

**VILLAGE OF CASSOPOLIS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
April 8, 2019**

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, Conner, Johnson, Williams, Sims and Wagner
Council Members Absent:

Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison.

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

- a. Agenda
- b. Regular Meeting Minutes – March 11, 2019
- c. Workshop Meeting Minutes – March 25, 2019
- d. Public Hearing Minutes – March 11, 2019 & March 25, 2019
- e. Approval of Invoices - \$190,633.65
- f. Approval of Cass County Hazard Mitigation Plan
- g. Approval of Budget Amendments

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: Yoder

Abstain:

Absent:

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:

- MDOT overpayments and State of Michigan chart of accounts changes

New Business:

A. Approval of Waste & Refuse Contract: Yoder motioned, seconded by Parsons to contract with Michiana Recycling for the Refuse and Recycling for the Village beginning May 1. There was the ability to do a contract extension with Waste Management, but there have been some significant issues with service. Michiana Recycling came in as the lowest bid, the main difference from Waste

Management is that they use bags for recycling, which are then placed in the toter to be picked up weekly. The contract also includes leaf pick up; the leaves would need to be bagged.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent:

Motion Carried.

Solar Project Presentation – EnPower Solutions

EnPower Solutions discussed the possibility of having solar power in the Village for Village owned property and some other businesses. Council discussed the pros and cons and how it could affect our current electric utility. Village Manager Sarratore stated there would be legal costs associated with moving this forward. Council stated they would like to move forward in finding out how we could make this work.

Discussion Items

Aaron Miller spoke on the electric ideas that were previously discussed. He applauded the Village for the things that we are doing here such as the downtown development and streetscape. He provided an update of what is happening at the state level and doesn't believe having a new governor will stop progress.

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items:

Charline Nyomo is appreciative for the state representative's comments about the Village. She wanted to express the wonderful things that have happened to her once she moved into the Village and she thanks Chief LaValle for helping her.

Jeff Carmen, the interim county administrator, discussed the clock and the bell on the old County Courthouse building. It is in need of repair and he wants the Village to help out with those repairs since the Village residents benefit from it.

Announcements:

- Next CAUA Meeting: 4/15/2019 at 7:00 p.m.
- Main Street Meetings are held monthly prior to Regular Council Meetings at 5:45 p.m.
- April Workshop: 4/22/19 at 6:30 p.m.
- Emilie gave other announcements of things happening in the County coming up.

Adjournment: President Johnson declared the meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

David L. Johnson, Village President

Tonia Betty, Village Clerk