



### List of Elected Officials

#### President

Dianna McGrew  
269-358-4497

#### President Pro-Tem

David Johnson  
317-223-8947

#### Trustee

Geraldine Sims  
269-445-2885

#### Trustee

Eugene Wagoner  
269-445-2425

#### Trustee

Kathy Yoder  
269-251-2749

#### Trustee

William Blount  
269-445-7500

#### Trustee

Cynthia Jackson-Ash  
269-445-8098

Council Meetings are open to the public and are held on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 pm and the fourth Monday of each month at 6:30 pm, located in the Village Hall Council Chambers.

### S.A.W. Grant Award Pays Off

Recognizing how bad off sewer and wastewater (S.A.W) infrastructure is in communities in Michigan, the State government decided to grant all who applied with money required to inventory their entire systems from the inside.

Being built sometime before the 1940's, the age of our underground piping lends itself to failures, so it comes as a surprise to us when we find a collapsed pipe is the source of a sewer back up. The SAW Grant is designed to help us find these deficiencies in our sewer collection system so we can repair them or prepare for them before they cause major problems like we are used to dealing with.

Cassopolis applied for and was granted \$1.6 million to inventory our entire sewer collection system. The process began in November of 2014 and is on schedule to be completed in early 2016. The inventory will be completed in a digital format called a Geographical Information System (G.I.S) and will also come with two touch screen tablets and a new administrative work station. These new tools will allow DPW workers more access and knowledge of the sewer collection system than ever before.

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Village Hall will be closed on,  
Monday February 15<sup>th</sup> in observance  
of Presidents Day

### In Honor of Presidents Day

#### **Job Duties and Essential Function of the Village President:**

The Village operates with a Council/Manager form of government. There are seven Council Members, one of which serves as the Village President. The Council is responsible for overseeing the operation of the Village, but is primarily responsible for setting policy and establishing priorities for the Village staff to follow. The Village President is elected by the electorate for a term of two (2) years on even number years.

For a complete job description please visit [VillageofCassopolis.com](http://VillageofCassopolis.com)

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## Managers Message

Great minds discuss ideas; Average minds discuss events; Small minds discuss people. - [Eleanor Roosevelt](#) *US diplomat & reformer (1884 - 1962)*

Looking for some more Great minds to join us at the Village workshop meetings, Village Council meetings & Main Street Meetings!

If you have questions or would like to submit pictures or articles to this monthly newsletter, please contact us: Phone 269-445-8098, [banderson@cassopolis-mi.us](mailto:banderson@cassopolis-mi.us). Like us on Facebook, Cassopolis Michigan

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VILLAGE MANAGER**

### Meet the Staff



**S**erving as our Village Clerk, Tonia Betty is the newest staff member for the Village of Cassopolis. Tonia was born and raised in Brooklyn, NY. At 18, she moved to Berrien Springs MI, where she attended Andrews University and earned a Master's degree in Business Administration and a Bachelor's degree in Accounting. Tonia is the mother of a two year old daughter and resides in Berrien Springs, with her husband James Betty.

After graduation Tonia served as the Deputy Finance Director for the City of Benton Harbor for 4 years. After working under 2 different emergency finance managers, Tonia was looking for more stability and less restrictions with her move to Cassopolis. In just 9 months, Tonia's forward thinking optimized many of the processes within the Villages administrative departments and has made communicating revenue and expense trends easy to understand. She is putting more of her innovative ideas to use to help Cassopolis increase its fund balance by refinancing various bonds, which will lower our interest rate payments. One of the ways she is able to do this is by utilizing new technologies that make essential job functions more efficient. Tonia has proven her strengths in both budgeting and planning and will be putting together an equipment replacement plan. Both Tonia and Cassopolis are excited for our bright future together.

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