

Town of Caledonia Town Board Meeting Minutes September 15, 2025

In attendance: Bill Abba, Pete Bosquez, Vance Knuth, Natalie Snyder, and 2 residents. Deputy Clerk Kircher absent.

Chairperson Abba called the meeting to order at 6 pm.

Public Forum:

- A resident commended the MDR Lions for their outstanding community event -Caledonia Fest.
- A resident asked if Hwy 96 will be mowed again. The State does 1 mowing per year, so no.

Action Items:

- Motion to approve minutes of the 8/18 Town Board Meeting and 9/8 special town board meeting. Motions carried. Minutes of the 8/21 and 9/3 bid opening meetings are put in the record with no vote since a quorum of board members were not present at the meetings.
- Motion to approve the Gold Cross ambulance Service contract. This year, a 5th ambulance will be put into service and the annual increase for the town will be \$230.
- Motion to approve the Building Permit Report. Motion carried.
- Motion to pay expenses and payroll as presented. Motion carried subject to audit.
- Driveway permits - none.

Chairperson's Report

Chairperson Abba provided updates on:

- Parks: The Park Committee is working hard at Gruetzmacher. Trails, picnic tables, bike pump track, and maintenance garage are all underway. The County Highway Department will return in early October to complete the pond and sledding hill work. A special meeting to select the pavilion bid will happen in the next few weeks. The lawn care bid for Readfield Park has been posted and the town will review bids and make a selection before the end of the year.
- Broadband: The State of Wisconsin submitted the BEAD grant recommendations to the federal government. If the State's recommendation is approved at the federal level with no changes, broadband will cover the entirety of Caledonia, including competition for areas of Caledonia. Brightspeed will have 1 Gbps speeds in the areas not covered by Spectrum. Bertram would overlay cable to provide competition in the areas currently covered by Spectrum. The federal government has 90 days to make a decision on final approval.
- We are working on the 2026 budget and everything is going smoothly.
- Fire trucks are expensive, so the town will keep the current budget going forward to help fund the next fire vehicle.

Clerk/Treasurer Report

- Clerk/Treasurer Snyder reported a cash balance of \$391,148.91 at the end of August.

Police, Fire, and Rescue Reports: Presented.

Supervisor II Report:

Weiland Rd work started. It should be complete from Ernst to Robe by mid-October.

Supervisor I Report:

ANR Pipeline will keep their pump at the pier to use the water for pressure testing. The Town's remaining work at the pier will be completed next year. No Planning Commission meeting this month.

County Supervisor Report - Updated on the Waupaca facilities project and budgeting progress.

Meeting adjourned at 7:19 pm.

Respectfully,
Natalie Snyder, Clerk/Treasurer
Posted: September 16, 2025