

**VILLAGE OF CASSOPOLIS
SPECIAL/WORKSHOP MEETING
July 27, 2020**

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

Roll Call:

Council Members Present: Luckey, Parsons, Conner, Johnson, Williams, Danzy-Yeager and Wagner
Council Members Absent:

Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison.

Consent Agenda: Wagner motioned, seconded by Parsons to approve the following consent agenda:

- a. 425 Agreement (See Attachment 1)

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Parsons, Conner, Johnson, Williams, Danzy-Yeager, Wagner and Luckey

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent:

Motion Carried.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

None.

New Business

- A. Village Hall Property: In order to sell the current Village Hall, the Council would have to approve a resolution stating the building is no longer needed for public purpose. There is an interested party and once sold it would be placed back on the tax roll. The interested party would like to move forward with the plan generated by the second floor study and create apartments upstairs.
- B. Stone Lake Improvement Board Update: Ted Gogol set up a meeting with Paul Hausler and the residents that were unhappy to do another evaluation of the lake. After reviewing the shoreline, there were weeds there, but not the weeds approved to be treated. The Lake Board approved some additional spot treatment to that area to address those weeds.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

None.

Manager Updates

The Parkshore Dr. project is still set for the fall. The Council discussed some years ago what to do with Southside Park and the health department has strongly recommended we address the runoff into the park. The street project will help, but is not a solution and there can be a decision per resolution to abandon the park. It may not be a popular decision, but it may be the best decision in the long run. Some council members would like to see the park moved.

Village Manager Sarratore brought up a concern presented by Councilmember Williams regarding the overgrowth in front of the lake. The property referenced is in the State right of way and she will ask Wightman to contact the State and request for it to be cut down. The funding for the boardwalk recently got approved and our grant dollars are still available. The project will be bid in the winter for spring

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construction.

Regarding the streetscape, Selge is working on water service taps to the individual buildings and Friday may be a major water shutdown in the downtown as they switch over to the new water main.

Public Comment on Agenda or Non-Agenda Items:

DPW Superintendent Anderson was thanked for the work on putting together the play structure, which is almost completed. He spoke about the school that is underneath Clisbee Park, and gave credit to the Public Works crew. The last piece is the ADA ramp and rubber mulch; the Village applied for a grant through the insurance company for these items.

Adjournment:

President Johnson declared the meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m. by unanimous agreement.

David L. Johnson, Village President

Tonia Betty, Village Clerk