

**VILLAGE OF CASSOPOLIS
SPECIAL MEETING
December 27, 2018**

President Johnson called the regular meeting of the Cassopolis Village Council to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

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

Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison.

Approval of Agenda: Wagner motioned, seconded by Sims to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion Carried.

Public Comments on Agenda Items:

Ted Gogol stated that he is excited to be here and hopes the Council approves the projects to move forward.

Lisa Cutting thanked the Council and staff for the hours put in for these projects and looks forward to seeing these projects be approved.

New Business:

A. Approval of Parks and Rec Plan: Wagner motioned, seconded by Sims to approve the five-year Village of Cassopolis Parks and Rec Plan, Resolution 2018-10 as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Williams, Sims, Wagner, Yoder, Parsons, Conner and Johnson
Nays:
Abstain:
Absent:

Motion Carried.

B. Approval of Resolution 2018-9, Village Master Plan: Yoder motioned, seconded by Sims granting approval for the 2019 Village of Cassopolis Master Plan, Resolution 2018-9 as presented. We are also approving the inclusion of comments dated 10/26/18, 10/29/18 and 11/06/18. Jordan Parker from Wightman went over the comments received for the plan. They recommended the changes based on comments 1-3 and did not recommend including the comment dated 11/30/18 regarding re-routing the truck traffic because the traffic can be calmed by the road diet and it will create a better pedestrian situation.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Sims, Wagner, Yoder, Parsons, Conner, Johnson and Williams
Nays:
Abstain:
Absent:

Motion Carried.

C. Approval of Cassopolis downtown investment: Wagner motioned, seconded by Sims to approve expenditures up to \$7.5 million to move forward with Wightman on the design, implementation and execution of the following goals as outlined in the 2019 Village of Cassopolis Master Plan under Goals and Implementation:

Goal #1: Improve pedestrian and Bicycle access along Broadway & State Streets. Includes design and implementation of a road diet for Broadway Street, incorporating bike lanes, improved crosswalks, and curb bump-outs at crossing locations while reducing vehicular lanes from four lanes to three. Replacement of existing sidewalks throughout the downtown. Providing an ADA accessible pathway along southbound Broadway Street from Downtown Cassopolis connecting to Lakeshore Drive.

Goal #4: Establish a new public park on Stone Lake's Northeast shore to anchor the south end of downtown with a public beach, event space, bathrooms, fishing pier, and transient boat docks.

Goal #6: Combine Village administrative services (manager, clerk, police, council/commissions) with the Department of Public Works (DPW) to form a Village Municipal complex.

Funding will also include proceeding with the N. O'Keefe reconstruction project from Graham Street to N. Village Limits. (This project is partially funded with an RTF grant in the amount of \$380,379).

Discussion:

Williams asked about the future maintenance for these projects and he doesn't see that in the plan and in the projected budget. Jorden explained that the streetscape will continue to be maintained by MDOT, the neighborhood plan could help pay for the beach project and the Village has already accounted for maintenance costs. Village Manager Sarratore added that maintenance of the boardwalk and the bathroom should not be anything above and beyond the maintenance the DPW is already doing.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent:

Motion Carried.

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items:

Village Manager Sarratore thanked the Council for the approvals. The plans taped on the wall are dated 1992 and 2010 for the same things that were just approved. Congratulations to Council for having the guts to make these approvals.

Adjournment: President Johnson declared the meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

David L. Johnson, Village President

Tonia Betty, Village Clerk