

**VILLAGE OF CASSOPOLIS  
WORKSHOP MEETING  
May 23, 2022**

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

**Roll Call:**

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

Council Members Absent: Conner

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

**Approval of Agenda:** Williams motioned, seconded by Danzy-Yaeger, to approve the agenda as presented.  
**Motion Carried.**

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade Presentations:** They presented the pros and cons of solar, water and wind renewable energy sources.

**Discussion Items:**

- A. **Skate/Bike Park Project:** Manager LaGrow explained the plans for a skate park at Clisbee Park, which is an idea that has been around for some years since she got here. We have some grant money and are able to put money in the budget for it as well. The company can do a poured in place park instead of a pad, which would create better longevity and can be a multi-use purpose. We can also add bike/scooter elements as an additional track by using the existing trees already there. We would need to complete this project by the end of the calendar year and cost around \$200 thousand.
- B. **2021-2022 Budget Amendments:** Amendments are for the current fiscal year ending June 30. The explanations are next to the dollar amounts and biggest have to do with projects straddling years and money coming in and out.
- C. **2022-2023 Budget:** This budget starts July 1, the big things budgeted are the skate park, a DPW truck, dump truck, two mowers, and a squad car. The great news is that there is no water/sewer rate increase for the year, but the trash rates did go up per our contract with Michiana. Council discussed large item pickup, a potential Southside Park, and marijuana taxes.

**Miscellaneous Council Concerns/Items:**

Pedersen asked about takeaways from the FIT meeting. Village Manager LaGrow discussed that there was feedback on about 40 comment cards that were mostly positive. We will have money from RRC for a new website, people are looking for more resources and information. Signage is another request with some money available for that from the streetscape project.

Johnson asked when staffing at lake will start. Village Manager LaGrow stated possibly Memorial Day with limited shifts and fully open beach bash weekend.

Kelly said she has a recommendation for a band. She also asked if personal contact information can be placed on the Council business cards. Village Manager LaGrow said we can add it for those that want it. Johnson suggested using a specific email address for Council emails so that staff can have access for FOIA's.

Danzy-Yeager asked about if there were any other park or improvement projects discussed before the new Council was in place. Village Manager LaGrow said the plans that were created have all the projects that the Village wanted to complete in them. The few that were not completed are an electronic Cemetery system, a veteran's memorial, and vaults for cremains.

Kelly asked if people can set up booths for the pop-up market. Alexis said Caryn from the Farmers Market is handling that part of it. She can be message on Facebook at Cassopolis Farmers Market.

**Public Comment:**

Ted stated the lake survey is tomorrow morning; the first treatment will be based on that survey.

**Adjournment:**

President Johnson declared the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. by unanimous agreement.

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

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