ayes)