

**VILLAGE OF CASSOPOLIS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
April 9, 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 Parsons to approve the following consent agenda, with the addition of Item D. Approval of Hearing Officer Recommendations:

- a. Agenda
- b. Regular Council Minutes – March 12, 2018 and Workshop Minutes – March 26, 2018
- c. Invoices - \$88,582.27
- d. Investment Policy
- e. Retirement Policy
- f. Laptops/Lien for Squad Cars
- g. Parkshore/Viaduct Project

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent:

Motion Carried.

Public Comments on Agenda Items:

None.

Department Reports:

Clerk: See report.

Police/Code Enforcement: See report.

Electrical Inspector: See report.

Plumbing/Mechanical Inspector: See report.

DPW Superintendent: See report.

Manager: No report.

Reports accepted as presented.

New Business:

- A. Presidential Appointments (See Attachment 9): Jackson-Ash motioned, seconded by Wagner to approve Resolution 2018-5 and the attached appointments with the correction of placing Eugene Wagner instead of Cynthia Jackson-Ash on the CAUA Board. Council discussed with Village Manager and the previous electrical inspector, Ron Bellaire, the situation and events that led up to a different electrical inspector being appointed.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: Sims and Yoder

Abstain:

Absent:

Motion Carried.

- B. 2018/2019 Budget (See Attachment 10): Williams motioned, seconded by Sims to table the budget. Discussion ensued regarding some of the changes from the previous draft budget. Some of those items were Borgess Lee terminating their lease and the items changed to accommodate for that change, the donation of body cams and the York St. resurfacing project.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent:

Motion Carried.

- C. Manager Review: The personnel committee met and reviewed the work that was performed by the Village Manager. There were some areas of concern for the Village such as getting the downstairs space rented out, downtown businesses, Stone Lake cleanup and getting the moratorium lifted at Stone Lake Shores. The Village Manager has accomplished all of those things including increasing the fund balance, saving \$180,000 on the USDA bond issue, she figured out how to get the forcemain project done, all lift stations except one were renovated and obtaining two risk reduction grants. Council spoke on other accomplishments of the Village Manager; they would like to see the numbers for a raise then hold a special meeting to vote on it after the workshop on April 23rd.

- D. Approval of Hearing Officer Recommendations: Williams motioned, seconded by Sims to approve the recommendations of the Hearing Officer, Mickey Bittner, to demolish the following condemned dangerous buildings: 111 First, 203 Lakeshore, 310 First and 801 Parkshore. One property owner has a contract to demolish their property, another would like to replace the trailer. Once approved by Council, the owners have 60 days to demolish before the Village will begin the process to demolish the properties.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent:

Motion Carried.

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items:

None.

Council Concerns/Ideas:

Jackson-Ash asked about resolving a cracked trash can. Village Manager Sarratore informed her to contact Jackie who will request a replacement trash can.

Announcements:

- Next CAUA Meeting: April 16, 2018, 7:00 p.m.
- Next Village Council Workshop Meeting: April 23, 2018, 6:30 p.m.
- Next Regular Village Council Meeting: May 14, 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 8:22 p.m.

David L. Johnson, Village President

Tonia Betty, Village Clerk