

**VILLAGE OF CASSOPOLIS
WORKSHOP MEETING
April 22, 2019**

President Johnson called the Workshop/Special Meeting of the Cassopolis Village Council to order at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call:

Council Members Present: Yoder, Conner (arrived at 7:04pm), Johnson, Williams and Wagner
Council Members Absent: Parsons and Sims

Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison.

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

Public Comment(s) on Agenda Items:

None.

Discussion & Action Items:

A. **Municipal Complex Updates (See Attachment 1):** Construction documentation is the next phase after design development, which is 95% complete. Shelby Kintz from Wightman gave a presentation of where the municipal complex design is currently and a few color schemes for the exterior of the building. Council asked questions regarding the police section of the building and heating and cooling aspects. Council preferred the blue and light stone color option.

Miscellaneous Council Concerns/Items:

Yoder asked if there was any new information on the mobile home we were going to purchase. Village Manager Sarratore informed her that there was not.

Village Manager Sarratore reminded everyone about the switch to Michiana Recycling happening May 1. The totes will be delivered 4/26 and Michiana will start pickup on 5/6; the new pick up day is Monday. The yellow bags are for recycling and will be picked up weekly inside the normal trash toter. We do not know what Waste Management will do in regards to picking up their toters.

Public Comments Non-Agenda Items:

Ted Gogol expressed that one of his vacation houses is white and it still gets dirty despite power washing and he likes the blue color option for the building. He thanked the Village for the demolition that was completed on Lakeshore drive, it looks much better. He is serviced by Michiana Recycling in Dowagiac; he likes their service and they have been very reliable.

Jennifer Miller stated that she liked the blue color for the building. She asked about the maintenance of the light-colored stone and how the color would hold up. Shelby said it would have to be maintained and cleaned to keep the color.

Jennifer Miller also explained that she lives at Stone Lake Manor and volunteers at the Cass County Animal Shelter. She discussed that the dogs are confined to a space and don't have room to run around and play, which make it difficult for adoption purposes. She is asking to have double fencing outdoors for the dogs. Johnson informed her that would be a decision by the County. Mike Grice stated that there was an agreement with the Village that did not allow for outdoor areas for the animals. Johnson informed her that

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the County would have to request this of the Village. Jennifer asked if there can be a dog park in the Village without them having to be on a leash; it would draw people here.

Yoder asked DPW Superintendent Anderson if all the summer temps are hired now. He responded that they have all been hired, one will start 5/1 and a part timer will start 5/5.

Yoder would like to discuss resurfacing the basketball court at Southside Park again. She asked for the equipment budget line item for this fiscal year and wants to make sure there is room for equipment next year.

Announcements: None.

Adjournment:

President Johnson declared the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m. by unanimous agreement.

Respectfully submitted: _____
Tonia Betty, Village Clerk

Reviewed by: _____
David L. Johnson, Village President