

Village of Caledonia Board Meeting Minutes  
March 20, 2007, 7:00 p.m.

- I. President Siek called the meeting 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  
Trustees Absent-John Stenerson
- IV. Trustee Bryan motioned to approve the agenda. Seconded by Trustee Nye. Motion carried by voice vote. (5 ayes)
- V. Trustee Bryan motioned to approve the February 10, 2007 Special Board meeting minutes (workshop with Dave Slitkus). Seconded by Trustee Nicholson. Motion carried by voice vote. (5 ayes)
- VI. Trustee Bryan motioned to approve the February 20, 2007 Board Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Trustee Hunt. Motion carried by voice vote. (5 ayes)
- VII. Attorneys Remarks: None
- VIII. Presidents Report:  
Talked with Ken Terranoni regarding the sanitary district and he stated it has not been dissolved contrary to what some people have said. Also, talked with Ken regarding invoice #74401 for \$102 for work done by McMahon Associates for supplying information to Vandewalle & Associates regarding our FPA for the growth study for Boone County. The County Board agreed to pay, but needs a more detailed invoice stating they did the work for Vandewalle. The County would reimburse us since the Village has already paid McMahon Associates for this work. Next, on February 13, Siek met with Dan Jacobson of Loves Park, who was representing Mayor Lindberg, our Village Engineers John Zimmerman and Chris Dopkins (only being charged for one) and Trustee Nicholson regarding Loves Park boundary agreement proposal. This will be discussed later on in the agenda. Lastly, on the 16<sup>th</sup> of February, Siek met with Joan Razim who has 66 acres that would be highly affected by Loves Park's proposal to us. This will be discussed in detail under Old Business.
- IX. Treasurers Report: (See attached Sheet)  
Acting Treasurer Yakey wanted clarification of Accountant Steve Addante's role with us and would like to use him in getting Quickbooks set up completely as this would allow us to print out records so we know exactly what the Village has, and in getting the records ready for the audit (Bob Quimby said he would like to start the audit by end of April). Trustee Blaney suggested a second person be trained. President Siek asked Acting Treasurer if wanted that person to be the Deputy Clerk and was given a yes answer. The Deputy Clerk knows Quickbooks. Siek commented that it looks like we need to spend a little more money to be able to operate more efficiently. Also thought Sue can set things up with the Deputy Clerk and Steve Addante. When she took this on, the agreement was really so the Village wouldn't fall behind paying the bills, and it turned out to be a whole lot more than was anticipated with having the Clerk's job as well. Siek would like a motion to help Sue out. Trustee Hunt motioned to authorize Sue to go ahead to request more

help from Steve addante regarding Quickbooks. Seconded by Trustee Bryan. Discussion followed. Trustee Bryan thought maybe the Deputy Clerk and Sue will be able to do most themselves with just a little help from Addante. Motion carried by voice vote. (5 ayes 0 nays)

Acting Treasurer Yakey brought up another question of how much to reimburse the Deputy Clerk; the same rate as she gets now, \$50 when she does a meeting for me? Trustee Bryan motioned that we do compensate the Deputy Clerk for the time that she has spent at her compensated rate of \$50 per training session, leaving it in Sue's hand to account for the time spent with the Deputy Clerk. Seconded by Trustee Nicholson. Motion carried by voice vote. (5 ayes 0 nays)

X. Clerks Report:

Informed the Board of recent FOIA requests that are being worked on.

XI. Committee Reports:

A. Roads & Capital Improvements

Trustee Nicholson reports that the winter was bad on the roads and has a call into Municipal maintenance for a quote.

B. Budget & Finance (see attached sheet)

1. Trustee Hunt motioned to pay the bills (ComEd of \$261.38, Internet of \$20 and Nicolosi & Associates of \$312.50) and send Nicolosi's \$331.50 on to Centex with pay upon receipt. Seconded by Trustee Nye. Motion carried by voice vote. (5 ayes 0 nays)

2. President Siek spoke with Attorney Szeto regarding question that was brought up at committee level pertaining to the past due bill of McMahon Associates. It is appropriate to bill Bassett. There is a letter signed by both Centex Homes and Jim Bassett that they are liable to pay, although Centex was to be the primary payer. Trustee Hunt motioned to forward all McMahon bills to Bassett by certified mail. Seconded by Trustee Bryan. Discussion followed as to having our Attorney help with the letter and/or send it or us sending the letter. Trustee Blaney and Hunt thought is that Bassett should get the letter first from the Village no the attorney. Motion carried by voice vote. (5 ayes 0 nays)

3. Trustee Hunt motioned to pay the cost of the certified letter that was sent to Centex. Seconded by Trustee Nicholson. Motion carried by voice vote. (5 ayes 0 nays)

C. Ordinance

1. There were some complaints about garbage cans and the dumpsters in Caledonia. We already have an Ordinance requiring them to have a screen or fence around them.

2. We already have an Ordinance regarding weight restrictions on the roads. Trustee Nicholson will look into getting signs and posts from Caledonia Township and see if they will put them in.

3. Discussion took place about the grain elevator not conforming to our codes. Phil Long has gone thru the channels move 'unsightly' stuff from one place to another. That is how they answered things. We need a paper trail and the Board needs to take a definite action on that road as to keeping it open or

not.

