

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

President Pro-tem Williams called the Regular Meeting of the Cassopolis Village Council to order at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call:

Council Members Present: Yoder, Parsons, Williams, and Wagner

Council Members Absent: Conner, Johnson, Sims

Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison.

Consent Agenda: Wagner motioned, seconded by Parsons to approve the following consent agenda as presented:

- a. Regular Meeting Minutes – September 9, 2019
- b. Closed Session Meeting Minutes – September 9, 2019
- c. Workshop/Special Meeting Minutes – September 23, 2019
- d. Approval of Invoices - \$400,261.45

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Parsons, Williams, Wagner and Yoder

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent: Conner, Johnson, Sims

Motion Carried.

Public Comment on Agenda Items:

None

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 and staff discussed:

- Coffee shop update
- DPW employees
- Bids for projects
- MSHDA grant projects
- Park project with the 2nd graders
- Fall leaf pick up the last week of October

Old Business:

- A. Construction & Bond Documentation; Bond Counsel (See Attachment 9): Parsons motioned, seconded by Wagner to approve the bond documents as presented. The bond counsel provided an explanation of each document and answered any questions.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Failed.

- B. Medical Marijuana (Attachment 10 & 11): Ken Stecker and Victor Fitz spoke on medical marijuana and provided some additional information regarding current and upcoming laws including situations in other municipalities.

Yoder motioned, seconded by Wagner to postpone the vote of this and the zoning ordinances until the next meeting.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carried.

New Business

- A. Alleyway Update- Chris S.: Chris is the muralist that has moved into 144 S. Broadway in the downtown who is working with the Village on the Alleyway project. He showed the progress of the proposed mural. DPW has begun pulling up the bricks (which are being saved), the trees are going to be removed then Chris will start painting on the building of the VFW. Multiple organizations want to participate in the painting of this mural. In addition to the mural, there will be a trellis with hanging baskets and lighting installed. Chris will be collaborating with NorthStar Landscape on the project and will complete the mural by December 1.

- B. Exemption from PA 152 (Attachment 12): Wagner motioned, seconded by Yoder to approve Resolution 2019-12 opting the Village out of requiring employees to contribute to medical insurance.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carried.

- C. Risk Reduction Grant (Attachment 13): Wagner motioned, seconded by Yoder to approve Resolution 2019-13. This grant is through the Par Plan, who we contract with for liability and property insurance coverage. The request is for new tasers for the Police department.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carried.

- D. 5/3 Bank (Attachment 14): Clerk Betty informed Council that we can hold off on this since G.W. Jones has provided some additional information and we will work with them to see if they can accommodate what we are looking for.

Public Comments- Non-Agenda Items:

None.

Announcements:

None.

Adjournment:

President Pro-tem Williams declared the meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m. by unanimous agreement.

Frank Williams, Jr., Village President Pro-tem

Tonia Betty, Village Clerk