Town of Caledonia Budget Hearing, Elector's Meeting, Town Board meeting Minutes
November 16, 2026

In attendance: Chairperson Abba, Supervisor Bosquez, Supervisor Knuth, Clerk|Treasurer Snyder. Excused: Deputy Clerk|Treasurer Kircher, and 14 residents

Chairperson Abba called the meeting to order at 6 pm.

Budget Hearing
Chairperson Abba reviewed the proposed budget and key changes. Elector questions and discussion - one elector said that property taxes shouldn't be assessed once a home is paid off and he can't afford property taxes. Residents in attendance explained about programs like the STEP program through the School District where you volunteer and get a portion of your property taxes paid for you, Homestead Tax Credit, WHEDA loans, and ADRC resources. Adjourned Budget Hearing at 6:35.

Special Electors Meeting
Peter Gasper made a motion to approve the Town of Caledonia Tax Levy of $381,724 for 2026 payable in 2027 and proposed 2027 budget. Dorla Johnson seconded. Motion carried with 17 ayes, 0 nays, and 1 abstaining. Adjourned special elector's meeting at 6:37.

Public Forum:
Dale Fire and Rescue personnel brought the new EMS truck, so the meeting went outside where everyone looked over the truck.
Dale Fire and Rescue presented information to the Board Meeting showing that Caledonia isn't expected to pay our $40,000 share of the EMS truck due to grant writing and fundraising efforts. (Caledonia residents also attend the fireworks and purchase raffle tickets in their fundraiser). The board and residents thanked Dale Fire and Rescue.
Tim VanSchyndel thanked the board for keeping residents in mind and running the town so competently and responsibly.

Old Business:
- Speed sign donations: The Shop on W is fundraising for permanent speed signs on Hwy 96.
- Popeye's Pond dry hydrant: During a recent fire, Dale Fire and Rescue didn't get clean water. Bosquez arranged for the Waupaca County dive team to review the situation. The pipes that were installed last year remain in good function; however, they were covered in a substance and needed to be cleaned, which may need to happen annually.
- Cut Off Road: The Mukwa road project is complete.

Action Items:
- Motion to approve Resolution 2026-11-03: a resolution approving 2 Certified Survey maps for Jeffery Kalbus. Carried.
- Motion to approve minutes of the 10/19 Town Board Meeting and 11/5 Budget Workshop. Carried.
- Motion to approve Resolution 2026-11-01 Resolution to Adopt the 2027 Budget for Operations. Carried.
- Motion to approve Resolution 2026-11-02 a resolution approving a Certified Survey map for Bruce Benson. Carried.
- Motion to approve Resolution 2026-11-04 Thanking the Fischers for 40 years of work for the Town. Carried.
- Motion to approve KerberRose audit contract for 2027 to audit 2026 financials. Carried.
- Motion to approve Jerel's Excavating contract adjustment for plowing short roads. Carried.
- Motion to approve Operator Licenses for Vosters-Bucklin and Fritschler. Carried.
- Motion to approve New London Yard Waste agreement for 2027-2028. Carried.

- Clerk Snyder explained the need for security and IT services. Motion to approve Fox Gate IT services. Carried.
- Motion to sign and submit Remote Deposit Scanner Audit. Carried.
- Clerk Snyder talked about the demand for rentals at Gruetzmacher Community Center and proposed an improved workflow surrounding rentals. Web design company and auditors have been consulted on the plan. Motion to approve a $900 annual fee for website reservation processing for park rentals. Carried.
- Motion to approve the Building Permit Report. Carried.
- Motion to pay expenses and payroll as presented. Carried.
- Driveway permits - two.

Chairperson's Report
Chairperson Abba provided updates on:

- Parks: Prairie & pollinator gardens are being planted. Door lock issue is resolved. Community groups are moving there and rentals will start Jan 1. Park users are very happy with the park.
- Brightspeed: no new updates, still in environmental review.
- Co-digester. The County is making a committee to develop the policy. They asked each municipality for 2 names and will assemble a committee from that. The Town needs to consider what residents and/or planning commission members might be interested in serving on the committee.

Clerk/Treasurer Report

- Clerk/Treasurer Snyder reported a cash balance of $79,475.15 at the end of October.
- Election:
    - Snyder thanked the election workers for their outstanding dedication, hard work, and professionalism. The lack of lines is a credit to their efficiency and the support of the Town Board with Badger Books. The election workers consistently earn "gold stars" from the county for the accuracy and quality of their work.
    - We had 955 voters total; 47 election day registrations, and 135 absentee voters.
    - Snyder also took a moment to address write ins. Election workers need to review every write in at the end of the night, so please don't write random names or Mickey Mouse on the write in line. It's okay to undervote and leave a race blank.

Police, Fire, and Rescue Reports: Presented.

Supervisor II Report:
Will drive through the town to make a brush cutting plan. Questioned Humane Society charges - Clerk Snyder will give him a copy of the bill.

Supervisor I Report:

County Supervisor Report - Remodel is ahead of schedule & under budget. He's also working on other projects, eg: cell towers and solar farm plans.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm

Respectfully,
Natalie Snyder, Clerk/Treasurer
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