D. Planning, Zoning & Building

1. Trustee Nye motioned to pass the 'Certificate Insulation'. Seconded by Trustee Nicholson. Motion carried by voice vote. (5 ayes 0 nays)
2. Trustee Nye motioned to pass the 'Lot Grading Certificate'. Seconded by Trustee Nicholson. Motion carried by voice vote. (5 ayes 0 nays)
3. Trustee Nye motioned to pass the 'Foundation Elevation Certificate'. Seconded by Trustee Hunt. Motion carried by voice vote. (5 ayes 0 nays)  
Reported at last PZB meeting-Bassett had not called back to give an update. Also, from the Growth Summit with Ken Terranoni regarding a sanitary district, idea was passed around if they can use our FPA. Lastly, he passed out a copy of the '*Caledonia Land Use Plan-revised*'.

XII. Old Business:

1. President Siek stated this boundary agreement with Timberlane has been in the making for a few years now. It was prepared by our past attorney and had already gone thru Timberlane's attorney. Siek would like our present attorney to review it before we sign it. Trustee Nye motioned to pass the Border Agreement with Timberlane pending our attorney's review. Seconded by Trustee Nicholson. Discussion followed. President Siek asked Jeff to amend his motion to have our engineer draw up an official map so we are protected before having the attorney review it. John Zimmerman stated we need to call it an exhibit to the agreement not an official map. Trustee Nye amended the motion to have our engineer look at the Border Agreement prior to the attorney, do an exhibit map, then send it on to our attorney. Motion carried by roll call vote. 5 ayes

(Trustees

Bryan, Blaney, Nye, Nicholson, Hunt)

President Siek said Loves Park Border Agreement proposal bothers her because of Joan Razim's pre-annexation agreement with us. She does not want to be part of Loves Park, but with the proposal, part of her property would be Loves Park. She talked with Dan Jacobson and asked if they can surround her and say they would not forcibly annex her property. He thought that could be put in writing. Siek wants a 20 yr. term on it. Trustee Nye said we need the border agreement, not them. This is just good faith on their part. Trustee Bryan thought we should talk with property owners and see if they want to be loves Park or not. Trustee Blaney said since she took former Trustee Havens place as chair of Ordinance Committee, she would take his place as chair of the border agreement committee as well. Trustee Nye will help on the committee as well. Attorney Szeto said either them or Loves Park has to recuse themselves-they will not represent both. This proposal was sent back to committee.

2. Trustee Blaney reported she sent a card and a \$25 gift certificate to Binanti's for Dave Slitkus thank you gift for putting on the workshop for us.
3. Regarding the growth summit, Trustee Blaney reported that there are plans to meet in March, maybe Kathy Ward is the person to talk to.

XIII. New Business:

1. President Siek feels the board should not set a precedent in letting someone (not a board member) request a special meeting. As the President, she gets to decide what goes on the agenda, that is her privilege. Also, we as a board, would

conduct the meeting. The Village pays for the use of this firehouse for its meetings. It would be a conflict of interest. We cannot spend any money with anything political. If 3 or more board members are going to attend this 'meet the candidates' meeting, then it constitutes a meeting and would have to follow the laws of the Open Meetings Act. President Siek went around the table and asked the Trustees if they would be attending: Bryan said no that he was not even invited; Blaney was neutral, for now; Nye, Nicholson and Hunt said no. Since Stenerson is home sick with the flu, we're not sure if he intends to or not. Trustee Blaney said if Stenerson wants to attend, then she will bow out and let him go, otherwise she may attend. Since not enough Trustees plan to go, there is no worry of a quorum.

2. Trustee Nye motioned that our consultants receive the board and committee meeting minutes, after they have been approved. Seconded by Trustee Blaney. Motion carried by voice vote. (5 ayes 0 nays)
3. Trustee Nicholson motioned to pass the resolution to raise the copying fee from \$0.15 to \$1 per sheet. Seconded by Trustee Nye. Discussion followed. Motion carried by voice vote. (5 ayes 0 nays)
4. President Siek explained this came under scrutiny last time, do we have our engineers do it and the Village being charged for their work or do we have our Clerk do it? Trustee Nye motioned that the Clerk will respond to inquires regarding our FPA. Seconded by Trustee Nicholson. Motion carried by voice vote. (5 ayes 0 nays)

XIV. Scheduling of Special Meetings: None

XV. Public Comment:

1. Doris Nelson, Caledonia Rd: in reference to FOIA requests-State Statue says you cannot make it an excess fee. Regarding the boundary agreement- the General Assembly Public Act #94-3074 says has to have public hearing, have postings, letters sent to all involve parties and anyone who objects has 12 months to do so.
2. Sandra Stockwell, Caledonia Rd: wonders what the big deal is in having a meet the candidate's night. We have to work together on issues. Siek responded that we, as a municipality, have to follow the Open Meetings Act.
3. Judy Murphy, Caledonia Rd: has opened her home and the candidates can come one at a time and she will invite the community for coffee and a chat.
4. Alice VanBrocklin, Caledonia Rd: regarding annexation, she and Lisa Rodgers went canvassing and suggests that we have current list of who has done a pre-annex already.

XVI. Closed Session: None

XVII. At 9:00 p.m. Trustee Bryan motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Trustee Hunt. Motion carried by voice vote. (5 ayes)

Approved 4/24/07 siy