

**Village Board Meeting  
February 1, 2016**

**1 - Order**

President Bradley called the Village Board Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., at the East Side Community Center, 6156 Douglas Avenue, Racine, Wisconsin.

**2 - Pledge of Allegiance**

**3 - Roll Call**

Board: Trustee Trentadue, Trustee Willing, Trustee Dobbs, and President Bradley.

Absent: Trustee Wanggaard was excused. Trustee Wishau was absent and Trustee Prott arrived at 7:41 p.m.

Staff: Village Administrator Tom Christensen, Acting Village Engineer Tony Bunkelman, Finance Manager Larry Borchert and Attorney Elaine Ekes

**4 - Approval of minutes**

Motion by Trustee Trentadue to approve the minutes of the following meeting(s) as printed. Seconded by Trustee Dobbs. Motion carried unanimously.

Regular board meeting(s) – January 18, 2016

Special board meeting(s) – January 18, 2016

Hearing(s) -Joint meeting(s) –

**5 - Communications and Announcements**

**5A - Raymond Explorer Post 400 Appreciation Presentation to Caledonia Fire Dept.**

Rescheduled. They were unable to attend.

**6 - Citizens Reports/General comments from the audience**

Judge Nielsen was present to announce that he is running for Circuit Court Judge. Hon. John S Jude is retiring. He gave a brief explanation of what he thinks makes a good judge. He also spoke about representing fairly.

Ray Lentz was present and said his leaders are not interested in what people have to say. He talked about how he thinks leaders give special favors to a certain individual.

A resident asked to speak about an item coming up on the agenda because she couldn't stay for the discussion. She told the board that if they take advantage of appointing someone to the ballot, it wouldn't be right. Everyone had an opportunity to take out papers and run when the time was appropriate.

## **7 - Committee Reports**

### **7A(1) - Approval of A/P checks**

Motion by Trustee Dobbs to approve the A/P checks 01/15/2016 thru 1/29/2016 as follows. Seconded by Trustee Trentadue. Motion carried unanimously.

General Fund	Check No's 71602-71696	in the amount of \$18,694.278.27
Parks Enterprise	Check No's 5901-5903	in the amount of \$880.02
Joint Health	Check No's 11637-11646	in the amount of \$5,850.86
Joint Parks	Check No's 8358-8362	in the amount of \$7,797.83

### **7B(1) - Approval of 2015-2016 Operator's Licenses (Bartenders)**

Motion by Trustee Trentadue to approve the 2015-2016 Operator's Licenses presented. Seconded by Trustee Willing. Motion carried unanimously.

## **8 - Ordinances and Resolutions**

### **A. Ordinance 2016-01 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and Possible Adoption – An Ordinance To Amend Section 8-1-2(a)(2) Of The Code Of Ordinances Of The Village Of Caledonia, Racine County, Wisconsin, Relating To Definition Of Noxious Weeds**

Motion by Trustee Trentadue to suspend the rules and read Ordinance 2016-01 by title only. Seconded by Trustee Willing. Motion carried unanimously.

Clerk read the title.

Motion by Trustee Trentadue to adopt Ordinance 2016-01 An Ordinance To Amend Section 8-1-2(a)(2) Of The Code Of Ordinances Of The Village Of Caledonia, Racine County, Wisconsin, Relating To Definition Of Noxious Weeds. Seconded by Trustee Willing. Motion carried unanimously.

### **B. Resolution 2016-12 - Preliminary Resolution Declaring Intent To Exercise Special Assessment Powers Under Section 66.0703, Wisconsin Statutes, For Public Water And Sanitary Sewer Improvements, Along Cth "K" In The Caledonia Water Utility District**

Motion by Trustee Dobbs to adopt Resolution 2016-12 - Preliminary Resolution Declaring Intent To Exercise Special Assessment Powers Under Section 66.0703, Wisconsin Statutes, For Public Water And Sanitary Sewer Improvements, Along Cth "K" In The Caledonia Water Utility District. Seconded by Trustee Willing. Motion carried unanimously.

### **C. Resolution 2016-13 – Resolution Authorizing The Village Of Caledonia To Award A Contract For The Construction Of Sanitary Sewer And Watermain Along Cth "K"**

Utility District Manager, Bob Lui stated that Merryman Excavating was the lowest bidder in the amount of \$3,278,643.50 and was recommended by the Utility District Commission.

Motion by Trustee Dobbs to adopt Resolution 2016-13 Resolution Authorizing The Village Of Caledonia To Award A Contract For The Construction Of Sanitary Sewer And Watermain Along Cth “K”. Seconded by Trustee Willing. Motion carried unanimously.

**D. Resolution 2016-14 – Resolution Authorizing The Starting Wage For Newly Hired Lieutenant In The Police Department**

Motion by Trustee Trentadue to adopt Resolution 2016-14 Resolution Authorizing The Starting Wage For Newly Hired Lieutenant In The Police Department. In the amount of \$76,460.00. Seconded by Trustee Dobbs. Motion carried unanimously.

