

# VILLAGE OF CASSOPOLIS

## DIRECTORY

ELECTED OFFICIALS

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

COMMITTEES

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

As of April 10, 2017

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**VILLAGE COUNCIL  
MEETINGS  
SECOND MONDAY OF THE MONTH  
7:00 P.M.  
VILLAGE HALL  
117 S. BROADWAY – SECOND FLOOR-SUITE 100**

<b>POSITION</b>	<b>TERM</b>	<b>PHONE</b>	<b>E-MAIL</b>
<b><u>PRESIDENT</u></b>			
David Johnson 624 S. O’Keefe St. Cassopolis, MI 49031	11/20/2018	317-223-8947 (C)	djvoctrustee@gmail.com
<b><u>PRO-TEM</u></b>			
Frank Williams, Jr. 259 N. O’Keefe St. Cassopolis, MI 49031	11/20/2020	616-292-3353 (C)	frankndfan1@gmail.com
<b><u>TRUSTEE</u></b>			
Cynthia Jackson-Ash 604 Graham St. Cassopolis, MI 49031	11/20/2018	269-323-4903 (W) 269-228-0123 (C)	sbredmachine@gmail.com
Kim Parsons 408 E. Jefferson Cassopolis, MI 49031	11/20/2020	269-208-3321(C)	kim.parsons007@gmail.com
Geraldine Norwood-Sims 115 Hilltop Ln. Cassopolis, MI 49031	11/20/2018	269-445-2885 (H) 574-210-0082 (C)	gerino369@comcast.net
Eugene Wagner 202 N. Broadway Cassopolis, MI 49031	11/20/2020	269-445-2435 (W)	efw@wagnercares.com
Katherine Yoder 212 W. York St. Cassopolis, MI 49031	11/20/2018	269-251-2749 (C)	kathyoder1951@gmail.com

**APPOINTED ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIALS**

<b>POSITION</b>	<b>TERM</b>	<b>PHONE</b>	<b>E-MAIL</b>
<b>Manager</b> Emilie Sarratore 58642 46th Street Lawrence, MI 49064	Contract	269-655-4473 (C)	esarratore@gmail.com
<b>Clerk</b> Tonia Betty 524 N. Main St. Berrien Springs, MI 49103	March 2019	347-742-8971 (C)	clerk@cassopolis-mi.us
<b>Treasurer</b> Jacqueline Collins 110 S. Disbrow St. Cassopolis, MI 49031	March 2018	269-445-8984 (H) 269-414-2353 (C)	jcollins@cassopolis-mi.us
<b>Police Chief</b> Brian LaValle 438 8 <sup>th</sup> Ave Three Rivers, MI 49031	Contract	269-506-1837 (C)	chief@cassopolis-mi.us
<b>DPW Superintendent</b> Ben Anderson 120 S. East St. Cassopolis, MI 49031	Annual	266-591-0423 (C)	banderson@cassopolis-mi.us
<b>Building Inspector</b> Rich Drews 63743 Walnut Rd. Vandalia, MI 49095	Annual	269-476-8887 (C)	redrews348@hotmail.com Office Hours: Tuesday 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.
<b>Electrical Inspector</b> Ron Bellaire 66751 Conrad Rd. Edwardsburg, MI 49112	Annual	269-663-3429 (C)	
<b>Plumbing/Mechanical Inspector</b> John Doberteen 32097 Bertrand Rd. Niles, MI 49120	Annual	269-651-4567 (C)	

**APPOINTED ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIALS, CONT.**

<b>POSITION</b>	<b>TERM</b>	<b>PHONE</b>	<b>E-MAIL</b>
<b>Attorney</b>			
Kreis Enderle One West Michigan Battle Creek, MI 49017	Annual	269-966-3000 (O)	
<b>Assessor</b>			
Bill Kays 72883 CR 687 Hartford, MI 49057		269-621-3604 (C)	kayswj@gmail.com
<b>Ordinance Enforcement</b>			
James Fitzsimons			

**CEMETERY BOARD (4 YR TERM)**

Meets As Needed

<b>POSITION</b>	<b>TERM</b>	<b>PHONE</b>	<b>E-MAIL</b>
<b>Chairperson</b>			
Cheri Martine 525 Darwin St. Cassopolis, MI 49031	March 2019	269-445-8648 (W)	cmartine@cassopolis-mi.us
Ben Anderson DPW Superintendent Cassopolis, MI 49031	March 2019	269-591-0423 (C)	banderson@cassopolis-mi.us
<b>Advisory: (not a voting member)</b>			
Eugene Wagner 202 N. Broadway Cassopolis, MI 49031	March 2019	269-445-2435 (C)	efw@wagnercares.com

**What this organization does:**

The Cemetery Board is responsible for establishing the policies for the use of the Cemetery. The Board recommends capital improvement plans to the Village Council, as well as for other major cemetery policy issues.

