

**VILLAGE OF CASSOPOLIS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
October 8, 2018**

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, Jackson-Ash, Johnson, Williams and Sims
Council Members Absent: Wagner

Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison.

Consent Agenda: Parsons motioned, seconded by Yoder to approve the following consent agenda:

- a. Agenda
- b. Regular Council Minutes – September 10, 2018
- c. Workshop Minutes – September 24, 2018
- d. Approval of Invoices - \$113,861.32

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Parsons, Jackson-Ash, Johnson, Williams, Sims and Yoder

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent: Wagner

Motion Carried.

Public Comments 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 & Staff discussed:

- Master Plan draft
- Cemetery project
- Jackson-Ash suggested putting information on the Village website of the projects we are working on. She asked about water bill comments being moved and the Borgess Lee sign being removed from building.

New Business:

- A. Approval of Parking Lot Agreement with County(See Attachment 9): Sims motioned, seconded by Williams to approve the purchase of the parking lot owned by the County for the cost of \$450, which is half the cost of the survey, and agree to utilize the lot as public parking for the next 10 years.

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Doing this will support the small businesses that utilize it and provide parking for all of them and their customers. Council discussed the commitment of the 10 years and if that restriction was placed on others who bid on the property.

Motion Carried. Opposed by Jackson-Ash

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items:

None.

Council Concerns/Ideas:

Williams suggested turning the old fire station into a Community Recreation Center.

Parsons said she would like to see a Brewery there.

Yoder asked if there is a plan to sell the old Fire Station. It needs a lot of work and there is space in the Village Hall and we can use that as a community center at a lower cost for updates than renovating the Fire Station. Village Manager Sarratore said she met with multiple people who want to use the old fire station and businesses that may want to come here. When we receive the final facilities plan we will have more information; also DPW will need space to store things while they get a new building and it would be beneficial to still have that location.

Williams mentioned advertising the doctor's space downstairs in a medical journal to get a practitioner office in there since it's all set up for that. Also, he suggested contacting Centier Bank to see if they are interested in coming to Michigan since they are looking to expand.

Village Manager Sarratore informed Council there will be a combined Special/Planning commission meeting on the 22nd of October so they can vote on the recommendation of the Planning Commission for the Master Plan.

Sims asked for the date and time of the next Stone Lake Board meeting. Ted Gogol responded with October 24th at 11am.

Village Manager Sarratore reminded everyone that Food Truck Friday is on the 12th and 19th; Sammy's Arepas Latin flavor and Drive thru Q will be there.

Announcements:

- November Village Council Meeting Cancelled (Veteran's Day Observed)
- Next Workshop Meeting: October 22, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. (This will be a special meeting)
- Next CAUA Meeting: October 15, 2018, 7:00 p.m.
- Main Street Meetings are held monthly prior to Regular Council Meetings at 5:45 p.m.
- Food Truck Friday, October 12th, 11am – 12ish – Old Courthouse Parking Lot
- Tuesday, November 6th, Election Day

Adjournment: President Johnson declared the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

David L. Johnson, Village President

Tonia Betty, Village Clerk