

**Regular Monthly Meeting
Caledonia Town Board
December 14, 2023**

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Caledonia was held on December 14, 2023, at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Hall, 3109 Main Street, Caledonia, NY.

Supervisor Pangrazio called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

<u>PRESENT:</u>	Supervisor	Daniel Pangrazio
	Councilman	Todd Bickford
	Councilwoman	Pam Rychlicki
	Councilman	Quentin Clark
	Councilman	Kevin Keenan
	Town Clerk	Seth Graham

ATTORNEYS: Dwight Kanyuck

OTHERS: Highway Superintendent Ron Beach, Code Enforcement Officer Tom Perkins

ATTENDEES FROM SIGN-IN SHEET: Shaylee McDonald, Noah McCreedy, Colton Ingerick, Marcia Platt, Jason Hillman

RESOLUTION 125-2023

NOVEMBER 9, 2023 MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Clark seconded by Councilman Keenan the following resolution was ADOPTED – Aye- Pangrazio, Bickford, Rychlicki, Clark, Keenan Nay – 0 Absent – 0
RESOLVED, that the minutes of November 9, 2023 be approved as presented.

OPEN FORUM

No one requested the privilege of the floor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

Supervisor Pangrazio reviewed the following communications with the Board:

- The Year End Board meeting is December 28th at 4:00 P.M.
- Justice Court Audit Letter
- Board of Election – Election Dates for 2024
- Supervisor Pangrazio let the Board know of a bill that is currently on the desk of Governor Hochul which would be signing into law bill A.04282B/S.3505B forcing local elections to be held with state and federal election years. Supervisor Pangrazio suggested the Board pass a resolution in opposition of this bill.
- Livingston County Dog Control Inspection Report
- Livingston County Dog Shelter Inspection Report
- Annual Healthcare Spending Report
- Supervisor Pangrazio received a letter from the Caledonia Trout Festival committee regarding sponsorship of the event, slated to take place Saturday, June 1, 2024. The Board discussed a \$1,000 donation to the event.
- Solar Eclipse Festival Committee Email

DEPARTMENTS/COMMITTEES

NEW TOWN ATTORNEY / CONSULTANT – SUPERVISOR PANGRAZIO

Supervisor Pangrazio updated the Board that in 2024 Attorney Peter Skivington will be a consultant to the Town and that Attorney Dwight Kanyuck of Knauf Shaw will be the official Town Attorney.

DWIGHT KANYUCK – ATTORNEY

Attorney Kanyuck thanked the Board for naming him the official Town Attorney in 2024. Attorney Kanyuck updated the Board that Horseshoe Solar filed their Compliance Filing with ORES which will give them the ability to start the project. Attorney Kanyuck handed out a tree clearing map. Attorney Kanyuck stated the tree clearing would be done in the winter.

ZONING – CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER TOM PERKINS

Code Enforcement Officer Tom Perkins updated the Board that Dimension Solar is currently fencing and have installed all panels. Code Enforcement Officer Perkins also updated the Board that he issued a building permit to Valley, Sand & Gravel for their new training facility.

PLANNING BOARD – PAM RYCHLICKI

Councilwoman Rychlicki updated the Board on the November 15th meeting of the Town Planning Board. Councilwoman Rychlicki stated there was a lot line adjustment as well as a Minor Subdivision for James & Kathleen Sawyer. She also stated Seth Willmore of Oriden Energy was present for the Hatchery Solar project. Seth was asked to come back to the Board once they had their information put together.

BUILDINGS/GROUNDS – SUPERVISOR PANGRAZIO

There was no report on Buildings/Grounds.

TRAFFIC SAFETY – RON BEACH

There was no report on Traffic Safety.

HIGHWAY – HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT RON BEACH

Highway Superintendent Ron Beach updated the Board on the following:

- Received CHIPS reimbursement for \$103,885.17.
- The crew has been busy servicing equipment.
- Last week, the crew salted and plowed.
- Replaced a culvert pipe on Skelly Road.
- Helped the Village with leaf pickup.
- Cleaned the leaves at the Town cemetery and would like to look at taking a few trees down.
- Discussed the purchase of a required AED for the Town Park.
- Installed snow fences throughout town. Would like to purchase more.

