

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF CASNOVIA VILLAGE COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE CASNOVIA VILLAGE HALL  
May 9, 2022**

**SERVICE SESSION**

President Morris 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:** Connie Morris, Ken Frary, Kathy Kahrs, Jerry Palinski, Robert Bennett, and Shelley Carr.

**Absent:** Ashley Scudder.

- **Easement Driveway** – Should not apply weed killer because this is a wetland area and should look into getting a gate to prohibit traffic access to the easement.

**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 Bennett, and Shelley Carr.

**Absent:** Ashely Scudder.

Let the minutes reflect that Scott Gardner, American Classic Dumpster Service and Scott Truman, Granger Waste Services attended the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion by Palinski, supported by Kahrs, to approve proposed Meeting Agenda for May 9, 2022, with changes. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Agenda will be permanently changed to move the Visitor's Comments directly after the approval of the Agenda.

**VISITOR'S COMMENTS**

Scott Gardner of Granger Waste Service and Scott Gardner of American Classic Dumpster Service presented their bid proposals for the sanitation contract renewal.

**BID REVIEWS**

Council discussed bids submitted for a new sanitation contract to begin January 1, 2023. Voting to take place later in the meeting.

Motion by Palinski, and supported by Kahrs, to defer the regular meeting and open the budget hearing at 7 p.m. Ayes: 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

**BUDGET HEARING**

President Morris called the budget hearing of the Casnovia Village Council to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

**Absent:** Ashely Scudder.

Motion by Frary, and supported by Bennett, to approve the proposed budget as is.

Roll call: Ayes: Morris, Frary, Palinski, Kahrs, and Bennett. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**REGULAR MEETING RESUMED**

President Morris resumed the regular meeting of the Casnovia Village Council to order at 7:16 p.m.

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

**Absent:** Ashely Scudder.

### **BID REVIEWS**

Council discussed bids submitted to paint the Office, Hall, and DPW buildings to begin this summer. Voting to take place later in the meeting.

### **MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**

Motion by Frary, supported by Palinski, to accept the regular monthly meeting minutes of April 11, 2022, as presented. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

No report.

### **MONTHLY BILLS**

Motion by Frary, supported by Palinski, to pay the monthly bills as presented.

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

### **CLERK'S REPORT**

Contacted Casnovia Township concerning flagpole at South Casnovia Cemetery. Sent out request for bids for tree trimming. Bids will be presented at the June meeting.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

No report.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**SEWER** – Kahrs, *committee chair*. Reached highest influent monthly average since May, 2013. Primary pond raised more than one and a half feet in April. Kelsey Kahrs took the wastewater licensing test; still waiting on results.

**STREETS** – Morris, *committee chair*. Main and Waterloo streets have been restriped. Streets have been swept for the spring.

**BUILDING & GROUNDS** – Kahrs, *committee chair*. Robin Edgerly, village resident, has submitted an application for the DPW position. Snow plow truck not starting; recommend getting the batteries checked. Propose getting hall rental agreement translated into Spanish. Office front door, hall south door, and door between storage room and hall need attention; lock mechanisms are not working properly. Stunted trees on S. Main need to be removed and replaced with trees that thrive.

Motion by Kahrs, supported by Palinski to buy new trees for S. Main Street with a price not to exceed \$550.00.

Roll call: Ayes: Morris, Frary, Palinski, Kahrs, and Bennett. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**SIDEWALKS** - Palinski, *committee chair*. April meeting was postponed. Still trying to set up a new meeting with Jerry's Concrete for a start date on the sidewalks.

**ZONING** – Frary, *committee chair*. Received no response from Doug Tawney or Neil Gillett after three attempts to get a quarterly Planning Commission scheduled. Recommend sending letters to residents pleading for help to fill these positions. Will need to hire outside consulting to aid in the rewriting of the Master Plan.

**DISMANTLED CARS** – Bennett, *committee chair*. Put in the next newsletter that Village Council Members may be stopping in to check for valid vehicle registrations; there have been complaints of multiple violations.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Treasurer, Ashley Scudder Resigned as of April 30, 2022. Letter was found on clerk's desk on May 3, 2022. Motion by Palinski, supported by Bennitt to accept Ashley's resignation. Roll call: Ayes: Morris, Frary, Palinski, Kahrs, and Bennitt. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- The need to contact Mika Meyers, Village legal counsel, is no longer necessary.
- Clerk, Shelley Carr to assume Treasurer responsibilities until Council can decide how to proceed. Motion by Frary, supported by Bennitt to compensate Shelley Carr at a rate of \$22.22 per hour for any time spent over and above 36 hours per month; the regularly scheduled clerk hours. Roll call: Ayes: Morris, Frary, Palinski, Kahrs, and Bennitt. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- Village website has been taken down by Ashley. Will need to look into options for creating a new website.
- On a motion by Morris, supported by Frary, to award the Village sanitation service to Granger Waste Service in the amount of \$23,790.00 for the first year of a five-year contract with a 5% increase per year. Roll call: Ayes: Morris, Frary, and Kahrs. Nays: Palinski and Bennitt. Motion carried.
- On a motion by Kahrs, supported by Palinski, to award the painting of the Village buildings to Nutt Painting in the amount of \$9,500. Roll call: Ayes: Palinski, Kahrs, and Bennitt. Nays: Morris and Frary. Motion carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Kazz Bar still has not responded to the request for an update on the need to change their kitchen sewer draining into the storm sewer. Will need to contact Mika Meyers for input on options for moving forward.

Being no further business to come before the Council, on a motion by Palinski, and supported by Frary, to adjourn at 8:23 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Casnovia Village Council will be Monday, June 13, 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