

**VILLAGE OF CASSOPOLIS
WORKSHOP/SPECIAL MEETING
September 23, 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, Parsons, Conner, Johnson, Williams, Sims and Wagner

Council Members Absent:

Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison.

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

Motion Carried.

Voting Items

A. **Audit Contract:** Wagner motioned, seconded by Sims to approve the audit contract with Michigan Department of Treasury.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent:

Motion Carried.

B. **Building Authority Bylaws:** Parsons motioned, seconded by Conner to approve the Bylaws of the Village of Cassopolis Building Authority.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Conner, Johnson, Wagner and Parsons

Nays: Williams, Sims and Yoder

Abstain:

Absent:

Motion Carried.

Discussion Items:

A. **Medical Marihuana:** The Planning Commission met and did not recommend draft Ordinance 258, however draft Ordinances 257 and 258 do reference each other. The main thing they wanted to see changed was the distance from parks and schools to be 1,000 ft. instead of 750 ft. Ordinance 257 discuss the rules surrounding medical marijuana being approved and enforced by the Village. Ordinance 258 addresses the changes to the zoning that was approved and some other items that were not relevant in the current ordinance. Council discussed some changes they would like to see in certain sections of both ordinances, such as restrictions, age limits, and suspension of permits. Documents discussed were:

a. Draft Medical Marihuana Ordinance:

b. Draft Zoning Ordinance Updates:

c. Resolution to set application rates:

d. Application: Include date of signoff foreach signature on the last page.

Miscellaneous Council Concerns/Items:

Yoder motioned, seconded by Sims to rescind the vote of 9/9 concerning the dual roles of Mitchell Conner.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Williams, Sims and Yoder

Nays: Conner, Johnson, Wagner and Parsons

Abstain:

Absent:

Motion Failed.

Public Comments-Non Agenda Items:

Clerk Betty notified Council of items that will be presented at the next Council meeting for a vote regarding banking and bond documents.

Karen Siler believes the decision approving medical marijuana in the Village is wrong.

Prosecutor Fitz continues to express his concern regarding the vote on marijuana and believes it will bring violent crime to the community and it doesn't reflect what the residents want.

Mary Tompi would like the Council to slow down on making decisions on dispensaries.

Morgan stated that not every person using medical marijuana is a bad person and will not be tearing everything down; with everything there comes two types of people.

Announcements: None.

Adjournment:

President Johnson declared the meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m. by unanimous agreement.

Respectfully submitted: _____
Tonia Betty, Village Clerk

Reviewed by: _____
David L. Johnson, Village President