TOWN CLERK’S REPORT – NOVEMBER 2023 – SETH GRAHAM

		Total Local Shares Remitted:	\$3,774.64
Amount paid to:	NYS Ag. & Markets Animal Population Control Fund		27.00
Amount paid to:	NYS Environmental Conservation		1,503.36
Total State, County & Local Revenues:	\$5,305.00	Total Non-Local Revenues:	\$1,530.36

RESOLUTION 126-2023

TOWN CLERK’S MONTHLY REPORT – NOVEMBER 2023

On motion of Councilman Keenan seconded by Councilman Clark the following resolution was

ADOPTED – Aye- Pangrazio, Bickford, Rychlicki, Clark, Keenan Nay – 0 Absent – 0

RESOLVED, that the November 2023 Town Clerk’s report be accepted as presented.

CARPET UPDATE – TOWN CLERK SETH GRAHAM

Town Clerk Seth Graham updated the Board that he got another quote for the entryway carpet at the Town Hall. Wills Carpet One in Batavia will be replacing the carpet for \$925.00 and will be an industrial grade carpet. Installation will be on December 15, 2023, at 8:00 A.M.

OLD BUSINESS

SOLAR ECLIPSE EVENT UPDATE – QUENTIN CLARK

Councilman Clark updated the Board that the Town and Village event will take place on Friday, April 5, 2024, at Washburn Park. Plans are still being discussed. Village Trustee Janet Cappotelli is in charge of the event.

RULES & REGULATIONS – SUPERVISOR PANGRAZIO

Supervisor Pangrazio handed out a draft copy of both the Non-Highway and Highway Rules & Regulations for 2024 and stated there may be a few changes to the Highway Rules & Regulations.

INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 1 FOR 2024 – EXEMPTION FOR QUALIFYING VOLUNTEER FIREMEN & AMBULANCE WORKERS

Supervisor Pangrazio introduced Proposed Local Law No. 1 for 2024. The intent of this Local Law is to adopt a real property tax exemption for certain qualifying volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers in accordance with New York State Real Property Tax Law §466-a.

SOLAR MORATORIUM – SUPERVISOR PANGRAZIO

The Proposed Moratorium puts a hold on Town approval for future projects. It does not delay or impact existing proposed or already approved projects. The Article 94-c project is not directly affected by the moratorium. The Siting Board usurps authority over Town’s approval so legally the Moratorium is not directly impacted. If an application is submitted, and the current law does change then it can possibly indirectly impact the project if the Siting Board allows it. Supervisor Pangrazio stated it is time to revisit the Solar Code to look at setbacks and fencing requirements to name a few.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 127-2023

SET DATE FOR ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING – JANUARY 2, 2024 at 5:00 P.M.

On motion of Councilman Bickford seconded by Councilwoman Rychlicki the following resolution was

ADOPTED – Aye- Pangrazio, Bickford, Rychlicki, Clark, Keenan Nay – 0 Absent – 0

RESOLVED, that the 2024 Organizational Meeting will be held on January 2, 2024 at 5:00 P.M. at the Town Hall.

RESOLUTION 128-2023

APPOINTMENT OF NICK SIMS TO THE PLANNING BOARD

On motion of Councilman Clark seconded by Councilman Keenan the following resolution was ADOPTED – Aye- Pangrazio, Bickford, Rychlicki, Clark, Keenan Nay – 0 Absent – 0

RESOLVED, that Nick Sims be appointed to the Town of Caledonia Planning Board for a seven-year term ending December 31, 2030.

RESOLUTION 129-2023

APPOINTMENT OF RYAN CALLAN TO THE ZONING BOARD

On motion of Councilman Keenan seconded by Councilman Clark the following resolution was ADOPTED – Aye- Pangrazio, Bickford, Rychlicki, Clark, Keenan Nay – 0 Absent – 0

RESOLVED, that Ryan Callan be appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a five-year term ending December 31, 2028.

RESOLUTION 130-2023

SETTING DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING FOR LOCAL LAW NO. 1 FOR 2024 – VOLUNTEER FIREMEN & AMBUULANCE EXMEPTION

On motion of Councilman Clark seconded by Councilman Keenan the following resolution was ADOPTED – Aye- Pangrazio, Bickford, Rychlicki, Clark, Keenan Nay – 0 Absent – 0

RESOLVED, that the Town of Caledonia is considering proposed LOCAL LAW NO. 1 FOR 2024 to adopt a real property tax exemption for certain qualifying volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers in accordance with New York State Real Property Tax Law §466-a, THEREFORE, pursuant to the statute the Town Board will hold a public hearing on said LOCAL LAW at 7:15 P.M. on Thursday, January 11, 2024, at the Caledonia Town Hall, 3109 Main Street, Caledonia, Livingston County, New York, at which time and place all persons interested will be heard. A copy of the proposed Local Law is on file for public review at the Town Office of the Town of Caledonia during normal business hours.

