

**VILLAGE OF CASSOPOLIS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
July 10, 2017**

President Johnson called the regular meeting of the Cassopolis Village Council to order at 7:03 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 moving item D to the bottom of New Business, the Regular Council Minutes – June 12, 2017, the Public Hearing Minutes – June 12, 2017, the corrected Workshop Minutes – June 26, 2017, Invoices totaling \$255,687.96 and USDA Invoices totaling \$124,214.55.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent:

Motion Carried.

Public Comments on Agenda Items: None.

Presentation of Queens

Approval and Presentation of Memorial Resolution for Gerald Hart (See Attachment C): Wagner motioned, seconded by Williams to approve Resolution 2017-12 as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent:

Motion Carried.

Department Reports:

Clerk: See report.

Treasurer: See report.

Police/Code Enforcement: See report.

Building Inspector: No 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.

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b. Finance Committee: None.

Old Business:

A. Insurance Renewal (See Attachment 10): Williams motioned, seconded by Parsons to approve the Insurance Renewal for the 2017-2018 fiscal year to be administered by Decker Agency.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent:

Motion Carried.

B. Approval of Forcemain Project (See Attachment 11): Williams motioned, seconded by Sims to approve the forcemain project with an estimated cost of \$314,000.00.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent:

Motion Carried.

C. Boyles Property by DPW: Darin Boyles lowered the price of the property next to the DPW building to \$11,000. The Council would like more time to consider if the purchase of this property will be necessary at this time.

D. Industrial Park Sign (See Attachment 13): Some suggestions were provided on how to change the sign to relay the necessary information and how it should look.

New Business:

A. Outdoor Music Permit Request (See Attachment 14): Discussion ensued regarding the deposits and stipulations for anyone requesting a permit.

B. Property for Village Sign (See Attachment 15): A different property was discovered that might work as the Village gateway where a welcome sign may be placed. A price for the property will be discussed with the Cass County Land Bank.

C. CAUA Attorney: Wagner motioned, seconded by Sims to approve the attorney contact with George Davis to go over the CAUA contracts at a price of \$145 per hour.

Motion Carried.

D. Police Chief Review/Contract: Yoder motioned, seconded by Jackson-Ash to go into closed session at 7:56 p.m. to discuss the Police Chief review, the one year contract extension and the Police Union negotiations per the request of Chief LaValle.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent:

Motion Carried.

Yoder motioned, seconded by Sims to come out of closed session at 9:10 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent:

Motion Carried.

Renewal of Contract: Jackson-Ash motioned, seconded by Sims to renew the Police Chief contract for a probationary period of three months with some stipulations to be discussed at the next meeting.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent:

Motion Carried.

- E. July Workshop: Jackson-Ash motioned, seconded by Yoder to reinstate the July Workshop on July 24th at 6:30 p.m.

Motion Carried.

- F. Union Negotiations (See Attachment 12): This will be discussed at the July Workshop due to time constraints.

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items:

Jim Bronke spoke about the dump and wanted to know what the plan for it was.

Village Manager Sarratore stated her opinion on Narcan.

Council Concerns/Ideas:

Williams spoke on a medicine called Narcan and the training that was held regarding it.

Sims discussed the Little Library that she received and would like to have it placed at South Side Park.

Announcements:

- Next Main Street Meeting: July 10, 2017, 5:45 p.m. (prior to our regular meeting)
- Next CAUA Meeting: July 17, 2017, 7:00 p.m.
- Next Village Council Workshop Meeting: July 24, 2017, 6:30 p.m.
- Next Regular Village Council Meeting: August 14, 2017, 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment: President Johnson declared the meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

David L. Johnson, Village President

Tonia Betty, Village Clerk