

**VILLAGE OF CASSOPOLIS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
January 14, 2019**

President Johnson called the regular meeting of the Cassopolis Village Council to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

Council Members Present: Yoder, Parsons, Conner, Johnson, Williams, Sims and Wagner
Council Members Absent:

Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison.

Consent Agenda: Wagner motioned, seconded by Sims to approve the following consent agenda:

- a. Agenda
- b. Special Meeting Minutes – December 27, 2018
- c. Regular Meeting Minutes – December 10, 2018
- d. Approval of Invoices - \$84,777.23
- e. Approval of Contract with CAUA

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Parsons, Conner, Johnson, Williams, Sims and Wagner
Nays: Yoder
Abstain:
Absent:

Motion Carried.

Public Comments on Agenda Items:

Jim Bronke approves of the purchase of 113 N. Disbrow. He also spoke on some water regulations in Indiana and hopes we are timely with our water testing.

Department Reports:

Clerk: See report.
Treasurer: See report.
Police/Code Enforcement: See report.
Building Inspector: See report.
Electrical Inspector: See report.
Plumbing/Mechanical Inspector: See report.
DPW Superintendent: See report.
Manager: See report.

Reports accepted as presented.

Council & Staff discussed:

- The settlement of taxes with the County
- Rental compliance and recent condemnations.
- Village has been approved for about \$550,000 of additional grant funds from Rural Task force for street projects.
- The retention pond for the Parkshore project and the property needed.

Ashley Pompey – Cassopolis Court

Ms. Pompey provided some clarifications on the Miss & Mr. Cassopolis program. The local organization has opted out of the Blossomtime program and wants to focus on scholarships this year. There is a separate organization that is affiliated with Blossomtime should others want to participate.

New Business:

A. Purchase of 113 N. Disbrow: Yoder motioned, seconded by Williams to table the purchase of 113 N. Disbrow for \$10,000 and to discuss at Workshop. Council would like more information on this.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Conner, Sims, Wagner and Yoder

Nays: Johnson, Williams, Parsons

Abstain:

Absent:

Motion Carried.

Discussion Items

Williams explained that at the Law and Courts building they have signs that state there is no marijuana allowed in the municipal building. He would like the Village Manager to look into putting up similar signs.

Wagner thanked the Village Manager for the news coverage sent to them; it was great and he's received positive reactions.

Yoder asked for an update on the Sinclair station. Village Manager Sarratore stated that she has a meeting with Dr. Piazza to discuss further.

Williams asked if the new owners of the Holden Green building will get a liquor license. Village Manager Sarratore said they do not know yet. The owners are moving in the top of the Lawrence Law office building and are looking to put some retail in the downstairs.

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items:

DPW Superintendent addressed the Municipal Building and he believes it is best for the administrative staff to be with DPW.

Mike Grice spoke on how the County is working on options to stop the public from bringing marijuana into the County buildings. He also addressed some changes in the County with the Commissioners, the new webpage and the old Courthouse.

JJ Smith explained that he would like to discuss the hemp side of marijuana and it will not be a dispensary.

Announcements:

- Next CAUA Meeting: 1/22/2019 at 7:00 p.m.
- Main Street Meetings are held monthly prior to Regular Council Meetings at 5:45 p.m.
- January Workshop: 1/28/19 at 6:30 p.m.
- February Regular Meeting – Joint Meeting to be held at Squires 2/11/19 at 6:30 p.m.

Adjournment: President Johnson declared the meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

David L. Johnson, Village President

Tonia Betty, Village Clerk