RESOLUTION 131-2023

INTROUDICING AND DECLARING THE PROPOSED MORATORIUM IS A TYPE-2 SOLAR MORATORIUM

On motion of Councilman Bickford seconded by Councilwoman Rychlicki the following resolution was ADOPTED – Aye- Pangrazio, Bickford, Rychlicki, Clark, Keenan Nay – 0 Absent – 0

RESOLVED, that the Proposed Moratorium is a Type-2 Solar Moratorium.

RESOLUTION 132-2023

SETTING DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING FOR LOCAL LAW NO. 2 FOR 2024 – SOLAR MORATORIUM

On motion of Councilman Keenan seconded by Councilman Clark the following resolution was ADOPTED – Aye- Pangrazio, Bickford, Rychlicki, Clark, Keenan Nay – 0 Absent – 0

RESOLVED, that the Town of Caledonia is considering proposed LOCAL LAW NO. 2 FOR 2024 to be consistent with and is adopted pursuant to the authority to enact zoning laws granted to the Town under the New York State Constitution, and the laws of the State of New York, including but not limited to the following authorities: New York State Constitution Article IX, §§2(c)(ii)(10); Municipal Home Rule Law §10; Statute of Local Governments §10; and Town Law §§ 264 and 265. The purpose of this Local Law is to enable the Town to stay any and all of the activities prohibited by Section 4 of this Local Law, and all Town-level approvals relating to those activities for a period of twelve (12) months in order to provide the Town time to study the impacts, effects, and possible zoning controls over such activities,

and to consider amendments to the Town’s zoning laws to appropriately address the same within the confines of New York State law. The Town Board believes that a twelve-month moratorium after the effective date of this Local Law, coupled with the mechanism for use variances already contained in the Town Zoning Code, will achieve an appropriate balancing of interests between the need to safeguard the character and other resources of the Town and the health, safety and general welfare of its residents, and the rights of individual property owners or businesses desiring to conduct such activities during that period, THEREFORE, pursuant to the statute the Town Board will hold a public hearing on said LOCAL LAW at 7:15 P.M. on Thursday, January 11, 2024, at the Caledonia Town Hall, 3109 Main Street, Caledonia, Livingston County, New York, at which time and place all persons interested will be heard. A copy of this proposed Local Law is on file for public review at the Town Office of the Town of Caledonia during normal business hours.

RESOLUTION 133-2023

APPOINTMENT OF RON BEACH & STEVE MINGES TO TRAFFIC SAFETY BOARD

On motion of Councilman Bickford seconded by Councilwoman Rychlicki the following resolution was ADOPTED – Aye- Pangrazio, Bickford, Rychlicki, Clark, Keenan Nay – 0 Absent – 0

RESOLVED, that Highway Superintendent Ron Beach will be appointed to the Traffic Safety board with Deputy Highway Superintendent Steve Minges as his alternate.

RESOLUTION 134-2023

INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH LIVINGSTON COUNTY

On motion of Councilman Clark seconded by Councilman Keenan the following resolution was ADOPTED – Aye- Pangrazio, Bickford, Rychlicki, Clark, Keenan Nay – 0 Absent – 0

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes Supervisor Pangrazio to sign the Inter-municipal Agreement with Livingston County for the use of County owned machinery, tools, equipment and service sharing.

RESOLUTION 135-2023

SOLAR PILOT AGREEMENT WITH LIVINGSTON COUNTY IDA

On motion of Councilman Bickford seconded by Councilwoman Rychlicki the following resolution was ADOPTED – Aye- Pangrazio, Bickford, Rychlicki, Clark, Keenan Nay – 0 Absent – 0

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes Supervisor Pangrazio to sign the Solar Pilot Agreement with Livingston County IDA.

