

**VILLAGE OF CASSOPOLIS
WORKSHOP MEETING
January 25, 2021**

President Johnson called the Workshop Meeting of the Cassopolis Village Council to order at 6:31 p.m. via Zoom.

Roll Call:

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

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

Discussion Items:

- A. MDOT Resolution – Connector Path (See Attachment 1): This resolution is for the CMAQ grant through MDOT who bid out the job for the connector path, which will list the approved signors for the grant. The path will be ADA accessible and incorporate some pavers to tie it in to the downtown.
- B. Flip House Recommendation: The main goal for this was for blight elimination, but after an evaluation of the budget and some projects coming in over budget, the recommendation is to sell the properties to the Main Street at cost. They will be able to resell the properties and any profit will go towards grants for the businesses in the Village. The Main Street was just able to provide another façade grant to a business for \$5,000.
- C. Laserfiche (See Attachment 2): One of the goals for the Village is to become more efficient and become more streamlined in the office. This program, which would be purchased through Bolt Limited, would allow for that when it comes to document storage and records maintenance and preservation. The yearly cost is about \$4 thousand a year and we will be able to access our records that are scanned in electronically.
- D. Stone Lake Shores Sewer: Pedersen, who owns a home in Stone Lake Shores, had some concerns about the sewer system since he has had some issues with the low pressure forcemain in that subdivision. Discussion ensued regarding specification of pumps for each property being built and recommending new home owners consult with an engineer to determine the pump needed. They also discussed the sewer system being installed in the MEC industrial park and it matching the system that is currently in the Village.
- E. Budget Amendments (See Attachment 3): Village Clerk Betty explained the budget amendments presented; they are adjustments of estimates now that we have a better timeline of completion dates for the different construction projects and whether or not they will occur in this or the next fiscal year. Some of the adjustments stemmed from conversations with the auditor and how we needed to record the bond repayments.

Miscellaneous: Council Concerns/Items:

Village Manager Sarratore wanted to address the issue regarding ramps and sidewalks in front of the Turtle Lodge. She had discussions with the owner and the design team, the final request is for some sidewalk to replace some of the intended grassy area. Johnson believes that one business should get precedent over

another and each business should have access from a central location. Conner stated the parking lot is not far from the property and wants everyone to have equal access.

Public Comment: None.

Adjournment:

President Johnson declared the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m. by unanimous agreement.

Respectfully submitted: _____
Tonia Betty, Village Clerk

Reviewed by: _____
David L. Johnson, Village President