

**VILLAGE OF CASSOPOLIS  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
June 11, 2018**

President Pro-Tem Williams 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 and Williams  
Council Members Absent: Johnson, Sims & Wagner

Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison.

**Consent Agenda:** Jackson-Ash motioned, seconded by Parsons to approve the following consent agenda:

- a. Agenda
- b. Regular Council Minutes – May 14, 2018
- c. Approval of Invoices - \$73,345.71

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ayes: Parsons, Jackson-Ash, Williams and Yoder

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent: Johnson, Sims & Wagner

**Motion Carried.**

**Public Comments on Agenda Items:**

None.

**Department Reports:**

Clerk: 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:

- CAUA proposal for settlement
- County tax administration fee increase
- Pioneer day sponsors and children's area
- Larceny with no arrest

**New Business:**

A. Reliable Generator Contract Renewal (See Attachment 9): Yoder motioned, seconded by Parsons to approve the contract with Reliable Generator to service the generators at the lift stations.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ayes: Jackson-Ash, Williams, Yoder and Parsons

Nays:

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Abstain:

Absent: Johnson, Sims & Wagner

**Motion Carried.**

- B. Decker Insurance Contract Renewal (See Attachment 10): Yoder motioned, seconded by Parsons to approve the renewal of the property and liability insurance for the 2018-2019 fiscal year with Decker Agency for \$38,630. The insurance is still with the Michigan Township Participating Plan (MTPP) and Decker Agency is the administrator. MTPP has given us two grants for playground safety items.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ayes: Williams, Yoder, Parsons and Jackson-Ash

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent: Johnson, Sims & Wagner

**Motion Carried.**

- C. Local Purchase of Tax Reverted Properties (See Attachment 11): Yoder motioned to table the purchase of the tax reverted properties from the County. This would be an in-house program to help residents with home ownership. We would have to tailor it to how we would prefer it to work.

**Motion Dies for lack of second.**

Jackson-Ash motioned, seconded by Parsons to purchase the tax reverted properties from the County.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ayes: Parsons and Jackson-Ash

Nays: Yoder and Williams

Abstain:

Absent: Johnson, Sims & Wagner

**Motion Failed.**

- D. Award of Demolition Bids (See Attachment 12): Yoder motioned, seconded by Parsons to award the demolition bids to Rinker Excavating to demolish 801 Park Shore Dr., 301 First St. and 203 Lake Shore Dr. for a total cost of \$21,350. The building inspectors approve of this company and have worked with them in the past.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ayes: Parsons, Jackson-Ash, Williams and Yoder

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent: Johnson, Sims & Wagner

**Motion Carried.**

- E. Award of Tree Bids (See Attachment 13): Jackson-Ash motioned, seconded by Parsons to award the tree removal bids to Williams A-1 Expert Tree Service to remove trees at 222 N. O'Keefe St., 203 S. East St., 504 E. South St. and 217 S. Rowland St.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ayes: Jackson-Ash, Williams, Yoder and Parsons

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent: Johnson, Sims & Wagner

**Motion Carried.**

- F. Resolution for Nationwide Trustee (See Attachment 14): Yoder motioned, seconded by Parsons to name David Johnson and Tonia Betty as the Trustee/Plan Sponsor for Nationwide in order to be able

to sign off on documents. The former trustee was Clare Mallo and this needs to be updated to get our assets moved and transfer to MERS.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ayes: Williams, Yoder, Parsons and Jackson-Ash

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent: Johnson, Sims & Wagner

**Motion Carried.**

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

Dennis Smith from St. Joseph County is the democratic candidate for Michigan 59th district of the House of Representatives. He introduced himself and spoke on the tax revered property program in Muskegon along with his stance on education, universal healthcare plan and some level of arms control. He would appreciate our support.

Ted Gogol thinks the program for tax reverted properties is a great thing to explore. He also gave an update on the treatment of Stone Lake. The harvesting of the white stem pondweed will begin shortly and almost all the milfoil is gone. Jackson-Ash asked about the “island of film” and if it would go away due to the treatments. Ted responded that it would not go away.

Chief informed Council of the two resignations from Thorn Lewis and Ken Baker.

Emilie informed Council that she has an intern that will be job shadowing her about two days a week. She will also assist with our Cemetery project and items that need to be completed for RRC. We are hoping to work with a school that does internship programs so that we can get interns placed in the Village.

**Council Concerns/Ideas:**

Yoder stated that she liked the downtown banners and informed everyone of Log Cabin days on June 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Announcements:**

- Next Regular Village Council Meeting: July 9, 2018, 7:00 p.m.
- Next Workshop Meeting: June 25, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.
- Next CAUA Meeting: June 18, 2018, 7:00 p.m.
- Main Street Meetings are held monthly prior to Regular Council Meetings at 5:45 p.m.
- Pioneer Days: June 30, 2018 11 a.m. -3 p.m. Kids Area & Vendors; Beer Garden & live music @ 5:00 p.m.
- Next Imagine Cass Event: July 11, 2018, 6:00 p.m. at the COA

**Adjournment:** President Pro-Tem Williams declared the meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

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Frank Williams, Village President Pro-Tem

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Tonia Betty, Village Clerk