RESOLUTION 136-2023

URGING GOVERNOR HOCHUL TO VETO A.04282B/S.3505B

On motion of Councilman Keenan seconded by Councilman Clark the following resolution was ADOPTED – Aye- Pangrazio, Bickford, Rychlicki, Clark, Keenan Nay – 0 Absent – 0

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Caledonia believes that increasing participation in the election process and reducing costs of government operations is good for our republic, and

WHEREAS, during the 2023 legislative session, Assembly Member Amy Paulin and State Senator James Skoufis reintroduced this legislation, which would move local elections to even-numbered years, and

WHEREAS, versions of this legislation were introduced in previous years and failed to reach the floor for a vote due to lack of support, and

WHEREAS, after the 2022 session concluded, the bill sponsor indicated that hearings would be held on the proposal through the Election Committee process, and

WHEREAS, no such hearings were held, and

WHEREAS, the proposed legislation circumvented the legislative committee process during the legislative session, limiting public input and understanding of the impacts, and

WHEREAS, there has been no financial analysis or operational analysis of the impacts on local Boards of Elections, and

WHEREAS, this legislation passed in the middle of the night on the last days of the legislative session, which is counter to the idea of an open and transparent government, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Caledonia has many concerns with this bill, especially its diminishment of adequate attention to local issues and local voices, and

WHEREAS, by forcing local elections to compete against national and state-level campaigns, this legislation will decrease voters' attention to important local issues and deprive local candidates of appropriate platforms to explain their stance on issues, and

WHEREAS, moving local elections to even-numbered years would increase the cost of campaigns for local office due to advertising prices being driven up by demand from national and state level campaigns, thereby reducing the ability of local campaigns to get their messages out, and

WHEREAS, this legislation excludes elections to offices in New York City and all other cities and villages in New York State, as well as certain offices within all counties and towns, thereby negating any possible savings to local Boards of Election, and

WHEREAS, this legislation usurps Home Rule powers reserved by local governments and protected by the Constitution of the State of New York, raising questions of legality and constitutional authority, and

WHEREAS, local municipalities have had the ability to change their elections to even-numbered years for decades, and have chosen not to do so, and

WHEREAS, establishing the schedule of local elections is the right of the local government, supported by more than a century of precedent, and

WHEREAS, the Assembly Bill sponsor indicated that she had not received any messages of support for this proposal from any of the 57 Counties and 933 Towns across New York State impacted by this legislation, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Caledonia calls on Governor Hochul to strongly oppose this legislation and utilize her veto authority to reject this proposal, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the secretary for the SLCMCA be, and hereby is, directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to Governor Kathy Hochul, Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart Cousins, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, Senate Minority Leader Robert Ort, Assembly Minority Leader William Barclay, Assembly Bill Sponsor Amy Paulin, Senate Bill Sponsor James Skoufis, Senator Daniel Stec, Senator Mark Walczak, Assemblyman Scott Gray, Assemblyman Kenneth Blankenbush, as well as to any others deemed necessary and appropriate.

RECAP 2023

Supervisor Pangrazio reported that the Town of Caledonia had a great year and has overcome many financial challenges.

RESOLUTION 137-2023

SETTING DATES FOR 2024 TOWN BOARD MEETINGS

On motion of Councilman Clark seconded by Councilman Bickford the following resolution was ADOPTED – Aye- Pangrazio, Bickford, Rychlicki, Clark, Keenan Nay – 0 Absent – 0

RESOLVED, that the 2024 Town Board meetings will be held on the 2nd Thursday of every month unless otherwise noted.

DATE	TIME
TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2024 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING	5:00 P.M.
THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2024	7:00 P.M.
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2024	7:00 P.M.
THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2024	7:00 P.M.
THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2024	7:00 P.M.
THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2024	7:00 P.M.
THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 2024	7:00 P.M.
THURSDAY, JULY 11, 2024	7:00 P.M.
THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 2024	7:00 P.M.
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2024	7:00 P.M.
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2024 BUDGET WORKSHOP	5:00 P.M.
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2024	7:00 P.M.
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2024	7:00 P.M.
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2024	7:00 P.M.
MONDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2024 END OF YEAR MEETEING	4:00 P.M.

2024 TOWN HALL HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Supervisor Pangrazio handed out a list of the 2024 Town Hall Holiday closings:

DATE:	HOLIDAY:
MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 2024	NEW YEAR’S DAY
MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 2024	MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2024	PRESIDENTS’ DAY
FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 2024	GOOD FRIDAY
MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2024	SOLAR ECLIPSE
MONDAY, MAY 27, 2024	MEMORIAL DAY
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 2024	JUNETEENTH
WEDNESDAY, JULY 3 & THURSDAY, JULY 4, 2024	INDEPENDENCE DAY
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2024	LABOR DAY
MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2024	COLUMBUS DAY
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2024	VETERANS DAY
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27 – FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2024	THANKSGIVING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 23 – FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2024	CHRISTMAS

RESOLUTION 138-2023

2ND ANNUAL CALEDONIA TROUT FESTIVAL DONATION

On motion of Councilman Clark seconded by Councilman Bickford the following resolution was ADOPTED – Aye- Pangrazio, Bickford, Rychlicki, Clark, Keenan Nay – 0 Absent – 0

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Caledonia has decided to donate \$1,000.00 to the 2nd Annual Caledonia Trout Festival slated to take place on June 1, 2024.