**How members are selected:**

The President appoints members to the Cemetery Board every four (4) years.

**CONSTRUCTION BOARD OF APPEALS (3 YR TERM)**

This board is required by the Michigan Building Codes and meets only when an appeal has been filed.

<b>POSITION</b>	<b>TERM</b>	<b>PHONE</b>
Brad Dlouhy 5514 Jenny Ln. Coloma, MI 49038	March 2019	269-468-3770
Jack Hughes 17819 Welcomes Ln. Cassopolis, MI 49031	March 2020	269-641-7280
Adam Dahlgren 21670 Shiawassee Dr. Cassopolis, MI 49031	March 2018	269-445-8085

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

April to June annually and as needed for amendments.

<b>POSITION</b>	<b>TERM</b>	<b>PHONE</b>	<b>E-MAIL</b>
<b>Chairperson</b> Cynthia Jackson-Ash 604 Graham St. Cassopolis, MI 49031	Annual	269-323-4903 (W) 269-228-0123 (C)	sbredmachine@gmail.com
David Johnson 624 S. O’Keefe St. Cassopolis, MI 49031	Annual	317-223-8947 (C)	djvoctrustee@gmail.com
Frank Williams, Jr. 259 N. O’Keefe St. Cassopolis, MI 49031	Annual	616-292-3353 (C)	frankndfan1@gmail.com

**How members are selected:**

The Finance Committee is comprised of the Village President and two Trustees for the purpose of Budget development. The Village President will appoint, with consent of the board, two (2) trustees to serve on

the Finance Committee at its April meeting of each year.

**What this organization does:**

The Finance Committee will meet beginning in April each year, after appointment, to start evaluating and analyzing the existing budget, and from that develop revenue and expense projections departmentally and will work with Village staff including the Village Manager, the Village Clerk and the Village Treasurer. The Finance Committee along with staff will present a proposed budget to the full board of trustees at a special work session prior to the adoption of the budget, which must be done by June 30<sup>th</sup> of every year. The Finance Committee outside the months of budget development will remain idle except in times when a budget amendment may be necessary during the fiscal year. The Finance Committee will be in existence indefinitely from fiscal year to fiscal year but will be most active from April through June of each calendar year for budget development.

**PARKS, RECREATION, YOUTH AND SENIOR POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

<b>POSITION</b>	<b>TERM</b>	<b>PHONE</b>	<b>E-MAIL</b>
<b>Chairperson</b>			
Katherine Yoder 212 W. York St. Cassopolis, MI 49031	Annual	269-251-2749 (C)	kathyoder1951@gmail.com
Geraldine Norwood-Sims 115 Hilltop Ln. Cassopolis, MI 49031	Annual	269-445-2885 (H) 574-210-0082 (C)	gerino369@comcast.net
Cynthia Jackson-Ash 604 Graham St. Cassopolis, MI 49031	Annual	269-323-4903 (W) 269-228-0123 (C)	sbredmachine@gmail.com

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (1 YR TERM)**

<b>POSITION</b>	<b>TERM</b>	<b>PHONE</b>	<b>E-MAIL</b>
Kim Parsons 408 E. Jefferson Cassopolis, MI 49031	11/20/2020	269-208-3321(C)	kim.parsons007@gmail.com
David Johnson 624 S. O’Keefe St. Cassopolis, MI 49031	Annual	317-223-8947 (C)	djvoctrustee@gmail.com

Eugene Wagner                      Annual                      269-445-2435 (C)                      efw@wagnercares.com  
 202 N. Broadway  
 Cassopolis, MI 49031

**PLANNING COMMISSION (3 YR TERM)**

<b>POSITION</b>	<b>TERM</b>	<b>PHONE</b>	<b>E-MAIL</b>
<b>Chairperson</b>			
Lisa Cutting 113 S. O’Keefe St. Cassopolis, MI 49031	March 2019	269-228-1014 (C)	lisac@cassco.org
<b>Vice Chair</b>			
Julie Hartman 113 S. Fulton St. Cassopolis, MI 49031	March 2020	269-228-2225 (C)	hartmanjb@comcast.net
<b>Secretary</b>			
Shakara Blount 326 W. State St. Cassopolis, MI 49031	March 2018	269-445-7197 (H)	kara00_04@yahoo.com
Mary McFarland 261 N. O’Keefe St. Cassopolis, MI 49031	March 2020	269-445-3580 (H)	
<b>Council Representative</b>			
Katherine Yoder 212 W. York St. Cassopolis, MI 49031	March 2019	269-251-2749 (C)	kathyoder1951@gmail.com

**What this organization does:**

The Planning Commission has been organized through state law to develop and administer the master land use plan (Comprehensive Plan). The Comprehensive Plan governs the way in which land may be used around the Village, and the Planning Commission utilizes a series of rules and regulations, as well as review processes, to ensure that land use is carried out in a way that provides for the orderly and efficient provision of public goods (water, sewer, roads, public parks, public safety, etc.).

