

**VILLAGE OF CASSOPOLIS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
July 9, 2018**

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 and Sims
Council Members Absent: Wagner

Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison.

Consent Agenda: Sims motioned, seconded by Parsons to approve the following consent agenda:

- a. Agenda
- b. Regular Council Minutes – June 11, 2018
- c. Workshop Minutes – June 25, 2018
- d. Approval of Invoices - \$130,127.14
- e. RRC Resolution

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Parsons, Jackson-Ash, Johnson, Williams and Sims
Nays: Yoder
Abstain:
Absent: 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: No report.
Plumbing/Mechanical Inspector: See report.
DPW Superintendent: See report.
Manager: See report.

Reports accepted as presented.

Council & Staff discussed:

- CAUA payments on past due items
- RRC Program and how it works in conjunction with the Master Plan
- Grant application timeframes
- Students from the Coffee Shop project selling sno cones at Pioneer Days
- Mulch purchased for Don Horne Park with grant money

New Business:

A. Chief LaValle Contract (See Attachment 9): Jackson-Ash motioned to approve the contract as presented, beginning July 1, 2018 at \$48,500 with cost of living increases each year.

Motion Dies for lack of second.

Yoder motioned, seconded by Sims to discuss the contract further at Workshop. Some of the items Council and Chief LaValle discussed were the need to be under a contract, the proposed salary, and the addition of insurance in the contract. Chief LaValle also presented some items that he has completed during his tenure as Chief.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Williams, Sims and Yoder

Nays: Jackson-Ash, Johnson and Parsons

Abstain:

Absent: Wagner

Motion Failed.

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items:

None.

Council Concerns/Ideas:

Williams discussed Pioneer Days addressing that it went well; he discussed his issues of moving vehicles and communication with the Post Office.

Yoder asked the process for the County regarding moving vehicles and the fees associated. Village Manager Sarratore informed Council the County Administrator gave permission to have vehicles moved and there were no costs to the Village.

Jackson-Ash asked about the street sweeping on the north side of the Village. DPW Superintendent Anderson stated the crew is working on it through the summer and a schedule for it would be a good idea.

Sims informed everyone the music camp at Camp Baber was a success and eight Cassopolis students participated. The \$350.00 cost per student was paid for through donations from churches, businesses & private donations.

Parsons thanked the staff for their hard work during Pioneer Days.

Village Manager Sarratore gave a summary of Pioneer Days: Main Street made a small profit, the band was great at the beer garden, which was attended by about 150 people, and multiple people were interested in the fire station. It is great to be able to provide a free event for our children. She reminded everyone that the final Imagine Cass event will be this Wednesday at the COA, after a short presentation there will be a community wide picnic and a silent auction. Any additional funds from this project will be pushed toward one of the revitalization efforts. We want residents to sign up to join groups based on what they are passionate about and get them involved in each of the projects.

Yoder announced the Underground Railroad Days this weekend. There will be a film shown on Friday; Saturday and Sunday will have festivities and encampments.

Announcements:

- Next Regular Village Council Meeting: August 13, 2018, 7:00 p.m.
- Next Workshop Meeting: July 23, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.
- Next CAUA Meeting: July 16, 2018, 7:00 p.m.

- Main Street Meetings are held monthly prior to Regular Council Meetings at 5:45 p.m.
- Next Imagine Cass Event: July 11, 2018, 6:00 p.m. at the COA

Adjournment: President Johnson declared the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

David L. Johnson, Village President

Tonia Betty, Village Clerk