RESOLUTION 139-2023

2024 BUILDING PERMIT & ZONING FEES

On motion of Councilman Bickford seconded by Councilman Clark the following resolution was ADOPTED – Aye- Pangrazio, Bickford, Rychlicki, Clark, Keenan Nay – 0 Absent – 0

RESOLVED, that the 2024 fee schedule for building permits and zoning fees be adopted.

**TOWN OF CALEDONIA
2024 BUILDING PERMIT / ZONING FEES SCHEDULE
(AMENDED DECEMBER 14, 2023)**

PERMIT TYPE	FEE
Above Ground Swimming Pool	\$20.00
Additions to Dwelling Unit (0.6 per Sq. Ft.)	\$25.00 minimum

Agricultural Building (over 2,500 Sq. Ft.)	\$75.00
Agricultural Buildings (1,200 to 2,500 Sq. Ft.)	\$50.00
Agricultural Buildings (up to 1,200 Sq. Ft.)	\$40.00
Amusement License	\$100.00
Building Permit Renewal	\$20.00
Cell Towers (Changes or Additions)	\$500.00
Certificate of Compliance	\$75.00
Certificate of Occupancy	\$100.00
Commercial Construction (10,000-20,000 Sq. Ft.)	\$25.00 Additional 1,000 Sq. Ft.
Commercial Construction (over 20,000 Sq. Ft.)	\$25.00 Additional 1,000 Sq. Ft.
Commercial Construction (up to 10,000 Sq. Ft.)	\$1,000.00
Commercial Solar Energy Structures	\$500.00 minimum or \$4.50 per KW
Complete Roof Replacement	\$20.00
Compliance Letter (Property Sales)	\$25.00
Deck	\$40.00
Demolition Permit	\$35.00
Final Plan Review of Site Plan	\$400.00
Final Review of Major Subdivision	\$400.00
Generator	\$50.00
Hot Tub	\$35.00
In-Ground Swimming Pool	\$50.00
Major Subdivision	\$200.00 and \$100 per lot in the subdivision
Minor Subdivision	\$150.00
Miscellaneous Commercial	\$200.00
Miscellaneous Residential	\$100.00
Mobile Home Park (due January every year)	\$50.00 for 1 st 5 lots & \$10.00 for each additional lot
Mobile Homes/Modular Homes (in parks)	\$100.00
NYS Unified Solar Permit	\$50.00
Outdoor Wood Buring Furnace	\$35.00
Peddlers License	\$100 per solicitor + \$100 nonrefundable app. fee
Penalty Fee (for lack of permit)	\$150.00
Re-Zoning Application Fee	\$500.00
Shed over 144 Sq. Ft.	Additional .05 Per Square Ft.
Shed up to 144 Sq. Ft. (12x12)	\$10.00
Signs	\$1.00 per Sq. Ft.
Single Family Home (over 2,000 Sq. Ft.)	\$400.00
Single Family Home (up to 2,000 Sq. Ft.)	\$250.00
Site Plan Review	\$150.00
Swimming Pool Deck	\$20.00
Swimming Pool Heater	\$20.00
Wind Generators	Fee according to height or power generated.

Engineering Fees, Certified Mailings & Legal Notice Fees for Zoning/Planning Board must be reimbursed to the Town BEFORE appearing before the Board.

RESOLUTION 140-2023

PAYMENT OF BILLS

On motion of Councilman Clark seconded by Councilwoman Rychlicki the following resolution was ADOPTED – Aye- Pangrazio, Bickford, Rychlicki, Clark, Keenan Nay – 0 Absent – 0

RESOLVED, that the bills be paid in the following amounts:

GENERAL FUND A	\$15,192.43
GENERAL FUND B	\$2,629.00
HIGHWAY FUND DB	\$17,933.21
TOTAL:	\$35,754.64

On motion to adjourn by Councilman Bickford seconded by Councilman Keenan and carried by all, the board meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Seth Graham
Town Clerk