**E. Resolution 2016-15 - Resolution Authorizing The Starting Wage For Newly Hired Captain In The Police Department**

Motion by Trustee Trentadue to adopt Resolution 2016-15 - Resolution Authorizing The Starting Wage For Newly Hired Captain In The Police Department in the amount of \$81,932.00. Seconded by Trustee Dobbs. Motion carried unanimously.

**F. Resolution 2016-16 - Resolution Amending Various Accounts In The 2015 Village Of Caledonia Budget To Reflect Actual Revenue And Expenses More Accurately**

Borchert explained the over and under accounts.

Motion by Trustee Dobbs to adopt Resolution 2016-16 - Resolution Amending Various Accounts In The 2015 Village Of Caledonia Budget To Reflect Actual Revenue And Expenses More Accurately. Seconded by Trustee Willing. Motion carried unanimously.

**G. Resolution 2016-17 - Resolution Accepting End Of The Year Financial Statements As The Final 2015 Budget Year Close Out**

Borchert explained what made up the \$830,000 surplus. Trustee Willing thanked the department heads for their concerted efforts.

Motion by Trustee Dobbs to adopt Resolution 2016-17 - Resolution Accepting End Of The Year Financial Statements As The Final 2015 Budget Year Close Out. Seconded by Trustee Willing. Motion carried unanimously.

**9 – New Business**

**9A - Discussion and possible action to fill a vacancy in nomination of candidate for Trustee Seat No. 4 due to the death of candidate pursuant to Wis. Stat. Sec. 8.35**

President Bradley informed the board that the directive came from the GAB and it was not done behind the scenes. Attorney Ekes explained that the GAB contacted the clerk and informed her that under State Statute 8.35(2)(a), when a death of a candidate occurs, the board has an obligation to act on whether or not they want to nominate a person to fill the candidate vacancy and they must act within 4 days of receiving the official notice from the Clerk. The notification was sent from the Clerk on Friday, January 29, 2016. She also explained the documents that would need to be filed with the Village Clerk.

Fran Martin 5630 5 Mile Road, spoke about April’s disconcerting death. She felt because it’s disconcerting and not mandatory it puts the board in an awkward position. For that

reason alone, she urged the board not to act on it especially if their intent was to narrow the view point. She also felt notice to the public should have been made.

Kathy Burton felt if the board nominated a person it would be perceived as stacking the board.

Duane Michalski asked if the board takes action does it close his changes to run. The answer was yes it would.

Jodi Payne stated that April Weatherston earned the right to be on the ballot and felt the board shouldn't take action.

Eric Butcher stated that those that wanted the chance to run for the seat had their chance.

Harry Garnette stated that he thought the seat deserves a candidate and he was the one who contacted Mike Pirk. Mike Pirk didn't run to begin with because he supported April Weatherston. He felt that if Mr. Willing wants to work hard for his seat he will win anyway.

Mike Pirk reiterated what Harry Garnette stated and said that no one on the board approached him. He is willing to run and earn the seat if appointed.

Fran Martin stated that it appears that the situation sounds like good old boy politics.

Duane Michalski stated that there is already a conflict between Ed Willing and Tom Weatherston.

Kathy Burton again reiterated the perception and the fact that Mr. Pirk didn't run when given the chance and maybe should run as a write in candidate.

Fran Martin said that a candidate can be recruited as a write in candidate.

Trustee Willing stated that the board does not have an obligation to make sure there is a candidate.

The board discussed whether there was enough time to allow others the chance to be nominated. Attorney Ekes said they would have to meet no later than Wednesday and it would have to be posted. That would only give a day for anyone to send a letter to the board.

Trustee Prott arrived at 7:41 p.m

Motion by Trustee Willing to not nominate any person to fill the vacancy. Discussion was held regarding if Trustee Willing's vote would be a conflict of interest. Attorney Ekes invited him to discuss it further with her before moving forward. Trustee Willing stated he is willing to take his changes and preceded to vote.

Motion by Trustee Prott that we not appoint any person to fill the vacancy in nomination of candidate for Village Trustee Seat No. 4 in accordance with Section 8.35(2)(a) of the Wisconsin Statutes due to the unfortunate and untimely death of April Weatherston.

Trustee Willing withdrew his motion.

Motion was seconded by Trustee Trentadue.

Trustee Prott – aye

Trustee Dobbs – aye

Trustee Trentadue – aye

President Bradley – aye

Trustee Willing - aye

Motion carried unanimously.

### **10 - Report from Village Administrator**

Nothing to report.

### **11 - Adjournment**

Motion by Trustee Willing to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Trentadue. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karie Torkilsen  
Village Clerk