

**VILLAGE OF CASSOPOLIS  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
August 14, 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, the Regular Council Minutes – July 10, 2017, the Special Meeting Minutes – July 24, 2017, the Closed Session Minutes – July 24, 2017, the Workshop Minutes – July 24, 2017, Invoices totaling \$187,019.83 and USDA Invoices totaling \$121,121.18.

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent:

**Motion Carried.**

**Presentation on Narcan- Lieutenant Mindy Logan & Nancy King**

**Public Comments on Agenda Items:**

Thomas Rutherford would like to see the sidewalk on N. Broadway fixed.

**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.

**Committee Reports:**

a. Personnel Committee: None.

b. Finance Committee: None.

c. Parks & Recreation Committee: The Parks & Rec Committee had a meeting and discussed the purchase of play equipment to be placed at Don Horne Park, the re-sealing of the basketball court and repair work to the basketball pole and backboard at Southside Park. Final information will be provided and discussed at the next workshop.

**Old Business:**

- A. FY 2016-2017 Audit (See Attachment 9): Jackson-Ash motioned, seconded by Williams to approve the contract with the Department of Treasury to perform our audit for the 2016-2017 fiscal year.

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent:

**Motion Carried.**

**New Business:**

- A. Refunding of Water Bond (See Attachment 10): The option to refund the current water bond and receive a lower interest rate is available. This process will save the Village approximately \$90,000 over the remaining 20 years of the bond. Terms of old and new bonds will be discussed with the Finance Committee.

- B. Wood Chipper & Brush Hog Attachment (See Attachment 11): Williams motioned, seconded by Sims to approve the purchase of the wood chipper from Vermeer for a total of \$14,500.

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

Nays: Wagner

Abstain:

Absent:

**Motion Carried.**

- C. Redevelopment Ready Community (RRC) Resolution (See Attachment 12): Jackson-Ash motioned, seconded by Sims to approve Resolution 2017-13 as presented.

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent:

**Motion Carried.**

- D. Trees: Sims motioned, seconded by Parsons to approve the tree removal quote from Williams A-1 for \$6,700. They would be required to provide insurance paperwork before any work begins.

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent:

**Motion Carried.**

- E. Don Horne Park Rental: Wagner motioned, seconded by Sims to approve the Cass County Drug Court to use Don Horne Park for their annual kickball game for their clients at no charge.

**Motion Carried.**

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

Village Manager Sarratore informed everyone of a pinning ceremony for Vietnam era veterans at the VFW on August, 18<sup>th</sup>, at 3pm.

**Council Concerns/Ideas:**

Johnson spoke on the CMAQ sidewalk that is mostly completed and he sees how many people are utilizing it. He believes it was a good investment.

Jackson-Ash informed everyone her daughter is in the Southwest Michigan College magazine this month.

Yoder asked for an update on Stone Lake and the Grace Bible Chapel rental of downstairs.

**Announcements:**

- Next Main Street Meeting: August 14, 2017, 5:45 p.m. (prior to our regular meeting)
- Next CAUA Meeting: August 21, 2017, 7:00 p.m.
- Next Village Council Workshop Meeting: August 28, 2017, 6:30 p.m.
- Next Regular Village Council Meeting: September 11, 2017, 7:00 p.m.

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

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David L. Johnson, Village President

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Tonia Betty, Village Clerk