The Comprehensive Plan needs to be updated every five (5) years. An update can be as simple as a periodic review and a reaffirmation of this plan or may as extensive as a major rewrite. The Zoning Ordinance, which is the body of rules and regulations that provide that meat to the plan’s bones, should reflect the latest plan to the greatest extent possible.

**How members are selected:** The Village President selects members for staggered three-year (3) terms.

**RENTAL APPEAL BOARD**

Meet as needed

\*\*This board has not been initiated.

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS (3 YR TERM)**

<b>POSITION</b>	<b>TERM</b>	<b>PHONE</b>	<b>E-MAIL</b>
<b>Chairperson</b>			
Ray Strome 226 S. Rowland St. Cassopolis, MI 49031	March 2019	269-445-2748 (H)	
Robert Collins 110 S. Disbrow Cassopolis, MI 49031	March 2020	269-445-8984 (H)	
Frank Williams, Jr. 259 N. O’Keefe St. Cassopolis, MI 49031	March 2020	616-292-3353 (C)	frankndfan1@gmail.com
Jeri Weston 251 N. O’Keefe St. Cassopolis, MI 49031	March 2018	269-479-6227 (H)	
Geraldine Sims 115 Hilltop Ln. Cassopolis, MI 49031	March 2019	269-445-2885 (H) 574-210-0082 (C)	gerino369@comcast.net

**CASSOPOLIS AREA UTILITIES AUTHORITY**

3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

The CAUA Board has been contracted by the Village of Cassopolis, LaGrange Township, Penn Township, Jefferson Township and Calvin Township to govern the four township's sewer systems. The township's system includes the Diamond Lake and Donnell Lake Sewer System, as well as any new sewer systems added within those four townships outside of the Village limits. The CAUA, in turn, contracts back with the Village for the operations and maintenance of the townships' systems.

The CAUA's contract with the Village is for the Village to conduct all maintenance and repair on the

townships' systems, short of major replacement/repair and/or capital replacement of the system. This provides and additional workload for the DPW, but at the same time, provides a cash flow to pay for personnel and equipment costs that the Village would not otherwise have available.

Additionally, the CAUA and the Village have agreed to share the costs of operating the "combined system", meaning that portion of the Village's sewer system, which is dedicated to carrying sewage from both the Village and the townships' system (i.e., the Interceptor to Dowagiac). This introduces an economy of scale in the operation of the Village's sewer system that the Village would not otherwise have available.

The Village and Penn Township each have two (2) appointed voting representatives on the CAUA. LaGrange, Jefferson and Calvin Townships have one (1) appointed voting representative.

### **CAUA MEMBERS**

#### **LaGrange Township:**

Gene Decker  
61622 Channel Dr.  
Cassopolis, MI 49031  
(Phone unlisted)

#### **Penn Township:**

Harry Shaffer  
20806 Diamond Shores St.  
Cassopolis, MI 49031

Roland Lichnerowicz  
61370 Donald Roadway St.  
Vandalia, MI 49095

#### **Jefferson Township:**

Dean Haas  
22291 Kamp Kozy Rd.  
Cassopolis, MI 49031  
269-445-3978

#### **Village of Cassopolis:**

Eugene Wagner, Village Trustee  
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Cassopolis, MI 49031  
269-445-2435

David Johnson, Village President  
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Cassopolis, MI 49031  
317-223-8947

#### **Calvin Township:**

Mike Seedorf  
21616 Lake St.  
Cassopolis, MI 49031  
269-445-8845

**Commissions and Committees  
Meeting Dates & Times**

**BOARD**

**MEETING SCHEDULE**

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Village Council	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month @ 7:00 p.m.
Cemetery Board	As Needed
Construction Board of Appeals	As Needed w/Proper Legal Notice
Parks & Recreation	As Needed
Personnel Committee	As Needed
Planning Commission	As Needed
Zoning Board of Appeals	As Needed
CAUA	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month @ 7:00 p.m.