

**VILLAGE OF CASSOPOLIS
WORKSHOP MEETING
July 23, 2018**

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

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

Public Comment(s) on Agenda Items: None.

Discussion & Action Items:

A. **Update on Park Shore Demolition:** This property was condemned and ordered to be demolished, but the resident is still living in the house and was relieved of her temporary guardian. Village Manager Sarratore will be speaking with our attorney on next steps in order to demolish the property. Adult protective services will continue to look for housing for the resident and the Village will help in any way it can.

Move into Special Meeting

Sims motioned, seconded by Wagner to go into a Special Meeting at 6:50 pm.

Roll Call Vote:

Yea: Parsons, Jackson-Ash, Johnson, Williams, Sims, Wagner and Yoder
Nay:
Abstain:
Absent:

Motion Carried.

A. **Contract for Chief LaValle:** Jackson-Ash motioned, seconded by Wagner to approve the contract as presented according to Attachment 1, which would increase the salary to \$47,000 per year for the next two years. Council discussed both recommendations and pros and cons of the Police Chief having a contract. Chief LaValle also added that the without the Police Secretary there will be a cost savings for the department going forward.

Roll Call Vote:

Yea: Jackson-Ash, Johnson, Wagner and Parsons
Nay: Williams, Sims and Yoder
Abstain:
Absent:

Motion Carried.

Council Concerns/Items:

Jackson-Ash wanted to discuss the Facebook post about the children climbing on the basketball equipment at Clisbee Park. Council and staff discussed the options of having rules posted and having the officers patrol the area more often.

Public Comment on non-agenda items:

Mike Grice wanted to address some concerns that he has heard about himself. He is seeking re-election as County Commissioner and would like to dispel any rumors that he is not supportive of the renovation of the downtown and the Economic Development Corporation. Johnson and Wagner stated they did not hear anything negative about him and appreciate him coming to our meetings.

Announcements: None.

Adjournment:

President Johnson declared the Special Meeting and the Workshop adjourned at 7:12 p.m. by unanimous agreement.

Respectfully submitted: _____
Tonia Betty, Village Clerk

Reviewed by: _____
David L. Johnson, Village President