

**VILLAGE OF CASSOPOLIS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
August 12, 2019**

President Johnson called the Regular Meeting of the Cassopolis Village Council to order at 7:02 p.m.

Roll Call:

Council Members Present: Yoder, Parsons, Conner, Johnson, Williams, Sims, Wagner

Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison.

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

- a. Regular Meeting Minutes – July 8, 2019
- b. Approval of Invoices - \$127,593.78

Roll Call Vote:

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

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:

- Stone Lake Manor Pilot, Property in the Industrial Park, Demos being performed and blood test kits that are used by the PD.

New Business:

A. Special Assessment

Moved by Yoder, Seconded by Williams to remove Parcel ID No: 14-041-135-062-00, State of MI – DNR Property from the Stone Lake Weed Special Assessment.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent:

Motion Carried.

B. Road Diet

Moved by Parsons, Seconded by Yoder to approve Resolution 2019-9, A Resolution of Support of M-60/M-62 Road Diet.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent:

Motion Carried.

C. Land Lease

Moved by Parsons, 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.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Conner, Wagner, Parsons

Nays: Johnson, Williams, Sims, Yoder

Abstain:

Absent:

Motion Failed.

D. Medical Marijuana

Moved by Williams, seconded by Sims to deny the recommendation by the Planning Commission to allow for One license each for a Processor, Secure Transporter and Safety Compliance Facility to be located in the I-2 Zooning District.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Sims, Williams

Nays: Johnson, Conner, Parsons, Yoder, Wagner

Abstain:

Absent:

Motion Failed.

Moved by Parsons, seconded by Conner to Approve the recommendation by the Planning Commission to allow for One license each for a Processor, Secure Transporter and Safety Compliance Facility to be located in the I-2 Zooning District.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Johnson, Conner, Parsons, Yoder, Wagner

Nays: Williams, Sims

Abstain:

Absent:

Motion Carried.

Moved by Williams, seconded by Sims to Deny the recommendation by the Planning Commission to deny to allow for zero Grower Licenses in the Village of Cassopolis.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Conner, Parsons

Nays: Yoder, Williams, Sims, Wagner, Johnson

Abstain:

Absent:

Motion Failed.

Moved by Yoder, seconded by Williams to approve the recommendation by the Planning Commission to allow for zero Provisioning Center Licenses in the Village of Cassopolis.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Yoder, Williams, Sims, Johnson

Nays: Parsons, Conner, Wagner

Abstain:

Absent:

Motion Carried.

Moved by Yoder, seconded by Williams to approve the recommendation by the Planning Commission to allow for zero Grower Licenses in the Village of Cassopolis.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Yoder, Williams, Sims, Johnson

Nays: Wagner, Conner, Parsons

Abstain:

Absent:

Motion Carried.

Miscellaneous Council Concerns/Items:

Conner stated that he wanted to discuss the votes that just took place. He stated that we are trying to draw business in; and the Council is trying to find every way possible to not allow them into existence and he finds this appalling. People want to invest and bring jobs, but this Council will not let them do it. He stated that three different businesses could have come out of one opportunity. It is forward thinking, and what this council did is backwards thinking. He stated that It's a plant, it's a textile and to force someone out that wants to bring business to us, when the whole basis of what they have been trying to accomplish with our improvements is a travesty.

Parsons stated that the majority of the state said they wanted this, and while she understands concerns, it is legal. She stated that we will be watching others around us rise up, while we push back against those who want to invest here. Parsons is confused by the hemp field vote because it is pure profit with no issues and why anyone would vote no to this is baffling to her.

Williams stated that some of Mr. Gogol's guests might not come to town if this was allowed, and he was a business that should be considered.

Public Comments- Non-Agenda Items:

Ted Gogol stated that he personally had no problem with hemp; but that he was adamantly opposed to a retail center in the downtown.

Ted Gogol gave an update from the Stone Lake Improvement Board. He had just come from a survey on

the lake with Progressive. On 5/28 10 acres of the lake was treated for algae and mil foil. On 7/15 follow up treatment on 2 acres. The plan was to harvest 33 acres but because of contractor difficulties that did not happen before the plants went to seed. The Lake Board took a vote, and decided not to waste the money since it was too late in the season & that money will go to next year's budget. Paul H. recommends we do a small treatment in September for Milfoil. 2020 budget will allow for about 50 acres of white stem pond leaf & that is the invasive species that we need to control now.

JJ Smith – Brought a hemp shirt and a hemp plant for everyone to see. He stated that 58% of the voters said yes to recreational, and that they already have 500 plants in the ground.

Announcements:

Main Street Meetings are held monthly prior to Regular Council Meetings at 5:30pm

Next CAUA Meeting: 8/19/2019 at 7:00 pm

Next Council Workshop Meeting: 8/26/2019

Next Regular Council Meeting: 09/9/2019 at 7:00 pm

Adjournment:

President Johnson declared the meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m. by unanimous agreement.

David L. Johnson, Village President

Emilie Sarratore, Village Manager