

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF CASNOVIA VILLAGE COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE CASNOVIA VILLAGE HALL  
November 8, 2021**

**SERVICE SESSION**

President Morris called the service session of the Casnovia Village Council to order at 6:00 pm.

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

**Absent:** Ashley Scudder.

**Marijuana Ordinance 21-03** – Vote to adopt will take place during regular meeting.

**Amend Ordinance No. 03-2017** – Property Maintenance Ordinance Section 2(h) vote will take place during regular meeting.

**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 and Shelley Carr.

**Absent:** Ashley Scudder.

Let the minutes reflect Meagan Hintz attended the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion by Morris, supported by Kahrs to approve proposed Meeting Agenda for November 8, 2021, with the addition of the vote for the Marijuana ordinance. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

**MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**

Motion by Frary, supported by Palinski, to accept the regular monthly meeting minutes of October 11, 2021, with change to add Work Meeting Minutes. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

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

**MONTHLY BILLS**

Motion by Frary, supported by Palinski, 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**

Meagan Hintz addressed the board with information on why the Village should consider forming a Downtown Development Area (DDA). By doing so, the Village would be eligible for a wider range of grant money. The DDA would require a minimum of at least nine board members consisting of both business owners and residents.

**CLERK'S REPORT**

Compared the Village Hall rental fees with other area hall rentals; Village Hall is in alignment with other halls of comparable size. Annual Agenda calendar needs to be updated for future Council meetings; suggestions for changes will be addressed at the December meeting.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

ARPA funds have been deposited. Projects for spending will be discussed at the December meeting. The audit went well with no issues found.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**SEWER** – Kahrs, *committee chair*. EGLE has done testing on ponds; results will be in soon. Trail cams have picked up pictures of vehicles outside the gates but no trespassers inside the gates. Annual bio-solids report submitted with no changes. Will discharge ponds the second week of November.

**STREETS** – Morris, *committee chair*. Terra Contractors has been contacted to give input on fixing sink holes throughout the Village.

**BUILDING & GROUNDS** – Kahrs, *committee chair*. DPW cleaned out storm drains and has mowed for the last time this year.

**SIDEWALKS** - Palinski, *committee chair*. Craig Brown from Jerry's Concrete has been contacted and accepted the offer of repairing the sidewalks. Work will commence in the spring of 2022.

**ZONING** – Frary, *committee chair*. The Planning Commission is now at capacity. Ken Frary is the chairperson with members Scott Barscewski, Neil Gillett, Rand Kahrs and Doug Tawney. There will be a Special Zoning meeting called on November 22, 2021, for the request of a Rezoning Permit at 37 N. Main Street to have a small restaurant on the main level. The two-family Special Use Permit at 62 E. Division was determined to need a firewall between residences; a letter will be sent to the property owner that the home must be brought into compliance, or the Special Use Permit will be rescinded.

On a motion by Palinski, supported by Kahrs, that the Planning Commission stipend will be changed to the chairperson receiving \$45 per meeting and the members and the secretary receiving \$25 per meeting.

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

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

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Snow removal dates will be from November 15, 2021 to April 15, 2022.
- Spring street sweeping dates and bids are tabled until the January 2022 meeting.
- A letter from Peter and Shirley Pijnappels was read and taken into consideration.
- A motion by Kahrs, supported by Frary, to amend Property Maintenance Ordinance 2021-03.

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

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- There was only one applicant for the job of DPW Assistant. Rand Kahrs will be offered the position.  
Roll Call: Ayes: Morris, Frary, Kahrs, Palinski, and Bennitt. Nays: 0. Motion carried.
- Doug Kurnat will train Rand Kahrs to do the street snow plowing for the Village.
- Kazz Bar has not responded to the request for an update. They will be contacted again.
- A motion by Kahrs, supported by Palinski, to pass Medical and Recreational Marijuana Facilities Ordinance 2021-04.  
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 Palinski, and supported by Frary, to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Casnovia Village Council will be Monday, December 13, 2021, 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