

**VILLAGE OF CASSOPOLIS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
March 13, 2023**

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

Roll Call:

Council Members Present: Luckey, Kelly, Makay, Johnson, Williams, Danzy-Yeager and Pedersen
Council Members Absent:

The Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison.

Approval of Agenda: Danzy-Yeager motioned, seconded by Pedersen, to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion Carried.

Consent Agenda: Williams motioned, seconded by Kelly, to approve the consent agenda as presented.

- A. Regular Meeting Minutes – February 13, 2023
- B. Workshop Meeting Minutes – February 27, 2023
- C. Approval of Invoices - \$125,113.46

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Kelly, Makay, Johnson, Williams, Danzy-Yeager, Pedersen & Luckey

Nays:

Absent:

Abstain:

Motion Carried.

Public Comment for Kayak Launch:

Village Manager LaGrow informed Council that this grant request will be for and ADA accessible Kayak launch including bathrooms and a pavilion.

Ted Gogol stated that he is in favor of this project, mainly for the accessibility. It will complement phase 2 of beach and widen the interest in Stone Lake.

Public Comment:

Ted complemented the Main Street for their sponsorship packet; it was very well done and they did an excellent job.

New Business:

A. Presidential Appointments (See Attachment 1): Pedersen motioned, seconded by Luckey to approve the appointments with the correction to the term end date for the annual appointments.

Motion Carried.

B. Resolution for DNR MNRTF Kayak Launch (See Attachment 2): Kelly motioned, seconded by Williams to approve the resolution as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Makay, Johnson, Williams, Danzy-Yeager, Pedersen, Luckey & Kelly

Nays:

Absent:

Abstain:

Motion Carried.

Managers' Update:

Village Manager LaGrow discussed:

- The NEP round 7 grant was completed Dec 2022 on time and on budget so we were awarded the high performer grant. We are receiving an additional \$50,000; \$25,000 will go to homeowners and the other \$25,000 will go toward a permanent bathroom at Clisbee Park.
- We will be submitting for another Congressional Set Aside grant for phase 2 of the beach. We have one currently awarded for the Smart Park and hoping they will award us again.
- There are two new housing grants similar to the MSHDA mod program. We have about five grants to apply for within the next 60 days.
- The DWAM grant for lead service line review was kicked off. We need a random selection of 20% of homeowners to allow us in to their property for the search. Individual letters to those randomly selected will be mailed out because we need their permission. We will also include the same letter in all utility bills to more responses

Miscellaneous: Council Concerns/Items:

Jim Pedersen: Pedersen motioned, seconded by Kelly to replace Ted Gogol with himself on the Stone Lake Improvement Board. Kelly motioned, seconded by Luckey to amend the previous motion be postponed until the next voting meeting. Pedersen expressed his concerns with the leadership of the board and he would like to see things go a different direction. There have been multiple complaints over the years regarding the level of treatment as well. Village Manager LaGrow explained the role of the lake board and that a biologist is hired to complete the assessments and inform how the lake should be treated. Council requested additional information regarding assessments and treatment.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Johnson, Williams, Danzy-Yeager, Luckey, Kelly & Makay

Nays: Pedersen

Absent:

Abstain:

Motion Carried.

Kelly asked about the name Main Street Committee. Alexis informed her that due to the Main Street being created under the Main Street Program, the name for each community under that program were titled in a similar manner.

Adjournment:

President Johnson declared the meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m. by unanimous agreement.

Respectfully submitted: _____
Tonia Betty, Village Clerk

Reviewed by: _____
David L. Johnson, Village President