

Caledonia Township Board Of Trustees – Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday May 13th, 2025 @ 7:00 pm

Caledonia Township Hall 6461 Gillard Rd. Spruce, MI 48762

- I. Call to order: C. Apsey presiding and called to order at 7:08 pm
- II. Pledge of Allegiance – Completed
- III. Roll Call – Anthony Sobeck; Present Tom Tice; Present Cyndi Apsey; Present
 Haylee Rondeau; Present Cindy Smith; Present
- IV. Approval of Agenda with additions, deletions, and/or corrections: T Ticemade **motion** to approve agenda with changes. H Rondeau seconded. All in favor- **Motion Passed**
- V. Public Comment: (3 minutes uninterrupted): Jim Klarich wanted to thank the board for everything they do for the township. He would like to bring to the boards attention short term rentals in the area. The fact that lake property is being bought up for the sole purpose of VRBO. On Oak street where he lives there are the 5 houses including his; 2 are full time residents and the other 2 are VRBO with another one coming. This is a wake up call to address it. The township needs to be concerned and hopes the township will address this.
- VI. Supervisor Report: Bases are in place at the Spruce Ball Diamond. We need to consider a fence on left field side so stray balls are not going on neighbor's property. Met with FEMA and working on collecting receipts and hoping for reimbursement.
- VII. Clerk: Reported Alcona Schools is being billed \$3,344.62 for the Special Election.
- VIII. Meeting Minutes April 8th, 2025: T Tice made **motion** to approve minutes as presented. Seconded by A Sobeck. All in favor – **Motion Passed**
- IX. Treasurer Report: State of Michigan deposit received and she will move into Money Market Account.
- X. Planning Commission Update: A Sobeck reported there was no meeting. There was homework of looking into VRBO and how other Lakes in Michigan are handling them.
- XI. Veterans Representative: Jim gave a reminder³ on Memorial Day being May 26th. It's a day of honoring and mourning those who died for our country. 1971 law declared as a Federal Holiday and in December 2000 congress passed an Act to observe a moment of silence at 3pm where ever you are at. There is a purpose to remember fallen soldiers. Do not wish anyone a Happy Memorial Day. This is not Christmas or a joyful occasion. Someone lost a loved one. Try saying "Have a meaningful Memorial Day". Please don't disregard the importance of the day. It's a day of reflection not celebration.
- XII. Road Projects: Supervisor has been talking with Jesse Campbell about Mt Maria Road which entails three separate townships coming together to repair it. He is currently seeking bids. We can fog seal it for now for \$61,466.00. A. Sobeck made a **motion** to enter into contract with Alcona County Road Commission for fog sealing not to exceed \$61,466.00. T Tice seconded. All in favor – **Motion Passed**
- XIII. Mediation: No information to discuss until we can talk to attorney. Board members have received many letter and emails regarding this matter,
- XIV. Possible Recommendation for Planning Commission: Board discussed concerns about VRBO or short term rentals on lake. The board agrees to have the planning commission look into this and make a recommendation to the board.

- XV. NE Park Custodian: Hunter has resigned officially as he graduated and unable to fulfill the duties. C Apsey asked the board to consider hiring her for now. C Smith made a **motion** to hire Cyndi Apsey effective 05/01/2025 as NE Park Custodian at the current rate. H Rondeau seconded. All in favor. **Motion Passed.**
- XVI. Grant: We have filed for the final draw from the grant for NE Park.
- XVII. Building Cleaning: Tyler Purdue pressure wash/steam clean for NE Park buildings. \$200.00 for one time. A Sobeck made a **motion** to hire Tyler Purdue to pressure wash buildings and stand alone bathrooms and sidewalks for \$200.00. T Tice seconded. All in favor – **Motion Passed.**
- XVIII. Storm Clean-up: Myer Lawn Care is currently cleaning up and is on site on the properties.
- XIX. Port a Potty at Tollson: Alpena Septic charges 200.00 and is in township and Wilsons in Hale is 175.00 a month. C Smith made a **Motion** to hire Alpena Septic for port a potty rental at \$200.00. T Tice seconded. All in favor. **Motion Passed.**
- XX. Township Newsletter: Haylee wanted to add a newsletter to the tax bills. Has to be ready by 06/10/2025. Board Agrees.
- XXI. County Commissioner: Not present.
- XXII. Bills to be Paid: A Sobeck made a **motion** to pay bills as presented with one additional check cut for Verizon for \$48.76 approved tonight. T Tice seconded. All in favor – **Motion Passed.**
- XXIII. Board Comments: None
- XXIV. Adjourn: A Sobeck made **Motion** to adjourn at 7:53 pm. Seconded by T Tice. All in favor – **Motion passed**

Recorded by: Cindy K. Smith

Approved by the Board of Trustees on: 06/10/2025