

**VILLAGE OF CASSOPOLIS  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
December 9, 2019**

President Johnson called the Regular Meeting of the Cassopolis Village Council to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Roll Call:**

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

Council Members Absent: Conner

Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison.

**Sam Adams Second Graders Presentation**

The second graders presented their ideas on upgrades to Clisbee Park. They have been working on this project over the past semester and provided the Council with 9 options to choose from. The options are a range of playground equipment geared towards children ages 5-12.

**Moment of Silence in Remembrance of Tommie Sims**

**Trustee Yoder's Residency under General Law Village Act 62.11**

President Johnson read the statute regarding a seat being vacated when a Trustee is no longer a resident of the Village. Trustee Yoder has sold her house and expressed that she is staying with friends in and outside of the Village. Trustee Yoder believes that residency is not defined in GLVA per MML. Wagner stated he would like her to be a legal resident and officially have a house or apartment in the Village. Johnson explained that it is his job to enforce the laws and that is the reason behind this discussion.

Sims motioned, seconded by Yoder for this to be tabled Trustee Yoder has a new residence to live in.

**Motion Rescinded.**

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

- a. Workshop/Special Meeting Minutes – November 25, 2019
- b. Approval of Invoices - \$88,224.77

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent: Conner

**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.

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Manager: See report.

Reports accepted as presented.

Council and staff discussed:

- Superintendent Anderson highlighted Trustee Conner passing two water license tests without taking any courses.

**Presentations:**

**2018-2019 Audit Presentation:**

Derek Hall presented the report explaining each fund and where they stand as of the end of the year. He explained the new item of capital contributions due to formal agreements with the CAUA and their promise to repay the Village over the remainder of the contract. There were no new audit findings and we were able to add to the fund balance despite spending money on capital projects.

**Public Comments- Non-Agenda Items:**

Village Manager Sarratore discussed with Council the investment into the Village starting in 2017. It started with the Master Plan which then moved into the planning process for those projects. Imagine Cass started in 2018 and by the end of the year the final plans and decision to move forward with the projects generated from that were approved. 2019 was spent working through the plans and generating a lot of excitement. She read part of the grant application that was presented to MEDC regarding the downtown, the planning process and the focus on improvement projects on blighted spaces. All of this planning has culminated with a grant awarded to the Village for \$2.8 million. \$4,082,616 in total grant dollars to the Village has been awarded in 2019.

**Announcements:**

None.

**Adjournment:**

President Johnson declared the meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m. by unanimous agreement.

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David L. Johnson, Village President

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