

**VILLAGE OF CASSOPOLIS  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
March 12, 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, Sims and Wagner  
Council Members Absent:

Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison.

**Consent Agenda:** Wagner motioned, seconded by Sims to approve the consent agenda with the removal of item B, Manager Review from New Business:

- a. Agenda
- b. Regular Council Minutes – February 5, 2018, Workshop Minutes – February 26, 2018 and the Closed Session Minutes – February 26, 2018
- c. Invoices - \$195,859.02

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

**Motion Carried.**

**Public Comments on Agenda Items:**

County Prosecutor, Victor Fitz, spoke on the medial marijuana decision and expressed that he is adamantly opposed to having it in the Village. We have a great quality of life here and believes it will mess with that. He cited some additional reasons why it is bad for communities and the people that use it.

**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:

- Complimentary letter to Ben Anderson
- Hiring of new DPW employee
- Purchase of lots at Stone Lake Shores
- The high school students working with Wightman on the Facilities Assessment Plan
- Woodlands waiting on USDA grant to move forward with purchase of old Midwest building

Reports accepted as presented.

**Committee Reports:**

a. Personnel Committee: None.

- b. Finance Committee: None.
- c. Parks & Recreation Committee: None.

**New Business:**

A. Resolution Regarding Medical Marijuana Facilities (See Attachment 9): Williams motioned, seconded by Sims to approve Resolution 2018-2, changing the word Township to Village. Discussion ensued regarding the need to approve this resolution now since we are already opted out. They also discussed the opinions of members of the community that do not want marijuana in the Village. Some Council members wanted to get additional information before making this decision; there is a medical benefit to it and it would be better for residents to spend their money here than in other communities.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ayes: Johnson, Williams, Sims, and Yoder

Nays: Jackson-Ash, Wagner and Parsons

Abstain:

Absent:

**Motion Carried.**

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

Prosecutor Victor Fitz wished the Rangers good luck tonight.

Council thanked the Prosecutor for the help that he has provided in the community.

**Council Concerns/Ideas:**

**Announcements:**

- Next CAUA Meeting: March 19, 2018, 7:00 p.m.
- Next Village Council Workshop Meeting: March 26, 2018, 6:30 p.m.
- Next Regular Village Council Meeting: April 9, 2018, 7:00 p.m.
- Main Street Meetings are held monthly prior to Regular Council Meetings at 5:45 p.m.

**Adjournment:** President Johnson declared the meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

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David L. Johnson, Village President

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