

**VILLAGE OF CASSOPOLIS  
SPECIAL/WORKSHOP MEETING  
March 22, 2021**

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

**Roll Call:**

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

Council Members Absent: Luckey

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

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

**Motion Carried.**

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

A. Resolution 2020-3 MEC Cares Act Grant

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent: Luckey

**Motion Carried.**

**Adjournment:**

President Johnson declared the Special Meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m. by unanimous agreement.

President Johnson called the Workshop Meeting of the Cassopolis Village Council to order at 6:34 p.m.

**Workshop Discussion:**

A. Budget (See Attachment 1): Village Manager Sarratore discussed the items in the budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year that are different than the normal day-to-day or contracted expenses. Some of the items discussed were a gator and truck for DPW, continuation of blight removal, additional summer employees and two full-time employees, an increase in pay for the Council, money towards the parks, and potential for sidewalks to be redone. Alexis would be one of the new hires when her grant expires in September; Village Manager Sarratore disclosed she will be her relative through marriage in June. Some grant funding was secured to cover a portion of her salary.

**Miscellaneous: Council Concerns/Items:**

Johnson asked about concrete pipes under the viaduct for the Park Shore project. There was discussion about doing jack and bore.

**Public Comment on Non-agenda Items:**

Mike Grice informed everyone about the hazardous waste drop-off on May 15th at the Road Commission and the used tire drop-off will be on August 21st.

Danzy-Yeager asked about the spring cleanup and expressed her concern with residents bringing things to the dumpster and it may be difficult for some people who are older and don't drive. She was informed that DPW will still supplement picking things up for those who cannot get them to the dumpster.

**Closed Session:** Conner motioned, seconded by Kelly to go into closed session to discuss pending litigation at 7:01 p.m.

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent: Luckey

**Motion Carried.**

Williams motioned, seconded by Danzy-Yeager to go come out of closed session at 7:11 p.m.

**Motion Carried.**

**Adjournment:**

President Johnson declared the meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m. by unanimous agreement.

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

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