

Town of Caledonia Town Board Meeting Minutes

January 19, 2026

In attendance: Chairperson Abba, Supervisor Bosquez, Supervisor Knuth, Clerk|Treasurer Snyder, Deputy Clerk|Treasurer Kircher and 8 residents.

Chairperson Abba called the meeting to order at 6 pm.

Public Forum: None

Action Items:

- Motion to approve minutes of the 12/15/2025 Town Board Meeting. Motion carried.
- Motion to appoint Cary Zaug Chairperson, Shari Fudge Vice Chair, and Helen Adams Recording Secretary of the Planning Commission effective Feb 1, 2026. Motion carried.
- Motion to approve Resolution 26-01-01 to Thank Bill Fitzpatrick. Bill shared a very touching message about his time on the Planning Commission.
- Motion to approve Resolution 26-01-02 approving a CSM for Schroeder Rev Trust. Motion carried.
- Motion to approve Resolution 26-01-03 approving a CSM for Wible. Motion carried.
- Motion to approve Resolution 26-01-04 approving a CSM for Rougeux. Motion carried.
- Motion to endorse Vance Knuth looking into LRIP for the 2027 application cycle. Motion carried.
- Motion to endorse closing Gruetzmacher Park from February - August to visitors during construction for safety. No second. Discussion ensued. Motion to endorse closing the entrances from Bean City from February - August, but leaving the Meartz Rd entry and trails open. Snow fencing to be put up between trails and the construction zone to prevent people from entering the active construction zone. Park Committee will make the final decision. Motion carried.
- Motion to endorse the proposed hunting rules and general park rules for Gruetzmacher Park. Rules may still change once they've been reviewed by the DNR. Motion carried.
- We still need to raise money for the Town's side of the Gruetzmacher Park costs. Motion to approve the Park Committee applying for the 2026 Federal Recreational Trails Program and the Wohlt Grant, pending Park Committee decision. Motion carried.
- Motion to approve the placement of geocaches in Gruetzmacher Park ensuring they're not placed in an area of the park that's closed and they don't guide users towards neighboring properties. Placement with approval of the Town Board aligns with the rules that are established. Motion carried.
- Motion to approve the Town of Caledonia GoFundMe page for Gruetzmacher Park to align with raising awareness and the ground breaking ceremony. Motion carried.
- Motion to approve investigating moving the Building Inspector onto the Town's liability coverage. Motion carried.
- Motion to approve Operator licenses for: Nicki Lathrop, Caitlyn Dotterweich, & Luke Diedrich. Motion carried.
- No building inspector report.
- Motion to pay expenses and payroll as presented. Motion carried.
- Motion to approve payment to Kompan once Town receives payment to cover the bill. Motion carried.
- Board members completed the Related Parties questionnaire for the annual audit.
- Driveway permits - none

Chairperson's Report

Chairperson Abba provided updates on:

- Parks: Gruetzmacher Park is continuing to move along. The pavilion construction will start in February and continue until the end of July. Construction will continue in August for a grand opening in September.
- Country Visions property tax update: The Town did not receive the expected tax levy bump expected from Country Visions construction. The Chairperson spoke to the county and the state to get this resolved. The State will tour the facility and set the new assessment and this will be corrected with appropriate retroactive payment made to the Town at a future date.
- Broadband: Brightspeed & Bertram both received broadband grants for Caledonia in the BEAD grant selection. This broadband will cover the entire area of Caledonia and bring competition to 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. Installation timeline is unknown.

- The 2026 Town Board priorities include broadband to the entire town, finishing Gruetzmacher Park, planning for residential growth, and making a long-term maintenance plan.
- Kanaman Rd bridge update, explaining the barrels and long term plan to remain 1-lane until construction is complete.

Clerk/Treasurer Report

- Clerk/Treasurer Snyder reported a cash balance of \$1,689,886.80 at the end of December. The bulk of this money was property tax collection that was paid out to NLSD, Waupaca County, and FVTC in early January.
- There is no February primary. Preparation for the April election is underway.
- Tax collection is going smoothly and payments are being deposited in a very timely fashion.
- It's a busy time for the clerks right now with tax collection, dog tags, year-end reporting, W-2s & 1099s, financial audit, insurance audit, Gruetzmacher Park, preparing for elections, etc.

Police, Fire, and Rescue Reports: Presented.

Supervisor II Report: The county is doing a great job with the roads. Animal control has been busier than normal.

Supervisor I Report: ANR generously made a \$10K donation for Gruetzmacher Park.

County Supervisor Report - Updated on the Waupaca facilities project - on time & on budget.

Meeting adjourned at 8 pm.

Respectfully,
Natalie Snyder, Clerk/Treasurer

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