

**VILLAGE OF CASSOPOLIS  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
December 11, 2017**

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 (arrived at 7:25 p.m.), Johnson, Williams, Sims and Wagner

Council Members Absent:

Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison.

**Consent Agenda:** Sims motioned, seconded by Wagner to approve the following consent agenda with the removal of item G. Resolution for Main Street:

- a. Agenda
- b. Regular Council Minutes – November 13, 2017 and Workshop Minutes – November 27, 2017
- c. Invoices - \$201,466.56
- d. USDA Invoices - \$70,847.95
- e. Borgess Lee Lease
- f. PA 152 Resolution
- h. Budget Amendments

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ayes: Parsons, Johnson, Williams, Sims, Wagner and Yoder

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent: Jackson-Ash

**Motion Carried.**

**Public Comments on Agenda Items:**

Mickey Bittner spoke on the closeout of the sidewalk project and the resurfacing project; the final inspections went very well and they were both successful projects.

Yoder asked Mr. Bittner about the M-62 resurfacing project. He does not have much information on it at this time.

Wagner commented that the log cabin decorations look great.

**Department Reports:**

Clerk: See report.

Police/Code Enforcement: See report.

Electrical Inspector: See report.

Plumbing/Mechanical Inspector: See report.

DPW Superintendent: See report.

Manager: See report.

Council and staff discussed:

- Police donation for No Shave November
- CAUA letters
- Potential lots for sale at Stone Lake Shores

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- Potential open DPW positions
- Code enforcement complaint being remedied

Reports accepted as presented.

**Committee Reports:**

- Personnel Committee: None.
- Finance Committee: None.
- Parks & Recreation Committee: None.

**Old Business:**

A. Master Plan/Facilities Plan/Parks Plan: Williams motioned, seconded by Parsons to award the bid to Wightman & Associates, Inc. to put together these plans for us. Council discussed revisiting the old master plan to make sure the pertinent items are brought into the new plans. Village Manager Sarratore explained the reasons for a new master plan and not just an amendment to the prior, which include having a streamlined plan and the ability to obtain grant money by being a certified Redevelopment Ready Community. January 31 will be the kickoff for MSU project with County & EDC & Village; this project is being done in conjunction with our master plan process.

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent:

**Motion Carried.**

B. Resolution for Main Street: Wagner motioned, seconded by Jackson-Ash to approve the resolution as presented. Some Council members do not agree with the board members, events and fundraising projects being done by the Main Street Committee. This resolution will put to rest some of the conflicts regarding what in-kind services will be donated to the Main Street Committee from the Village of Cassopolis. Village Manager Sarratore explained what is needed for Main Street to be awarded grant money and without a strong DDA to receive TIF money from the Main Street is not able to move up to the next ranking. Despite that, the Main Street will continue to do the things it has done in the past and collaborate with other organizations to promote the downtown area and provide events for all Village residents.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ayes: Johnson, Williams, Wagner, Parsons, Jackson-Ash

Nays: Sims and Yoder

Abstain:

Absent:

**Motion Carried.**

**2016-2017 Audit Presentation – Derek Hall, Department of Treasury**

The Village received an unmodified opinion for the fiscal year, which is the best rating. Derek Hall went over the increases and decreases in revenue and expenditures and informed Council that the Village has a very healthy fund balance. He also informed everyone there are no new GASB rulings that will be affecting the Village in the upcoming year.

**Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items:** None.

**Council Concerns/Ideas:** None.

**Announcements:**

- Next CAUA Meeting: December 18, 2017, 7:00 p.m.
- Next Regular Village Council Meeting: January 8, 2017, 7:00 p.m.
- December Workshop: CANCELLED

**Adjournment:** President Johnson declared the meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

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David L. Johnson, Village President

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Tonia Betty, Village Clerk