

**VILLAGE OF CASSOPOLIS  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
May 8, 2017**

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, Wagner  
Council Members Absent:

Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison.

**Consent Agenda:** Wagner motioned, seconded by Sims to approve the Agenda with the addition of Item I. Appointment of Roosevelt Thomas, the Regular Council Minutes – April 10, 2017, the Workshop Minutes – April 24, 2017, Invoices totaling \$72,339.10 and USDA Invoices totaling \$358,496.48.

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent:

**Motion Carried.**

**Public Comments on Agenda Items:**

Aaron Miller, our State Representative, gave a quick update on new bills that were passed regarding Foia access to Governors and money for brownfields.

Village Manager introduced Corey Smith, the new police officer that was hired to replace Kyle Hart.

Thomas Rutherford asked about fixing the sidewalks on Broadway St.

Tex Shetron gave an update from the Fire Board and would like to schedule a tour for the Village Council.

**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.

**Committee Reports:**

a. Personnel Committee: None.

b. Finance Committee: None.

**Old Business:**

A. Maps for Mr. Wagner: Given to Mr. Wagner for review.

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**New Business:**

- A. Reliable Generator Services (See Attachment 9): Yoder motioned, seconded by Parsons, to approve the contract as presented instead of using H&G Services for maintenance of our generators.

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent:

**Motion Carried.**

- B. Industrial Park Sign: Yoder motioned, seconded by Jackson-Ash, to approve installing a new Industrial Park sign up to \$750.

**Motion Carried.**

- C. Park Hours: Williams motioned, seconded by Sims, to approve the park hours of 7am to 10pm for all parks instead of dusk to dawn. The police officers will also add the parks on their list of Village lights to check during the night shifts.

**Motion Carried.**

- D. Don Horne Park for Seniors: Yoder motioned, seconded by Sims to approve the fee removal for the seniors at to rent it for free instead of charging them \$50 and waive fee.

**Motion Carried.**

- E. Grimes Tree Service (see Attachment 10): Williams motioned, seconded by Jackson-Ash, to table this decision until the next meeting to receive verification of Grimes Tree Service Work Comp Insurance and if he contracts with the people who help him.

**Motion Carried.**

- F. AEP Easement (see Attachment 11): Parsons motioned, seconded by Williams, to approve providing an easement on Kinder Drive to AEP for 1,000.

**Motion Carried.**

- G. MDOT Resolution (see Attachment 12): Jackson-Ash motion, seconded by Sims, to approve Resolution 2017-06 for the resurfacing project with the corrections to remove the word along on the first line and replace the word “wok” with “work”.

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent:

**Motion Carried.**

- H. Zoning Change Request-Sherman Lane (see Attachment 13): Wagner motion, seconded by Williams, to approve the zoning change request approved by the Planning Commission on May 3, 2017. This property will be changed from Residential to I-2 Manufacturing District.

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent:

**Motion Carried.**

- I. Appointment of Roosevelt Thomas (see Attachment 14): Wagner motioned, seconded by Sims to approve Resolution 2017-07 as presented to appoint him as the Village Prosecutor.

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent:

**Motion Carried.**

**Council Concerns/Ideas:**

Wagner informed everyone that Council Member Sims has tickets for the blue gill fish dinner fundraiser.

Jackson-Ash asked for the date of the Park dedication.

Yoder asked about the realtor quote for the Boyles property lease with Grace Bible Church and their transfer to the building they purchased.

**Public Comments on Non Agenda Items:**

Ted Gogol thanked the Council and the Village Manager on their work with Stone Lake and the treatment will start next week. He also thanked the Village Manager for her assistance with AEP regrading a right of way and an easement that they wanted on his property.

Emilie informed everyone that the Dan Lee boulder was completed, Head start requested representation from the Village for their anniversary event on May 18<sup>th</sup> and reminded everyone about the 501ish business appreciation party on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Ben told everyone that the dedication for the park will be on July 1st along with a basketball tournament.

**Closed Session:**

Sims motioned, seconded by Williams, to go into closed session for the purpose of discussion union negotiations and pending litigation at 7:03 p.m.

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent:

**Motion Carried.**

Jackson-Ash motioned, seconded by Parsons, to come out of closed session at 9:13 p.m.

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent:

**Motion Carried.**

**Announcements:**

- Next CAUA Meeting: May 15, 2017, 7:00 p.m.
- Next Village Council Workshop Meeting: May 22, 2017, 6:30 p.m.
- Next Regular Village Council Meeting: June 12, 2017, 7:00 p.m.
- Next Main Street Meeting: May 8 and June 12, 2017, 5:45 p.m.
- Main Street/Chamber Business Appreciation 5:01ish Event, Thursday June 1 @ Turtle Lodge

**Adjournment:** President Johnson declared the meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

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David L. Johnson, Village President

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Tonia Betty, Village Clerk