

**VILLAGE OF CASSOPOLIS
WORKSHOP MEETING
February 24, 2020**

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

Roll Call:

Council Members Present: Parsons, Conner, Johnson, Williams, Sims and Wagner
Council Members Absent:

Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison.

Approval of Agenda: Wagner motioned, seconded by Sims to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion Carried.

Discussion Items:

- A. Cathy LaPointe Property (Old Ritter Store): Cathy LaPointe would like to have language on the deed of her property, that she is trying to sell, that states if the building was torn down the lot would become the property of the Village. Normally if a building is torn down the owner would still retain ownership of the lot, but you can put restrictions on the deed during the sale. Cathy has the ability to do this without consent of the Village. The general consensus is that the Village does not need to be involved and she can place the language in the deed if she chooses.
- B. Change in Ordinance for Trustee Pay: Williams would like the ordinance regarding trustee pay to allow for trustees to be paid for regular meetings that are rescheduled and turned into special meetings. Since it is a voting meeting that would have originally been a regular meeting, it would be fair to be paid for those as well.
- C. Trailer property on Disbrow: The owner of this property changed his mind about the amount he was willing to accept. The Village Manager would like to renegotiate and believes this property will be beneficial in the future. There is money in the budget for property acquisition and we would not need to make a change to the budget.
- D. Vacant Trustee Position: The trustee interviews were held prior to the workshop.

Public Comments- Non-Agenda Items:

Village Manager Sarratore informed Council that the Village was awarded a grant for new tasers for the police department. In addition, we applied for a Fellowship Grant to have a fellow work for the Village for 15 months. MEDC would pay for the fellow and we would have to match \$6,000. There will be a Public Hearing this Thursday, which is a re-do of one already held, due to an error in the original publication.

Jim Bronke would like the Council to purchase the trailer property.

Asali Kelly addressed poison ivy at 306 Rowland and there are rodents and birds coming out of the house. The swimming pool has had standing water in it for a long time as well; her house is being affected by it.

Adjournment:

President Johnson declared the meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m. by unanimous agreement.

Respectfully submitted: _____
Tonia Betty, Village Clerk

Reviewed by: _____
David L. Johnson, Village President