

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF CASNOVIA VILLAGE COUNCIL
HELD AT THE CASNOVIA VILLAGE HALL
March 14, 2022**

SERVICE SESSION

Pro Tem Frary called the service session of the Casnovia Village Council to order at 6:00 p.m.

Opened meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Absent: Connie Morris and Ashley Scudder.

Let the minutes reflect that Renee Gavin and Rich Warner of the Newaygo County Emergency Services Department attended the meeting.

VISITOR'S REPORT

Renee Gavin and Rich Warner from the Newaygo County Emergency Services Department gave a 45-minute presentation on emergency mitigation. The Emergency Services Department serves both Muskegon and Newaygo counties. By participating in the emergency mitigation plan, the Village of Casnovia is eligible for FEMA funds in the event of a disaster.

- **Ban on 5G Antennas within Village Limits** – Do more research on the issue.
- **Ordinance 2022-02 Animal Control** – Reviewed and discussed the proposed changes to the Animal Control ordinance. Will vote during regular meeting.

REGULAR MEETING

President Morris called the regular meeting of the Casnovia Village Council to order at 7:10 p.m.

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

Absent: Ashley Scudder.

Let the minutes reflect that Lee Bohrer, Village resident, attended the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Palinski, supported by Frary, to approve proposed Meeting Agenda for March 14, 2022, as presented. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Frary, supported by Palinski, to accept the regular monthly meeting minutes of February 14, 2022, as presented. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Motion by Frary, supported by Kahrs, to accept the Financial Report for March 14, 2022, as presented. Ayes: 5. Nays: 5. Motion carried.

MONTHLY BILLS

Motion by Frary, supported by Bennitt, to pay the monthly bills with the addition of an invoice from Kent County Road Commission and a statement from Hometown Convenience.

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

VISITOR'S REPORT

Lee Bohrer states that he is in favor of the change to the Animal Control ordinance in allowing chickens and ducks in the Village.

CLERK'S REPORT

- Ordered new flags for Memorial Garden.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Proposed Resolution 2022-01 – Equipment Deficit Elimination Plan. This resolution will bring the Equipment Fund to a zero balance at the end of this fiscal year.

- Provided a copy of the Open Meetings Act Handbook as a reference for all Village Council members.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SEWER – Kahrs, *committee chair*. Rand Kahrs license is renewed. Kelsey Kahrs application for the state examination has been sent in. Waiting for ponds to thaw to setup for the spring discharge.

STREETS – Morris, *committee chair*. Jeff Manciu and Rand Kahrs have been working on filling the potholes around the Village.

BUILDING & GROUNDS – Kahrs, *committee chair*. Rand Kahrs had his DOT physical. The ceiling tiles and light fixture in the hallway next to the kitchen in the Village Hall have replaced. DTE was called to investigate gas smell in Village Hall kitchen. The pilot for the right-bank of burners will not stay lit; recommend getting an updated stove. While investigating stove gas leak, DTE also found a small gas leak in a pipe fitting to the Village Office furnace. A temporary fix was made; need to call Orchard Hill Mechanical for a permanent fix.

SIDEWALKS - Palinski, *committee chair*. Been trying to contact Jerry's Concrete for a start date to the sidewalk work. There have been no returned calls. Will continue efforts in getting a start date from Jerry's Concrete.

ZONING – Frary, *committee chair*. No report.

DISMANTLED CARS – Bennitt, *committee chair*. No report.

NEW BUSINESS

- Resolution 2022-01 – Equipment Deficit Elimination Plan: Postpone vote until April meeting when Dan Veldhuizen from Siegfried Crandall will be invited to explain pros and cons of proposed resolution.
- Spring Brush Pick-Up Date: Last day to set out brush curbside is Sunday, May 1, 2022.
- List of proposed sanitation companies to receive request for bid letters for Village garbage service approved.
- List of proposed street sweeping companies to receive request for bid letters for spring street sweeping approved.
- No bids received for the painting of the Village buildings. Send out request for bid letters to more companies.
- No bids received for the street striping of the Village main streets. Send out request for bid letters to more companies.
- Village trees need trimming. A list of proposed tree trimming companies will be submitted at the April meeting.
- On a motion by Frary, supported by Palinski, to pass Ordinance 2022-02 – Animal Control.
Roll Call: Ayes: Morris, Frary, Kahrs, Palinski, and Bennitt. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

- On a motion by Frary, supported by Palinski to approve the bid from Bultsma Construction for \$3,000 to complete easement work.
Roll Call: Ayes: Morris, Frary, Kahrs, Palinski, and Bennitt. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Being no further business to come before the Council, on a motion by Frary, and supported by Kahrs, to adjourn at 8:14 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Casnovia Village Council will be Monday, April 11, 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