

**VILLAGE OF CASSOPOLIS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
September 10, 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
Council Members Absent:

Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison.

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

- a. Agenda
- b. Regular Council Minutes – August 13, 2018
- c. Workshop Minutes – August 27, 2018
- d. Approval of Invoices - \$113,362.97
- e. Approval of Williams A-1 Tree Service (\$5,500) (Cemetery)
- f. Approval of DPW Equipment Purchases (\$104,948.51)
New Truck, Mini-Excavator & Pre-wet Liquid Boost Sprayer

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: Yoder

Abstain:

Absent:

Motion Carried.

Public Comments on Agenda Items:

None.

Department Reports:

Clerk: See report.

Treasurer: No 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:

- Utility bills
- BS&A Manuals
- Survey for parks plan
- Update on demolition projects and resurfacing of Parkshore Drive
- Opening ceremony for Cassopolis Area Schools
- Stolen lawn mower/alarm system
- Meeting with banks

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- DPW employment and potential for full-time employment
- Parkshore Drive demolition and removal of occupant
- New purchase of 142 S. Broadway, owner is working on remodel
- Manager working with owners of the Sinclair Station (possibly coffee shop for students)
- Update on old Holden Tavern building that was purchased
- Bolt Ltd. has moved into the old Janel Industries building and is currently hiring
- Update on MiNutrition opening on Rowland
- Update on coffee shop- grant application, possible locations, business and education roundtable upcoming
- K&M meeting discussing Village plans

New Business:

- A. Approval of audit contract with State of Michigan (See Attachment 9): Wagner motioned, seconded by Williams to approve the contract for the audit for \$115 per hour not to exceed 150 hours.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent:

Motion Carried.

- B. Body Cams (See Attachment 10): Yoder motioned, seconded by Parsons to approve the purchase of the body cams for the police department for \$2,097 from Axon Enterprise, Inc. paid with money from the Forfeiture Fund. This brand is the same the County and jail officers use. There will be no need for IT assistance to set up since the County can assist.

Motion Carried.

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items:

Ted Gogol informed everyone of the Stone Lake Improvement Board meeting scheduled for Wednesday, October 24th at 11 am in Village Hall. They plan to discuss the survey results from this summer and plans for next year.

DPW Superintendent Anderson informed Council that he and DPW Worker Makay will be attending an AWWA conference for the rest of the week.

Village Manager Sarratore announced Food Truck Fridays that was put together by the County; they will have food trucks in their parking lot on October 12th and 19th. Drive-Thru Q will have a food truck in the Harding's parking lot on September 14th and may join the Food Truck Fridays in October.

Council Concerns/Ideas:

Yoder asked about the ICMA conference that Emilie will attend; she wanted to know what she thinks she will get from it and why she's going to an international conference. Village Manager Sarratore explained that there are over 100 sessions with phenomenal speakers and that focus on a wide variety of subjects. She did meet some people from out of the Country but the conference that is held out of the country draws more international attendees. She was also able to access videos of some of the speakers after the conference was over last year.

Jackson wanted to know what Village Manager Sarratore received from the conference last year that she has used in the past year. Village Manager Sarratore explained that some of the sessions were about

Planning and getting the community involved, she used that with the events and projects that were held this year. She hopes to use information she learned about rentals, like Airbnb's and VRBO's, in the community and how to make revenue from them.

Wagner provided his 2019 calendars and reminded everyone that he will be attending the CAUA meeting next Monday.

Sims wanted to discuss the change to the Village ordinance regarding pay for Council members. Village Manager Sarratore informed her that we can have more discussion about specifics at the next workshop and will then proceed with writing that ordinance.

Yoder asked about setting a date and time for trick or treating. Council agreed that it will be October 31 from 6-8 pm.

Johnson stated that Cassopolis is an international community.

Announcements:

- Next Regular Village Council Meeting: October 8, 2018, 7:00 p.m.
- Next Workshop Meeting: September 24, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.
- Next CAUA Meeting: September 17, 2018, 7:00 p.m.
- Main Street Meetings are held monthly prior to Regular Council Meetings at 5:45 p.m.
- Drive-Thru Q at Harding's Parking Lot – Friday, September 14, 11am-2ish

Adjournment: President Johnson declared the meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

David L. Johnson, Village President

Tonia Betty, Village Clerk