

Town of Caledonia Town Board Meeting Minutes

August 18, 2025

In attendance: Bill Abba, Pete Bosquez, Vance Knuth, Natalie Snyder, and 11 residents. Deputy Clerk Kircher absent.

Chairperson Abba called the meeting to order at 6 pm.

Public Forum:

- None

Special Elector's Meeting:

Abba reviewed the Gruetzmacher Park project and explained the maintenance garage and pavilion budgets and related donations. Electors were given the opportunity to ask questions and discuss.

Motion to approve Resolution 2025-08-01 to accept Gruetzmacher Park building donations.

Vote of elector's present:

For: 15

Against: 0

Abstaining: 0

The regular Town Board meeting was called to order.

Action Items:

- Motion to approve minutes of the 7/21 Town Board Meeting and 7/29 special town board meeting. Motions carried.
- Motion to approve Resolution 2025-08-01 Accepting the electors action to accept Gruetzmacher Park building donations. Motion carried.
- Motion to approve Waupaca County Highway Department Work Order 104-Caledonia to rebuild Weiland Rd from the Ernst Rd intersection to the Robe Rd intersection at a cost of \$183K with completion expected in October 2025. The work order includes reclaiming, shaping, and paving approximately one mile of road, replacing 4 culverts, repairing one frost heave, and rebuilding two intersections at Robe Rd and Ernst Rd. Motion carried.
- Motion to approve posting RFP for Lawn Care Services for Readfield Park for 2026.
- Motion to appoint Ruby McCartney and Ben Snyder to temporary cleaning/maintenance positions until the Park Committee creates a long term maintenance and cleaning plan for all Town facilities. They will be paid \$18/hr and be managed by Clerk Snyder and Chairperson Abba. The number of hours is determined by the amount of activities within the building and park. Motion carried.
- Motion to appoint volunteer park committee members Allen Grisar (Gruetzmacher Family rep), Helen Adams (Planning Commission rep), Natalie Snyder (Community Group rep - FORP), Bill Abba (Town Board rep), and Alex Stine (Community Resident rep) to the Park Committee effective immediately and serving through December 2026. Motion carried.
- Motion to accept the resignation of Planning Commission Alternate 2, Jesse Cuff. Motion carried.
- Motion to appoint new Planning Commission Alternate 2, Corey Besaw effective immediately. Motion carried.
- Motion to approve the Building Permit Report. Motion carried.
- Motion to pay expenses and payroll as presented. Motion carried subject to audit.
- Driveway permits - two.

Chairperson's Report

Chairperson Abba provided updates on:

- Parks: The Park Committee is working hard at Gruetzmacher. County Highway Department will return in Sept to complete work. MDR Lions & WisCorp will start maintenance garage in Sept. WisCorp will also be working on trails. The pavilion is out for bid, due Aug 21. Playground should be out to bid by the end of November. Court bids likely next year. Land use permit and sanitary permits are in process. The town is combining two parcels into one to avoid setback issues. Mulch was delivered to Readfield Park. Thanks to Lorie Stoltz and team and Natalie Snyder and Scout Troop 77 for spreading it. Pagel Pier will have parking spots added, picnic tables, and signage once ANR is out of the area.

- Broadband: In a huge disappointment for our Town, the Trump Administration changed the requirements of the BEAD grant away from fiber and favoring satellite companies. The BEAD grant applications are being re-submitted and re-reviewed with the new requirements in place; however, the changes make it less likely that Caledonia will get the broadband expansion we'd hoped for. Results should be announced around the end of the year but it is likely that Starlink and Waupaca Online will be the options for the town. The plan will be available for all to see in the next week and then there will be a public comment period before it's submitted to the federal government. We should know more by the September board meeting.
- Fall newsletters delivered in the past few days. There will be no further newsletters in 2025; however, there will be an extended communication in with tax bills.
- The plan for Dale Fire Department to refurbish the tanker fire truck has been received. The current plan is to complete the rebuild in 2027. Caledonia is responsible for 35% of the cost, around \$40,000.
- Plans to install Free Little Library at Readfield Park next to the front door where a shrub currently is.

Clerk/Treasurer Report

- Clerk/Treasurer Snyder reported a cash balance of \$477,414.58 at the end of July.

Police, Fire, and Rescue Reports: Presented.

Supervisor II Report: Knuth reported he's been driving roads after storms. Weiland Rd is the project this year. No animal control updates.

Supervisor I Report: ANR Pipeline ran into a snag in a section of the town. They can't dig to bury the pipe, so they will need to do light blasting.

County Supervisor Report - Updated on the Waupaca facilities project - 11% completed.

Upcoming date: Caledonia Fest is September 13

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully,

Natalie Snyder, Clerk/Treasurer

Posted: August 19, 2025