

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF CASNOVIA VILLAGE COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE CASNOVIA VILLAGE HALL  
October 11, 2021**

**SERVICE SESSION**

President Morris called the service session of the Casnovia Village Council to order at 6:11 pm.

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

**Absent:** Ashley Scudder.

**STREETS** – There are two drains on East Waterloo that are starting to sink.

**REGULAR MEETING**

President Morris called the regular meeting of the Casnovia Village Council to order at 6:35 p.m.

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

**Absent:** Ashley Scudder.

Let the minutes reflect Callie Melton from the Crockery Creek Watershed Board attended the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion by Palinski, supported by Kahrs to approve proposed Meeting Agenda for October 11, 2021.

Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

**MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**

Motion by Kahrs, supported by Morris, to accept the regular monthly meeting minutes of September 13, 2021, with change to add Work Meeting Minutes. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

**FINANCAL REPORT**

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

**MONTHLY BILLS**

Motion by Kahrs, supported by Frary, 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**

Callie Melton presented information concerning the Crockery Creek Watershed area and ways local farmers can help preserve water quality with ground cover practices.

**CLERK'S REPORT**

The new office toilet has been installed and came in under budget.

The Clerk's probationary period has been completed. On a motion by Frary, supported by Morris, to offer Shelley Carr the Clerk's position at a salary of Seven Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$770.00) per month.

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

Shelley accepted the offer.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

The ARPA application was denied due to a missing date. Application was resubmitted and funds should be released soon.

Fourth quarter sewer bills have been mailed along with the September issue of the Village Hi-Lites.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**SEWER** – Kahrs, *committee chair*. Weeds in ponds have been controlled well with the Sonar. EGLE will do testing on ponds in mid-October. Trail cams have been installed and are working properly. Padlocks were purchased to lock camera bodies from SD card theft and to lock cameras to mounting positions.

**STREETS** – Morris, *committee chair*. Railroad has been contacted for repair at 18-Mile Road.

**BUILDING & GROUNDS** – Kahrs, *committee chair*. Bob Bennitt contacted West Michigan Flags to replace worn flag pole ropes at the Veteran's Memorial.

The Village Hall rental deposit will be increased to Three-Hundred, Fifty Dollars (\$350.00) for full-day rentals only.

On a motion by Kahrs, supported by Palinski, to give Jeff Manciu, Building and Grounds Keeper, a cost of living raise of \$.85 per hour.

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

On a motion by Kahrs, supported by Bennitt, to accept Tri-Us Services estimate for the fall leaf pick up at a cost of Ten-Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$10,500.00).

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

On a motion by Palinski, supported by Bennitt, to accept Tri-Us Services bid for the fall street sweeping at a cost of One-Thousand, Six-Hundred and Sixty-four Dollars (\$1,664.00).

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

**SIDEWALKS** - Palinski, *committee chair*. Unable to contact Jerry's Concrete to inform them they won the bid for the sidewalk repairs. Will mail a certified letter to Jerry's Concrete requesting a formal acceptance of the bid.

**ZONING** – Frary, *committee chair*. There are no changes needed at this time to the Planned Unit Development District.

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

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Zoning Stipend: Will get comparisons from other local municipalities.
- Permits for 39 Grand St. and 62 E. Division: Will contact Imperial Municipal Services for guidance.
- Additional DPW Employee: Will create an ad for an on-call assistant for Manciu.
- Grant Writing Specialist: Will contact other local municipalities for more information.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- Still no applicants for the plow truck driver.
- Will send Kazz Bar owner a letter requesting an update on storm sewer repair progress.

Being no further business to come before the Council, on a motion by Palinski, and supported by Bennitt, to adjourn at 8:44 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Casnovia Village Council will be Monday, November 8, 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