

Town of Caledonia Town Board Meeting Minutes

March 18, 2026

In attendance: Chairperson Abba, Supervisor Bosquez, Supervisor Knuth, Clerk|Treasurer Snyder, Deputy Clerk|Treasurer Kircher and 6 residents.

Chairperson Abba called the meeting to order at noon

Public Forum:

Chairperson Abba commended the County Highway Department crew and Jerel for their handling of the roads during the recent blizzard. The plow drivers put in a lot of hours and did a great job.

Old Business:

- Country Visions property taxes - the State will assess as manufacturing for 2027, but they need the town's assessor to issue an assessment for 2025 and 2026 tax years. The process is in place and the Town will receive tax payments that were missed.
- Dale Fire and Rescue is adding an EMS truck due to the number of EMS calls. The Town will be responsible for our portion of the truck.
- Kanaman bridge planning is proceeding. The Town will be ready before the grant application deadline.
- .gov website registrations are currently stopped so no action could be taken at this time.

Action Items:

- Motion to approve minutes of the 2/16/2025 Town Board Meeting. Motion carried.
- Motion to approve Resolution 2026-03-01: Rezoning for NES on Steinberg Ln. Motion carried.
- Motion to approve Resolution 2026-03-02: Wingate CSM on Bean City Rd. Motion carried.,
- Motion to approve Resolution 2026-03-03: Conditional Use Permit Waterstradt (Pritchard). Motion carried.
- Motion to approve Ordinance 5.12 Prohibiting Weapons in Town Buildings pending attorney approval. Motion carried.
- Motion to approve change order for Gruetzmacher Park pavilion. Motion carried.
- Motion to approve payment of up to \$40,000 to Dale Fire and Rescue for Caledonia portion for EMS truck purchase. Motion carried.
- Motion to approve the Waupaca Humane Society contract for 2026-2029. Motion carried.
- The Board of Review meeting is set for May 12, 2026 from 4-6 pm
- Motion to approve Town Chairperson negotiating tax valuation with Country Visions CO-OP. Motion carried.
- Clerk Snyder presented a plan to develop a town logo before April so it's ready to be on the signs ordered for Gruetzmacher Park. Versions of the logo will also be used on newsletters, letterhead used for agendas and mailings, the website, town buildings, signage, etc. Themes involve the current compass theme, nature, rural, community/people with colors being navy and nature colors. The Town Board approved the park committee sign group
- Review the County proposed revisions to Zoning and Shoreland Protection Ordinances. No feedback for the County, but the Planning Commission said they would like to be involved early in the process in the future.
- 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 community center will be completed in August. Bid plans for courts are being prepared. The final loan draw was taken this month. Interviews for maintenance and cleaning people will be happening this month. Hunting plans and sign plans are nearly finalized. Grand opening still on scheduled for September. A truck route was set for incoming construction trucks. We're still waiting to hear on the Department of Admin \$2 million grant. Wohlt grant has a fall timeline for when they accept applications.

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Dale Fire and Rescue
 - Requested a pond fire hydrant at the Gruetzmacher Park pond. We said they would need to find funding.
 - Will do driveway inspection in 2026 to advise homeowners of action needed to ensure access for emergency equipment. It is the homeowners responsibility to ensure that emergency vehicles can access their property.
- Spring weight limits are in effect. Signs are on all town roads.
- Maintenance and Cleaning person hiring: positions were posted, we have plentiful candidates, and will begin interviewing next week. Hopefully offers will be made by the end of March
- 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.
- KerberRose completed the 2025 full year annual audit and issued the preliminary findings: our books are in good control and compliant with GAAP rules. Our finances are more complicated than comparable towns due to grants, donations, alternative revenue sources, and projects like Gruetzmacher Park. There were no irregularities, Clerk Snyder is capable and easy to work with, and the town is one of the best, if not the best, township for accounting and financial practices that our accountant works with.

Clerk/Treasurer Report

- Clerk/Treasurer Snyder reported a cash balance of \$604,154.81 at the end of February.
- The newsletter will be mailing out shortly
- The April 7 election has school board, county supervisor, and state Supreme Court positions. The election is fully staffed, absentee voting hours are set up, and workers will attend training prior to the election.
- Annual meeting date, per state statutes, is April 21.

Police, Fire, and Rescue Reports: Presented.

Supervisor II Report: Attended Wolf River Preservation meeting and provided recap. The scanner is working well to find chips to return lost pets to their owners without having to take them to the Humane Society.

Supervisor I Report: Will address zoning ordinance concerns about biodigester concerns at county level (what zoning they're allowed on)

County Supervisor Report - Updated on the Waupaca facilities project - on time & on budget. Now that the project is 51% complete, a portion of the contingency fund will be returned to the County.

Meeting adjourned at 1:40 pm.

Respectfully,
Natalie Snyder, Clerk/Treasurer

Posted: March 19, 2026