

**VILLAGE OF CASSOPOLIS
WORKSHOP MEETING
September 24, 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, Johnson, Williams, Sims & Wagner
Council Members Absent: Jackson-Ash

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. Blue Cross Blue Shield Renewal: It is time for the annual renewal of the Blue Cross Blue Shield medical insurance plan. The renewal of the current plan will be a 9.7% increase to the annual premium cost. We are proposing a change of the current plan that will increase the deductible and will be a .1% decrease from the current premium. Since the proposed plan increases the employee cost for prescription drugs by \$5 and \$10 for the first and second tier respectively, we will need to get this plan approved by each union prior to having it approved by Council. Council also wanted to know how many employees are reaching the deductibles with the current plan.
- B. Village Council Stipends: We needed some additional specifics in order to begin drafting the ordinance change regarding the stipends. The Council did not believe that we will have an issue with obtaining quorum, therefore, Council should get paid as long as they attend one out of the two meetings per month and paid during the pay period following that meeting. They discussed also removing the attendance requirements that are set in the Village rules resolution.

Council Concerns/Items:

Public Comment on non-agenda items:

Rick Briney from RB Trucking wanted to discuss the downtown banners. He feels as though the football banners were his idea and the Main Street Committee has pushed him out from being involved with it since they have taken over the program and placed parameters on it. Some Council members discussed Rick being in control of the program since it was his idea. Rick also expressed that doing banners three times a year is a lot for parents to pay.

Yoder expressed that Council should discuss the Main Street Resolution regarding the banners because Rick was not informed of the changes that were made to the program and someone from Main Street should have gotten in touch with him. The Village is in charge of the poles and it is the decision of the Council regarding what happens to them.

Williams mentioned that he spoke with Attorney Woods regarding the Main Street use of Village poles and that the Main Street should not be able to make a “profit” off the Village poles.

Sims expressed that the banners were Rick’s project and Main Street should be working with him on it.

DPW Superintendent Anderson spoke on the banners as the Main Street President and explained that the Main Street is not making a “profit”, it is a non-profit organization. The program was opened to other teams and programs of the school as to not exclude anyone. Council passed a resolution allowing Main Street to use the Village poles for fundraising activities. In the past he has used those poles for fundraising for Main Street and for the Village.

Sims stated that the Main Street has too much autonomy and can be overzealous with the banners.

Rick Briney expressed he feels that he is being pushed out and it is frustrating.

Williams agreed with Sims that Main Street has too much autonomy regarding the banners and Main Street took the project away from Rick.

DPW Superintendent Anderson said that Rick never had a conversation with him and it was not his responsibility to contact him. Rick still has the opportunity to sponsor any student that wants a banner if he is concerned about the cost for the parents.

Yoder would like to revisit the Main Street resolution.

Wagner and Johnson thanked Rick for what he has done and coming to the Council regarding his issues.

Announcements:

None.

Adjournment:

President Johnson declared the Workshop adjourned at 7:03 p.m. by unanimous agreement.

Respectfully submitted: _____
Tonia Betty, Village Clerk

Reviewed by: _____
David L. Johnson, Village President