

**VILLAGE OF CASSOPOLIS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
May 14, 2018**

President Johnson called the regular meeting of the Cassopolis Village Council to order at 7:01 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 following consent agenda:

- a. Agenda
- b. Regular Council Minutes – April 9, 2018, Public Hearing Minutes – April 9, 2018 & April 23, 2018, Workshop Minutes – April 23, 2018 and Special Meeting Minutes – April 23, 2018
- c. Invoices - \$140,328.82
- d. Pontem Cemetery Software

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: Yoder

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: See report.

Reports accepted as presented.

Council & Staff discussed:

- Progress on coffee shop
- Downtown benches to be placed at Don Horne
- Properties to be demolished
- AEP light change out in the Village
- Progress on Stone Lake Shores

New Business:

- A. Investment with G.W. Jones (See Attachment 9): Wagner motioned, seconded by Williams to approve the Village to invest with G. W. Jones Bank with Tonia Betty, Jacqueline Collins, David Johnson and Frank Williams as authorized signers on the 30-day rolling C.D. at 1.88%.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent:

Motion Carried.

B. Budget Amendments (See Attachment 10): Wagner motioned, seconded by Jackson-Ash to approve the budget amendments as presented for the current fiscal year.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent:

Motion Carried.

C. Local Purchase of Tax Reverted Properties (See Attachment 11): The properties at 312 S. Rowland and 313 S. O’Keefe are listed on the tax sale from the County for the taxes owed. Village Manager Sarratore suggested purchasing this property and creating a program to help someone who is not able to purchase a home in the traditional way; she believes it will encourage home ownership. The Village could purchase the property and deed it over to a 501(c)(3), like Main Street, for them to sell it or renovate it. Someone may be able to afford a property like this who could not afford it otherwise. Council spoke on the pros and cons of doing a program like this and would like more information and a plan before voting to purchase these properties.

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items:

Mike Grice spoke on the Cass County household hazardous waste collection happening this Saturday from 9-noon. Tires will be taken August 4.

Village Manager Sarratore informed everyone of the Chamber/Main Street Committee networking event on May 24th at Lindys from 5-7pm and the fundraising for the children's area for Pioneer Days.

The Main Street would like permission to use the old fire station for the beer garden this year. We are investing some additional money into a band and that location would bring some interest to the downtown corridor.

Wagner motioned, seconded by Sims to allow the Main Street to use the old fire station for the beer garden.

Motion Carried.

Village Manager Sarratore congratulated Superintendent Anderson on graduating last weekend from Southwestern Michigan College with an Associates in Communications.

Jim Broke asked how the zip line works. Village Manager Sarratore explained how it would work.

Council Concerns/Ideas:

Announcements:

- Next CAUA Meeting: May 21, 2018, 7:00 p.m.
- Next Village Council Workshop Meeting: Cancelled for May

- Next Regular Village Council Meeting: June 11, 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 7:45 p.m.

David L. Johnson, Village President

Tonia Betty, Village Clerk