

**VILLAGE OF CASSOPOLIS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
September 11, 2017**

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, Wagner
Council Members Absent:

Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison.

Consent Agenda: Wagner motioned, seconded by Sims to approve:

- a. Agenda, with the addition of Item B. Sustainable Built Environment Initiative
- b. Regular Council Minutes – August 14, 2017, Special Meeting Minutes – August 28, 2017, Closed Session Minutes – July 10, 2017, and Workshop Minutes – August 28, 2017
- c. Invoices - \$121,447.91
- d. USDA Invoices - \$276,145.85
- e. Resolution 2017-14 for Risk Reduction Grant
- g. Cemetery Chapel Roof Replacement by Bill's Roof Repair - \$5,395

Items F. Purchase Parcel of Property and H. Business Park Sign were removed from the Consent Agenda and will be discussed at the next Workshop.

Roll Call Vote:

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

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: No report.

DPW Superintendent: See report.

Manager: See report.

Reports accepted as presented.

Committee Reports:

- a. Personnel Committee: A meeting needs to be scheduled to discuss the Police Chief's contract and the Village Manager annual review.
- b. Finance Committee: None.
- c. Parks & Recreation Committee: None.

New Business:

A. Move with our Village attorney from Kreis Enderle to Clark Hill (See Attachment 9): Sims motioned, seconded by Parsons to sign the release and remain with our Village attorney, Nancy Mullett, who is moving to the firm Clark Hill, PLC. The terms of the prior agreement will be honored by the new firm.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent:

Motion Carried.

B. Sustainable Built Environment Initiative: Jackson-Ash motioned, seconded by Williams to approve the one-third fee of \$2,500 to be a part of this program. This program through Michigan State University Extension would assist the Village, County & Economic Development Corporation in the planning of the downtown area including the Courthouse. They would work in conjunction with the company chosen to perform the master plan for the Village.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent:

Motion Carried.

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items:

Aaron Miller stopped by and gave an update on the state budget that passed in July, the small increase in revenue sharing, Act 51 allocations and additional gas taxes coming in.

Ted Gogol informed everyone of the lake survey that was done with Progressive. The Lake Board will meet again in October and discuss the plans for the coming year.

Taylor Sawyer, who works for District Health Department gave us an update on the results of the mosquito traps that were placed at Don Horne Park and Clisbee Park.

Council Concerns/Ideas:

Johnson commented on the lake looking good, asked about the mosquitos and spoke on a complaint he heard regarding a business.

Jackson-Ash asked about grass and weeds in the sidewalks and curbs.

Sims informed everyone that the Little Library is doing well and she received some more books and donations. She would like to see it painted yellow paint to draw more attention to it.

Williams wanted to compliment Jackson-Ash on her daughter being appointed as Assistant Athletic Director at Central Michigan University.

Announcements:

- Next Main Street Meeting: September 11, 2017, 5:45 p.m. (prior to our regular meeting)
- Next CAUA Meeting: September 18, 2017, 7:00 p.m.
- Midwest Energy Open House: September 21, 2017 from 4-8 p.m.

- Next Village Council Workshop Meeting: September 25, 2017, 6:30 p.m.
- Next Regular Village Council Meeting: October 9, 2017, 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment: President Johnson declared the meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

David L. Johnson, Village President

Tonia Betty, Village Clerk