

Town of Caledonia Town Board Meeting Minutes

February 16, 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

Old Business:

- Update on Kompan playground downpayment - donation received, payment being mailed.
- Gruetzmacher Park loan draw update - draw will happen in time for March payments.
- Building inspector insurance follow up: They are a contractor, so have to provide their own insurance.
- Park Committee also approved/endorsed the park closure, hunting plan, park rules, trails & Wohlt grant, geocache placement, and GoFundMe.

Action Items:

- Motion to approve minutes of the 1/19/2025 Town Board Meeting. Motion carried.
- Motion to approve applying for a Bridge Replacement Grant for Kanaman Rd bridge from the State of Wisconsin DOT Local Small Structure Improvement Program (LSSIP). Motion carried.
- Motion to approve Readfield Park 2027 rental rates. Motion carried.
- Motion to approve transitioning to a .gov website. Motion carried.
- Motion to approve the building inspector report. Motion carried.
- Motion to pay expenses and payroll as presented. Motion carried.
- Driveway permits - one

Chairperson's Report

Chairperson Abba provided updates on:

- Parks: Gruetzmacher Park is continuing to move along. The pavilion construction is starting, bid packets for the courts & flatwork are being developed, and maintenance/cleaning plans are underway. Well is drilled, park signs are in process of being designed, pond filled up. Grand opening still on scheduled for September.
- 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. They have 4 years to complete the grant. They are planning to hit all addresses in the Town even though some may not be on the BEAD grant list.
- Rawhide has made very good progress on reducing police calls and kids off campus issues. Rawhide is also now reimbursing the Sheriff's Department for calls to the facility to reduce the impact on local property taxes.
- The 2026 budget will need to be revised as we've learned about the Kanaman bridge, Fire department EMS truck purchase, and our share of the cost of outdoor maintenance equipment. There will be a special meeting to discuss this.
- Country Visions property revaluation was missed after the construction of the new fertilizer plant. It is now corrected and Country Visions has been notified that they will be billed for 2025 and 2026. We don't know the impact to our tax revenue yet, but it should be significant.
- Kanaman Rd bridge update, explaining the barrels and long term plan to remain 1-lane until construction is complete. We are currently preparing to apply for the state grant, as voted on earlier.
- New London asphalt plant. County zoning notified us that a quarry located a block from NL High School requested to add an asphalt plant to their site. After investigating, there does not appear to be an impact to our town.
- Caledonia is the fastest growing residential town in the county. New construction is a huge benefit for increasing revenues for the town, county, and school district. The Town Board is working with the

Planning Commission and Waupaca County Zoning to determine how and where to create new subdivision/lots for future development that keep growth focussed and limit the impact on the rural atmosphere.

- Dale Fire and Rescue is looking to add an EMS truck since 75% of their calls are EMS calls (not fire). We will be responsible for 30% of the cost

Clerk/Treasurer Report

- Clerk/Treasurer Snyder reported a cash balance of \$1,233,173.82 at the end of January. The bulk of this money was property tax collection that was paid out to NLSD, Waupaca County, and FVTC in February settlements.

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, but no animals needed to go to Waupaca.

Supervisor I Report: Supervisor Abba already talked about the Planning Commission role to find a plan and location for growth for the Town.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm.

Respectfully,
Natalie Snyder, Clerk/Treasurer

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