

**VILLAGE OF CASSOPOLIS  
SPECIAL MEETING/WORKSHOP  
June 24, 2019**

President Pro-tem Williams called the special meeting of the Cassopolis Village Council to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Roll Call:**

Council Members Present: Yoder, Parsons, Williams, Sims (arrived at 6:31 pm) and Wagner  
Council Members Absent: Conner & Johnson

Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison.

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

**Public Comments on Agenda Items:**

None.

**New Business:**

A. **Budget Amendments (See Attachment 1):** Wagner motioned, seconded by Parsons to approve the budget amendments for the 2018-2019 budget as presented.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ayes: Parsons, Williams, Sims, Wagner and Yoder

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent: Conner, Johnson

**Motion Carried.**

B. **Renewal of Contract with Reliable Generator & Electric LLC (See Attachment 2):** Parsons motioned, seconded by Yoder to approve the renewal of the contract in the amount of \$2,965 with Reliable Generator & Electric LLC.

**Motion Carried.**

C. **Renewal of Property & Liability Insurance (See Attachment 3):** Sims motioned, seconded by Parsons to approve the renewal of Property & Liability Insurance with Decker Agency in the amount of \$43,454.

**Motion Carried.**

D. **Purchase of Property (See Attachment 4):** Wagner motioned, seconded by Sims to approve the purchase of Parcel #14-041-119-015-00 from Kathy Yoder in the amount of \$5,000. Yoder will abstain since this item is a conflict of interest. This property connects to the current DPW property and since we were not able to purchase the trailer property, we can reduce the amount of the retaining walls needed for the new construction.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ayes: Williams, Sims, Wagner and Parsons

Nays:

Abstain: Yoder

Absent: Conner and Johnson

**Motion Carried.**

- E. AFSCME Contract (See Attachment 5): Yoder motioned, seconded by Sims to approve the AFSCME contract for the years 2019-2021. There were minimal increases and changes from the previous contract.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ayes: Sims, Wagner, Yoder, Parsons and Williams

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent: Conner and Johnson

**Motion Carried.**

- F. Wolfe Avenue: This street leads back to the industrial park and needs improvement desperately. Bids were provided from Wightman for a full reconstruct vs. the other companies that didn't propose a full reconstruct in every area. The recommendation is to award the bid for the repaving of Wolfe Avenue to Rieth-Riley.
- G. Land Lease: Drew Smith would like to lease some property that the Village owns, which is currently being used for the police shooting range and the public works dump. He is requesting to lease about 5-10 acres that is not being used at \$1,000 per acre for growing hemp. He is working with Southwestern Michigan College and the Michigan State University extension on that campus to incorporate this into their agriculture program. Williams recommended that Chief speak with the Sheriff to make sure there is communication when other municipalities are using the shooting range.
- H. Squad Car: It is time for a new squad car for the Police department; the funds were appropriated into the budget for the new fiscal year for this purchase. The officers have decided to move to an SUV instead of a sedan since it gives a little more life span and is easier to get in and out. The Dodge Durango's are pursuit rated and is the preference.

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

Sims asked about the property that was purchased for the trucking business and that property should have reverted back to the Village. Village Manager Sarratore informed her the paperwork is with the attorney for review.

Village Manager Sarratore informed everyone that Shembarger stated the resealing of the basketball court at Southside Park is a waste of money and he won't do it. Yoder suggested bringing in fill and replace the basketball court with playground equipment; those who want to play basketball go to Clisbee Park. Village Manager Sarratore said the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teachers from Sam Adams would like their students to work on a design for Clisbee Park, but maybe Southside Park would be a better spot for them to work on since the smaller kids use that park more.

Yoder asked about Sam Adams opening the gates for access to the playground during the summer. Village Manager Sarratore said she does not know if that has or has not happened and will talk to Dr. Piazza about that. Yoder also asked if the coffee shop is opening in the Fall. Village Manager Sarratore said it is still slated for the beginning of Fall.

Williams believes that having a drive-thru for the coffee shop would be a draw. Village Manager Sarratore said that was discussed and is one of the reasons the students chose this place. Some construction will need to go into it.

**Adjournment:** President Pro-tem Williams declared the meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

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Frank Williams, Jr., Village President Pro-tem

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Tonia Betty, Village Clerk