

Trustee Wanggaard called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. In attendance were:

Committee Members: Trustee Kevin Wanggaard, Trustee Dave Prott

Department Managers: Village Administrator Tom Christensen, Village Engineer Anthony Bunkelman, Attorney Chris Geary, Fire Chief Dick Roeder, Police Captain Brian Wall

In Attendance: Jon Frederickson, Roger Cipov

1. Approval of minutes

Trustee Prott moved to approve the minutes from the January 11, 2016 meeting. Seconded by Trustee Wanggaard. Motion carried.

The agenda was taking out of order, 3 then 2.

3. Review proposed revisions to Title 5, Sec. 5-2-20 Open Burning Ordinance

Present was Jon Frederickson, 5606 River Hills Road and Roger Cipov, 6128 – 4 Mile Road.

Prott made the point that only the burning of leaves is what they are wanting to control.

Frederickson stated he, and his wife, had concerns regarding the burning of brush on his property. He was worried the changes would prohibit him from burning because it would affect the residents in the River Meadows subdivision. He also asked why the current regulations were not being enforced and did not want to see Caledonia becoming more restrictive than the surrounding municipalities.

Wanggaard explained the current regulations are complaint driven. If the police department receives a complaint then they will investigate. Captain Brian Wall stated there were 38 calls on burning violations in 2015, with only 10 calls specifically related to burning of leaves. Out of the 38 calls, one citation was issued at the discretion of the officer.

Roger Cipov has problems with smoke from burning in his neighborhood. He would like to see the rules enforced that are already in place, or a ban altogether.

Prott was contacted by Dr. Mark DeCheck. He lives in a populated area and owns several acres and he also thought this was going to be restrictive to burning wood and brush and Prott explained to him that it was only regarding leaves. DeCheck makes piles of brush in his field to burn. He was concerned about a complete ban and he would not be in favor of that. DeCheck wanted to make the point he was concerned and wanted it on the record that he was not in favor of banning all burning.

Frederickson felt that banning everyone from burning would be overcompensating, considering there were only 38 calls in 2015.

Discussion followed on either ban open burning or ban in the more heavily populated areas and whether there is ambiguity in the ordinance. Also considered were alternate composting sites.

It was decided that a starting point would be a public education outreach on burning and what the ordinance allows. Mailings, brochures, newspaper articles, public service announcements, incorporating the information at special events, like the Fire Department's Safety Day and posting on the Village's website would be a start. Also discussed was extending the hours at the current composting site.

Christensen will develop a plan to present to the Village Board. There will not be any changes to the burning ordinance at this time.

2. Discussion regarding revisions to fencing restrictions in Title 14

Bunkelman presented a memo with information on styles of open fencing. He researched rod iron, pvc rail and split rail with a suggested height restriction of 48". The rod iron would serve better to keep in children and animals, but some people might prefer a split rail, all would protect the view. Waivers would be handled through public works. A privacy fence would be allowed by hot tubs and pools per current ordinance as a safety issue.

Pratt made a motion to create a temporary policy to incorporate the three types of fences from engineer's memo to draft policy and schedule a public hearing at a later date to incorporate changes and to modify the code of ordinance. Wanggaard second. Motion carried.

This will move forward to the Village Board's first meeting in March, 2016.

4. Review proposed revisions to Loud and Unnecessary Noise Ordinance Sec. 11-2-8

Discussed was using either a decibel system, or a technical approach. Capt. Wall felt the couple of days a year that there will be loud music is well publicized so the residents know what to expect. It was decided the decibel system will not be considered.

Geary will draft a resolution to modify the ordinance relating to loud and unnecessary noise to include language regulating excessive volume and language for public events.

Pratt made a motion to forward proposed revisions to Loud and Unnecessary Noise Ordinance Sec. 11-2-8 to the next Village Board meeting on Feb. 15, 2016 for a first reading. Wanggaard second. Motion carried.

This will be sent to the next Village Board meeting for a first reading.

6. Draft Purchasing Policy/Ordinance

Geary stated that the starting point of the whole ordinance is that its already in the budget and the Administrator should be able to approve. If the amount is \$50,000+ it will go to the finance committee. Christensen stated one exception will be if bids come back higher than what was budgeted.

Pratt made a motion to approve Purchasing Policy/Ordinance with changes, removing 1(d)(3)(vi)(5) on page 3 and send to the Village board for approval. Wanggaard second. Motion carried.

Christensen will make revisions and send to the next Village Board meeting for a first reading. Second reading first week in March.

5. Proposed changes to Title 15 Chapter 2 entitled Construction Site Erosion Control and Title 9 Chapter 2 Post Construction Storm Water Management Ordinance.

Bunkelman explained the DNR passed down guidance for changes to storm water through the MS-4 permit and this needs to be incorporated into the Village's ordinance by May 2016 so the Village is in compliance. The Village's ordinance is more restrictive and that needs to stay in place when bringing in the DNR improvements. Attorney Ekes is working on those changes. If this committee is okay with the changes, the Village Board can set a public hearing date and it needs to go to the planning commission as well. Wanggaard would like the final revision to come back to Legislative & Licensing. Bunkelman said the DNR wants to look it over as well.

Pratt made a motion to have Proposed changes to Title 15 Chapter 2 entitled Construction Site Erosion Control and Title 9 Chapter 2 Post Construction Storm Water Management Ordinance forwarded to next Village Board meeting to set the time table and brought back March 14, 2016 to Legislative & Licensing for review and approval. Wanggaard second. Motion carried.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business, Trustee Pratt moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 p.m. Trustee Wanggaard seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jo Schmidt
Eng./Bldg. Adm. Asst. II
Village of Caledonia