

**VILLAGE OF CASSOPOLIS  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
July 8, 2019**

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, Conner (arrived at 7:01 pm), Johnson, Williams, and Wagner  
Council Members Absent: Sims

Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison.

**Consent Agenda:** Wagner motioned, seconded by Yoder to approve the following consent agenda as presented:

- a. Regular Meeting Minutes – June 10, 2019
- b. Public Hearing Minutes – June 10, 2019
- c. Special Meeting/Workshop Minutes – June 24, 2019
- d. Approval of Invoices - \$207,731.21
- e. Police Vehicle Purchase - \$30,886.00
- f. Arnt Contract for Wolfe Avenue - \$113,940.00

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ayes: Parsons, Conner, Johnson, Williams, Wagner, Yoder

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent: Sims

**Motion Carried.**

**Public Comment(s) on Agenda Items:**

None.

**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.

Council and Staff discussed:

- Storage for DPW and demolitions

**New Business:**

A. Investment Accounts: Wagner motioned, seconded by Parsons to approve cashing in our C.D. with G.W. Jones in the amount of \$1,000,000 and to reinvest 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. in the amount of \$1,546,518.04 at 1.88% interest.

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**Roll Call Vote:**

Ayes: Conner, Johnson, Williams, Wagner, Yoder and Parsons

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent: Sims

**Motion Carried.**

- B. Rezoning (See Attachment 9): Yoder motioned, seconded by Wagner to approve the recommendation of the Planning Commission to rezone 600 & 604 E. State Street from C-1 Mixed Use/Office to R-1 Low Density Residential.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ayes: Williams, Wagner, Yoder, Parsons and Conner

Nays: Johnson

Abstain:

Absent: Sims

**Motion Carried.**

- C. Land Lease: Parsons motioned, seconded by Conner to approve the lease of up to 10 acres of Village Land located in LaGrange Twp. to Earthly, LLC in the amount of \$1,000 per acre for a term of two years. Concerns were made by the County Sheriff and the Village Police Chief regarding this sale.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ayes: Parsons and Conner

Nays: Williams, Wagner, Yoder, and Johnson

Abstain:

Absent: Sims

**Motion Failed.**

Wagner motioned, seconded by Yoder for a meeting with the Sheriff, the tenant, the Manager and the Police Chief to make sure all the voices are heard and work toward a solution. We need to address all department concerns to make this work for every party involved in this using this location.

**Roll Call Vote**

Ayes: Wagner, Yoder, Parsons, Conner, Johnson, Williams

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent: Sims

**Motion Carried.**

**Discussion Items**

Cancellation of July Workshop: The Village Manager will be out of the Country and we are at a stalemate with our projects and we wont have anything for workshop so the recommendation is to cancel. The Council agreed with this.

**Miscellaneous Council Concerns/Items:**

Village Manager Sarratore spoke with Prosecutor Fitz and the case about the Trustee position is with the Attorney General and they will proceed in Circuit Court. He will provide any updates as they come.

Williams said the South Bend Tribune had an article on marijuana and would like the Village Manager to get verification that social clubs must get approval to have smoking in their location.

Wagner asked if the Hangout is still a location that is open. Yoder confirmed it is open on Friday nights.

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

Drew Smith provided some documents on hemp. He is disappointed and he understands the police concern, but if they were growing corn it would not be an issue. He requested to attend the meeting with the Sheriff as well.

**Announcements:** None.

**Adjournment:**

President Johnson declared the meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m. by unanimous agreement.

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David L. Johnson, Village President

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Tonia Betty, Village Clerk