

**VILLAGE OF CASSOPOLIS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
March 8, 2021**

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, Conner, Johnson, Williams, Danzy-Yeager and Pedersen
Council Members Absent:

The Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison.

Consent Agenda: Williams motioned, seconded by Danzy-Yeager to approve the agenda as presented.

- A. Regular Meeting Minutes - February 8, 2021
- B. Workshop Meeting Minutes - February 22, 2021
- C. Approval of Invoices - \$610,258.60
- D. 2021 Presidential Appointments
- E. TC Mechanical Humidification; \$6,300

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Kelly, Conner, Johnson, Williams, Danzy-Yeager, Pedersen and Luckey

Nays:

Absent:

Abstain:

Motion Carried.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

None

New Business:

A. Written Request from Bud Express to transfer Provisional Certificate (See Attachment 3): Pedersen motioned, seconded by Conner to approve the request from Bud Express, LLC to transfer their Provisional Certificate for a Provisioning Center & Retailer located at 117 S. Broadway to 901 E. State per Village Ordinance §370-457(B). This change was due to concerns from the community about a retailer being downtown. Discussion ensued regarding compliance and distance from certain facilities.

Motion Carried.

Chris Bergen - VFW - Memorial Day Parade

There was discussion about the parade route and a few alternatives were presented. There is concern regarding blocking traffic on State roads since we cannot close them.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:

A resident complained about some stray cats on the 300 block of O'Keefe. The resident was informed to contact Animal Control which is under the control of the County and can attend the County meetings to discuss her issue.

Managers Update:

Village Manager Sarratore discussed letters to delinquent residents, recreational marijuana payment for next year, and anticipated stimulus funds for local municipalities.

Williams asked about the lawsuit with Schwintek. Village Manager Sarratore informed that our insurance company will be covering the attorney costs and there is a hearing tomorrow that is open to the public via YouTube.

Miscellaneous: Council Concerns/Items:

Kelly informed Council that some people contacted her about starting a business here and another person wants to do documentary on the Cass Vandalia area.

Williams informed Council there is a battery company that wants to build a facility in Michigan and asked for an update on Project Davey. Village Manager Sarratore responded that the company is in regular contact with MEC and the grant MEC applied for has moved to the next phase.

Adjournment:

President Johnson declared the meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m. by unanimous agreement.

Respectfully submitted: _____
Tonia Betty, Village Clerk

Reviewed by: _____
David L. Johnson, Village President