

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF CASNOVIA VILLAGE COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE CASNOVIA VILLAGE HALL  
December 13, 2021**

**SERVICE SESSION**

President Morris called the service session of the Casnovia Village Council to order at 6:10 pm.

**Members present:** Connie Morris, Ken Frary, Kathy Kahrs, Jerry Palinski, Robert Bennitt and Shelley Carr.

**Absent:** Ashley Scudder.

**37 N. Main St. –** Special Planning Commission Meeting took place November 22, 2021 at 37 N. Main Street. Proposed restaurant was clean and neat. Oliverio Covarrubias, mentor to owners, presented the proposal. The owners had samples of the menu available for taste testing. Planning Commission approved request.

**REGULAR MEETING**

President Morris called the regular meeting of the Casnovia Village Council to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Members present:** Connie Morris, Ken Frary, Kathy Kahrs, Jerry Palinski, Robert Bennitt, Ashley Scudder and Shelley Carr.

**Absent:** None.

Let the minutes reflect that Victor Duran, Julia Yanez-Leon, William Duran, Yonatan Duran, Oliverio Covarrubias and Doug Tawney attended the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion by Morris, supported by Palinski to approve proposed Meeting Agenda for December 13, 2021, with the addition of the change of having the Zoning Committee begin the meeting. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

**MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**

Motion by Frary, supported by Palinski, to accept the regular monthly meeting minutes of November 8, 2021, as presented. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Reviewed financial report for December 2021. On a motion by Palinski, supported by Bennitt, to accept the Financial Report as presented. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

**MONTHLY BILLS**

Motion by Frary, supported by Kahrs, that the monthly bills to be paid, as presented.

Roll call: Ayes: Morris, Frary, Palinski, Kahrs, and Bennitt. Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**VISITOR'S REPORT**

Oliverio Covarrubias presented the Council with a set of rendered drawings for the proposed restaurant at 37 N. Main Street.

Doug Tawney asked for an extension of the Special Use Permit approval at 62 E. Division Street.

**CLERK'S REPORT**

Carr requested that the Consumers Energy and DTE bills be paid on-line to save money in postage and checks and to also ensure proper payment posting to accounts; Council approved.

Village Council Meetings will continue to take place the second Monday of every month in the year 2022.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The ARPA funds will be spent on Village infrastructure.

We will be requesting CDBG funds for possible building energy upgrades in the Village Office and DPW buildings.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**SEWER** – Kahrs, *committee chair*. EGLE testing results have not yet been received. November discharge went well. Won't need to discharge again until spring.

**STREETS** – Morris, *committee chair*. Waiting for another estimate for the repair of the sink holes throughout the Village. Street line painting for Main Street and Waterloo will be sent out for bids in the spring. Snow plow truck hydraulic system was repaired. Sand and salt for the roads has been replenished.

**BUILDING & GROUNDS** – Kahrs, *committee chair*. DPW garage overhead doors repaired and keyless entry system installed. Water leaks in DPW garage need to be repaired. Fencing at old Fire Barn blew down and needs to be repaired.

**SIDEWALKS** - Palinski, *committee chair*. No report.

**ZONING** – Frary, *committee chair*. On a motion by Frary, supported by Kahrs, to approve the rezoning request at 37 N. Main Street for the use of a restaurant on the main floor and a residence on the top floor. Property will be rezoned from Residential (R) to Village Business District/Residential (B1/R).

Roll Call: Ayes: Morris, Frary, Kahrs, Palinski, and Bennitt. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

On a motion by Frary, supported by Palinski, to approve the extension of the Special Use Permit approval at 62 E. Division Street for the use of two-family residence until June 30, 2022. Tawney to keep Village Counsel apprised of progress every two months.

Roll Call: Ayes: Morris, Frary, Kahrs, Palinski, and Bennitt. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

**DISMANTLED CARS** – Bennitt, *committee chair*. *Multiple addresses need to be investigated for possible junk vehicle violations.*

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- North Kent Office Equipment copy machine annual maintenance agreement signed.
- Include "Snow, Slush or Ice Removal" law in January Hi-Lites.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- President Morris to personally reach out to Kazz Bar owner concerning storm sewer violation.

Being no further business to come before the Council, on a motion by Frary, and supported by Palinski, to adjourn at 7:47 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Casnovia Village Council will be Monday, January 10, 2022, at 6:30 p.m., with a service session beginning at 6:00 pm. Social distancing will be followed. All meetings are open to the public and are held at the Casnovia Village Hall, 141 N. Main Street, Casnovia, Michigan.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Shelley Carr, Village Clerk