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Dear Village Residents,

This is a letter I wish I never had to write. However, due to the current economic climate. the village is making a major change to services provided. For decades our village has been fortunate to be able to provide garbage/recycle service to our residents. As of June 1, 2025, the Village of Caledonia will no longer have a garbage contract included in the taxes. We have researched surrounding communities and found that we are the last village in Livingston County to offer garbage service (with exception of a small contract in Livonia). Our contract with Casella expires on May 31, 2025 at an annual cost of \$199,880.

Like your households, we have seen expenses skyrocket over the past couple of years. This has pushed us to evaluate everything. After much consideration, the Village Board has voted to not renew a garbage contract.

With that being said, the question will be asked "Will my taxes go down?" The short answer is no. The funds previously allotted for garbage service will be reappropriated to other areas within our budget. Although we will not be able to complete everything in one year, we have enclosed a list of "Essentials" that will be worked into our future budgets. With multiple years of a stagnant tax base, we foresee this being a long-term benefit to the tax base; the opportunity to not pay interest and complete many overdue projects. Just this past year we replaced our 1995 street sweeper for \$291,600.

You will have the freedom to choose your new provider. The last week in May will be our final pickup. Casellas will be collecting their recycle bins and rented totes. If you rent a tote and are owed a credit, please contact Casella at 1-800-Casella. Our local law remains the same. Items can be put out to the curb 24 hours before pickup and must be removed the day of pickup.

Please begin your research on a provider for June 1, 2025. A few suggestions of options are enclosed. If you have questions, please contact the Village Office at (585) 538-6565.

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With the Intent to Improving our community:

Washburn Park

- 1) New basketball courts
- 2) New pickle ball courts
- 3) New bathroom facility
- 4) Replace existing fencing
- 5) Replace outdoor play equipment

In November a new Pavilion is going up! The cost is \$50,000. The Lion's Club has made a generous donation of \$10,000. The family of Tim Anderson (\$13,845) and Bob Estes (\$2,380) both made generous memorial donations. The village will be appropriating \$11,155 from the Park Capital Reserve Fund and using \$15,000 from our 2024-2025 General Budget to complete the project.

Hamilton Park

Replace outdoor play equipment

Tennent Park

Replace outdoor play equipment & upgrade existing pavilion

Monument Park

We have **BIG PLANS** for this park near Pizza Land! A company, RPK has already provided us with a conceptual layout with alternative plans to pick from. Our goal is to create an inviting place to visit, from out-of-town guests to residents of Caledonia. We want to create that downtown atmosphere that says "Come take a stroll in downtown Caledonia". Take a seat on the new benches, chat with a friend, have lunch in the new sitting area; enhance the lighting, blade signs, place tables and chairs and maybe even add a corn hole set.

Replace the 1990 544E Loader

Approximate cost \$180,000

Information Technology

Every year we are continually faced with more upgrades, more training for our employees, more hardware, new software. Our safety nets have to be in place to prevent cyber-attacks and theft. We realize the essential need for upgrades to allow our DPW, Police, Court, Code Enforcement and Clerk's Office to operate without our systems being compromised. We will conduct a search for IT vendors that can assist us through this process.

Staffing

A new position was created in the 2024-2025 General Budget. An additional part-time Code Enforcement Officer was hired to perform state mandated fire inspections in buildings. Also, the Village Clerk's Office recently hired a new Deputy-Clerk doubling the hours of the previous Clerk due to an increase of workload. We will continue to add staff on an as-needed basis.

Village Buildings and Infrastructure

The Village Clerk/Police/Court building is in need of new insulation, bathroom renovations and has to replace a 1998 boiler. We will continue to use state and federal grants for funding when we can, but also take care of our many buildings.

This is the short list and just the beginning of many conversations we will have as we prioritize the needs of the village.

Casella 1-800-Casella

Waste Management 1-855-834-7756

Suburban Disposal (585) 352-3900

Town of Caledonia (585) 538-4927

-dump on Middle Road