

**VILLAGE OF CASSOPOLIS  
WORKSHOP MEETING  
August 26, 2019**

President Johnson called the Workshop/Special Meeting of the Cassopolis Village Council to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Roll Call:**

Council Members Present: Yoder, Parsons, Conner (arrived at 6:32 pm), Johnson, Williams, Sims and Wagner (arrived at 6:34 pm)

Council Members Absent:

Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison.

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

**Presentaion of 2nd Grade teachers for Cass Public Schools**

The teachers are trying to do a project-based learning assignment with their 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classes while getting them involved in the community. The assignment they presented was a plan for Clisbee Park. The students will come up with changes or things they would like added to the park and work with an architect to present a 3D model and letters to the Council. The Village would be able to use park funds to help achieve the idea that is chosen.

**Discussion Items:**

- A. **Building Authority (see Attachment 1&2):** The Building Authority will need to be created to pull the bond based on the State Equalized Value of the Village. This procedure allows us to pull a bond without placing it on the ballot and generating revenue from a millage; keeping Village residents from incurring a tax for the improvement projects. The Building Authority is a passthrough entity that will be commissioned by the Village Manager, Village Clerk, and Treasurer. The authority is put in place by the Council and must be included in the Village audit.
- B. **Equipment Purchase (See Attachment 3):** This mower will serve multiple purposes for Public Works. This price includes other attachments that can be hooked up to it; the snow blower attachment will speed things up and allow for multiple workers to do sidewalks.
- C. **Asbestos Removal (See Attachment 4):** This quote is for the asbestos removal at 211 S. Broadway, which was condemned and approved for demolition. Along with the price of demo the total cost to remove this building would be over \$60 thousand. Cross Excavating is looking into the possibility of training for his crew to do the asbestos removal themselves. Sometimes there are grants and programs that can help with these costs. The Manager's recommendation is to hold off at this time to see if we can get a lower price.

**Drawing for NEP Grant winners:** Read off the first 4 winners.

**Miscellaneous Council Concerns/Items:** None.

**Public Comments-Non Agenda Items:**

Steven Allen at 301 N. Second expressed that he does code enforcement in Dowagiac and they have been able to demolish buildings the City owns without having to do asbestos remediation. Village Manager Sarratore believes that since we have the report our hands are tied and we have to do the remediation.

Village Manager Sarratore informed Council that Cass County Conservation will be using chambers tomorrow for a meeting on worm bin composting from 6-7:30pm.

**Closed Session**

Sims motioned, seconded by Williams to go into closed session to discuss pending litigation at 7:15pm.

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent:

**Motion Carried.**

Sims motioned, seconded by Yoder to come out of closed session at 7:30 pm.

**Motion Carried.**

**Announcements:** None.

**Adjournment:**

President Johnson declared the meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m. by unanimous agreement.

Respectfully submitted: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tonia Betty, Village Clerk

Reviewed by: \_\_\_\_\_  
David L. Johnson, Village President