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To the Caledonia Community,

As I begin year #3 as Mayor I wonder where does the time go. It has been a great 2 years and I'm looking forward to the next 2 years. Now, let's talk business! The 2016 Budgets were passed on April 12, 2016. We have a 2.5% tax levy increase this year which will give us \$22,741 of new revenue. In the past 9 years, dating back to 2007, we have had 6 years of no tax increases. Our final General Budget is \$1,321,000.

New equipment this year includes a Ford F350 1-ton dump truck and a John Deere ZTrac mower with bagger for the DPW Department. We will go out to auction and we anticipate receiving \$18,500 for the sale of our old equipment. We will use these funds to offset the costs of the new purchases. In addition, the DPW performs sweeping duties for Livingston County. This past fiscal year we collected \$8,000 extra for sweeping which will also be put towards new equipment.

The DPW projects include paving Jane Street and Philmore Avenue. The crew will chip seal Park & McKenzie Place, Technology Drive & part of East Avenue. Maple Street will get new sidewalks and we're adding drainage improvements on Technology Drive. We are replacing a section of the fencing at Washburn Park on East Avenue and a new gate at Hamilton Park. Yard brush...the DPW does not pick up brush. Our contract with Waste Management allows for brush pickup. Brush must be bagged and if you have larger limbs please cut them into 4 foot sections and tie them with twine/rope.

The latest news on Mill Street...the west side culvert is open and nearly complete. This summer new guardrails will be installed. We have received a \$100,000 FEMA grant and a \$75,000 Livingston County Water & Soil grant that will replace the culvert by the Catholic Church. This bridge will have a 3-sided bridge which includes fishing. Once both culverts are complete the DPW will pave the entire street.

The village employees received a 2% salary increase and the Village Board did not take an increase. There have been no increases to the Village Board in several years.

I am asked quite often the percentage the Police Department cost in our budget. It is not 50% but approximately 1/6th of our entire budget, \$224,000 after revenues for service are received. We reduced overtime hours in the department by \$4,651 which helped offset the cost of salary increases, actually reducing the Police Payroll Budget by \$2,500 this year. We still have our Resource Officer at the school. Two of our part-time Police Officers resigned and we have replaced them with Mike Burnside and Mark Pettis. Mike and Mark both just recently retired. Mike was a Fire Investigator for the Monroe County Sheriffs Department. Mark was a State Police Trooper. We welcome them to our community.

The village is the recipient of \$250,000 for the Main Street Grant Program. The Marketplace, Milex Drugs, Raider Lane's, the Q's building, McKay's Antiques, Gary Larzelere's building and Padgett Business all applied for the grants and will start construction on their buildings this summer. What a nice improvement to our downtown. We welcomed new businesses to our community...the Reminisce Restaurant, Jamison's Real Wood BBQ, Caledonia Landscape, new owners of Caledonia Fitness Gym and Raider Lane. The owner of the bowling alley also plans to open up the former Q's building as a brewery this fall. It is great to see the downtown revitalization making progress!

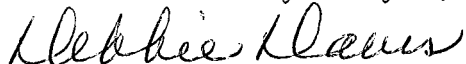
Our Water Budget is \$454,427. We have replaced 200 of the 900 water meters in the village homes and will replace another 100 this year. We are applying for a water grant for the remaining meters. The cost of the meters is \$140,000. Hopefully we receive the grant. We recently refinanced the interest rate for the State Street water bond. Our rate of 4.75% was reduced and will fluctuate from 1.75%-2.25% for the remaining 9 years of payments. We saved \$31,000 in interest refinancing the bonds.

Chris Buckley would like to inform residents that a copy of the 2015 Water Quality Report is available on our website www.villageofcaledonian.org or at the Village Office. The Village Board will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, June 7, at 6:30 p.m. amending Chapter 210-4 of the Village Code Book. Beginning in July water turn off's will be enforced after 2 quarters of non-payment instead of 3 quarters.

With the help of the community and the Village Planning Board we completed our Comprehensive Plan this past year. It is a great guide for our community and for future Village Boards to use. There are plans in the works to replace our community sign located at the Commons. The cost is \$45,000 and we are researching fundraising and grants to cover the costs.

Upcoming events. enclosed is our flyer for the 125th Anniversary of our village celebration. There are great events planned. Keep these dates open as it will be a wonderful time for all. The fire department is planning "A Taste of Caledonia" on September 10th at Jones Hall; more information will follow. Our famous "Hometown Holidays and Parade" will be the first weekend in December.

A final few words. *What makes our community great?* Our schools, volunteer groups, small and large businesses and people willing to invest in Caledonia. My goal is to try and fill our empty storefronts, improve our infrastructure and make Caledonia a destination. We have great restaurants, historic buildings, the Caledonia Fish Hatchery, the Big Springs Museum, Spring Creek famous for trout fishing and a large variety of shopping in our downtown. It sounds like a destination to me. The most important thing in making a great community is all of YOU who live here. Together we can only make it better. Thank you for your support.


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