

**VILLAGE OF CASSOPOLIS
WORKSHOP MEETING
March 27, 2023**

President Pro-tem Williams called the Workshop Meeting of the Cassopolis Village Council to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

Council Members Present: Kelly, Makay, Williams, & Pederson
Council Members Absent: Luckey, Johnson & Danzy-Yaeger

The Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison.

Approval of Agenda: Pedersen motioned, seconded by Kelly, to approve the agenda with the removal of item A under New Business.

Motion Carried.

New Business:

- A. Resolutions for Grants: Clerk Betty informed Council of some upcoming resolutions needed to apply for some grants and one to approve the DNR Spark Grant agreement we have received.

Old Business:

- A. Lake Board Presentation by Paul Hausler, Progressive A/E: Paul provided an overview of the lake board including the characteristics of our lake, the formation of the board, how the lake is treated, and the budget for treatments. Council discussed their concerns with Paul; asking about the treatment and setup/difference of the assessment classifications.

Public Comment:

Letters provided from various community members were read (please see attached).

Scott Carpenter asked Paul about the characteristics of Stone Lake and how it compares to other lakes.

Mike Grice, who is a previous County Commissioner expressed his concerns regarding the comments made and his opinions regarding Ted Gogol.

Bob Fiala explained that he previously sat on the lake board and removed himself because he was not happy with the way things were going.

Bernie Williamson spoke on her interactions with Ted Gogol and she thinks highly of his character and activities in the community.

Suzi Carpenter expressed that she disagreed with the way the complaint about the board and Ted Gogol was handled.

Scott Carpenter spoke on the way things were handled as well and there should be a process.

Justin Clark works for Ted Gogol and informed everyone about the details behind any weeds being dumped in the lake and that is no longer the process.

Mark Howie expressed that he would like to see proof of the accusation against Ted Gogol.

Eugene Wagner concurs with the positive comments regarding Ted Gogol and appreciates the job he does.

Ted Gogol informed everyone about conversations between himself and Trustee Pedersen and asked Paul if any houses were purposely skipped during treatment/harvesting. Paul responded that did not happen.

Christian Gogol invited Council on boat rides to look at the lake and he is willing to provide drone footage again if requested.

Miscellaneous Council Concerns/Items:

Kelly expressed she hopes Ted Gogol remains active in the same way.

Makay asked for the treatment maps over the years.

Pedersen expressed his weeds did not get treated in the beginning years, that he is planning to challenge the assessment, and the riparian board member should be voted on by the riparian owners. Paul Hausler expressed that the lake board voted the riparian board member the correct way.

Adjournment:

President Pro-tem Williams declared the meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m. by unanimous agreement.

Respectfully submitted: _____
Tonia Betty, Village Clerk

Reviewed by: _____
Frank Williams, Jr., Village President Pro-Tem