

**VILLAGE OF CASSOPOLIS  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
April 11, 2022**

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

**The Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison.**

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

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| A. Regular Meeting Minutes – March 14, 2022                   |              |
| B. Special/Workshop Meeting Minutes – March 28, 2022          |              |
| C. Approval of Invoices - \$151,773.46                        |              |
| D. County Road Projects \$182,962.12                          | Attachment 1 |
| E. Resolution 2022-8 IFT for CHT                              | Attachment 2 |
| F. Resolution 2022-9 IFT for Hydro Aluminum                   | Attachment 3 |
| G. Sewer Agreement between Dowagiac and Village               | Attachment 4 |
| H. Master Fee Schedule  | Attachment 5 |
| I. 2022 Presidential Appointments                             | Attachment 6 |
| J. Ordinance Update §370-455 B                                | Attachment 7 |
| K. Resolution 2022- Rowland Street Water Infrastructure Grant | Attachment 8 |

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

Nays:

Absent: Kelly

Abstain:

**Motion Carried.**

**Managers' Report:**

Village Manager LaGrow highlighted:

- Volunteers are needed for tree planting at 8:45 on 4/20 for the Hydro groundbreaking event at the high school and Don Horne Park. Releaf provided the trees and there will be light refreshments. The groundbreaking will begin at 11am.
- NEP round 7 has begun; we received 16 applications and \$10,000 needs to be spent by 6/30 as part of the high performer grant. \$75,000 will have to be spent by end of year.
- The group that agreed to complete the mural at Stone Lake backed out so we will need to look for other muralists.
- Spring cleanup was last week to ensure the community was cleaned up before the Hydro groundbreaking. DPW crushed down the trash in morning and afternoon, despite that we still received some complaints and are working to figure out some other options or locations to make this a better process.
- May 11th will be the FIT (First Impressions in Tourism) presentation to the community. This will be a look back as to how Imagine Cass worked. MSU is talking about us all over the state and how we used their programs to produce change.

- Village Manager LaGrow was nominated to be a part of the Michigan Infrastructure Council, which was put together by the Governor’s office. She will have to take classes to become certified and is excited for learning and having more educational tools.

**Public Comment:**

Justin Neuerberg asked if the IFT passed, if there is money for small businesses, and he is happy about the roads being paved. He also wanted to know the scope of the Rowland St. projects and how to get other streets addressed and repaved from end to end. Johnson informed him the IFT was approved. Village Manger LaGrow informed him that the Rowland St. project is \$2.5 million and it is for water infrastructure. We cannot afford to do these types of projects every year. We can complete more local roads that do not require infrastructure underneath. There is a listing of streets that need to be repaved in our Capital Improvement Plan.

Ted Gogol wanted to share that a group staying at their lodge and wanted to volunteer in the community, they will be going to Helping Hands for a few hours. There is also a women’s group coming in November from Pennsylvania for a retreat.

**Miscellaneous: Council Concerns/Items:**

Luckey wanted to ask Sam Adams if they would open the gates to the playground for the summer. Village Manager LaGrow suggested he speak with the Superintendent and we would love to see it open.

Danzy-Yeager thinks South Side Park should come back; she suggested a fence by the railroad could work at the old community gardens. Village Manager LaGrow said the problem is the kids have to cross the railroad tracks to get there. DPW has been adding pieces of equipment we received at Don Horne.

**Adjournment:**

President Johnson declared the meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m. by unanimous agreement.

Respectfully submitted: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tonia Betty, Village Clerk

Reviewed by: \_\_\_\_\_  
David L. Johnson, Village President