

**VILLAGE OF CASSOPOLIS  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
August 13, 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, Sims and Wagner (arrived at 7:27 p.m.)

Council Members Absent:

Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison.

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

- a. Agenda
- b. Regular Council Minutes – July 9, 2018
- c. Workshop Minutes – July 23, 2018
- d. Approval of Invoices - \$112,508.81

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent: Wagner

**Motion Carried.**

**Presentation of Water System Evaluation- Wightman**

Jeff Edwards from Wightman presented the findings and recommended infrastructure upgrades/replacements of the Water Asset Management Plan. All of the items closer to the end of their useful life were addressed in this plan which spans the next 20 years. Also discussed were improvements for the operations and maintenance plan of the water system.

Jackson-Ash motioned, seconded by Parsons to approve the Water Asset Management Plan as presented.

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent:

**Motion Carried.**

**Public Comments 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 & Staff discussed:

- The downtown project in Athens done by their Historical Society.
- Murals for our downtown area.
- Renting the old fire station.
- Body cameras for the police department.
- Street sweeping.

**New Business:**

A. Removal of Tax Assessment (See Attachment 9): Wagner motioned, seconded by Parsons to remove the delinquent utility in the amount of \$834.78 from parcel number 14-041-160-012-00 located at 109 Hilltop Lane.

**Motion Carried.**

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

Mike Grice thanked those who supported him during the election cycle and is looking forward to continue working with the Village. He also informed everyone that the Salvation Army will be at the First Church of God passing out backpacks.

Village Manager Sarratore informed Council the new backboard and hoop that Sims and Yoder requested has been installed at Southside Park. Cass County dropped off an RFP for the purchase of the parking lot next to the old fire station; the Village Manager is not sure that we will need to purchase this property since we may be able to demolish the old Village Hall to create municipal parking.

**Council Concerns/Ideas:**

Johnson asked when the purchase of a backboard and hoop was approved. Village Manager Sarratore replied that there was a discussion about it and since it was within her spending limit she ordered it.

Jackson-Ash asked about the flooding at Southside Park. Village Manager Sarratore stated there is still flooding, but Wightman is working with a landscape architect to come up with a solution as part of the Master Plan.

Yoder asked if we had updated quotes for the resurfacing of the basketball court at Southside Park. Village Manager Sarratore said we do not have any additional ones yet. Yoder spoke about the renting of the old fire station and she heard some negative comments that it does not promote other businesses that rent spaces for events. Yoder requested for the Village to register and pay for the MML Conference for her and Sims. Yoder also asked for an update on the coffee shop project. Village Manager Sarratore informed her that she met with the owners of the Sinclair Station about it and Wightman is working on numbers for infrastructure costs of two locations. She is also going to Grand Rapids tomorrow to talk about funding possibilities. Yoder asked if there was building at the Stone Lake Shores subdivision yet. Village Manager Sarratore stated that Mickey from Wightman is going to present a recommendation for the roads and someone is clearing trees back there so there is some movement happening, but no building permits have been pulled.

Jackson-Ash brought up the seating area that was put in at Stone Lake; it is under water and the greenery was not there. DPW Superintendent Anderson said the greenery fell down and they are not able to get down there to clean it up; it just needs normal maintenance.

**Announcements:**

- Next Regular Village Council Meeting: September 10, 2018, 7:00 p.m.
- Next Workshop Meeting: August 27, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.
- Next CAUA Meeting: August 20, 2018, 7:00 p.m.
- Main Street Meetings are held monthly prior to Regular Council Meetings at 5:45 p.m.
- Imagine Cass/Master Plan Meeting: August 22, 2018 at 6:00-8:00 p.m.

**Adjournment:** President Johnson declared the meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

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David L. Johnson, Village President

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