



Village of Casnovia

141 N. Main Street

Casnovia, Michigan 49318

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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
CASNOVIA VILLAGE COUNCIL
HELD AT THE CASNOVIA VILLAGE OFFICE
141 N. MAIN STREET, CANOVIA, MI 49318
DECEMBER 12, 2022**

SERVICE SESSION

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

Members Present: Consuelo Morris - President, Ken Frary - Member, Jerry Palinski - Member, Kathy Kahrs - Member, and Robert Bennitt - Member.

Officers Present: Shelley Carr – Treasurer/Clerk.

Absent: None.

Sidewalk Ordinance – Continue discussions at January meeting

Vision Plan – Added items to 5-year plan

SPARKS Grant – Presented preliminary drawing of ballfield park

REGULAR MEETING

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

Members Present: Consuelo Morris - President, Ken Frary - Member, Jerry Palinski - Member, Kathy Kahrs - Member, and Robert Bennitt - Member.

Officers Present: Shelley Carr – Treasurer/Clerk.

Absent: None.

Let the minutes reflect that no visitors attended the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Palinski, supported by Frary, to approve proposed Meeting Agenda for December 12, 2022, as presented. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

OPENING OF BIDS

Opened bids from Kruihoff Electric, Northland Electric, and Swanson Electric for lighting improvements throughout the office complex.

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

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

FINANCIAL REPORT

Motion by Frary, supported by Kahrs, to accept the Financial Report for November 30, 2022, as presented. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

MONTHLY BILLS

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

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

CLERK'S REPORT

New email addresses have been established. Office furniture has been reconfigured.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Will upgrade to on-line version of QuickBooks after the new year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SEWER – Kahrs, *committee chair*. Water samples passed. Discharged ponds December 7-10. Sewer rates will increase 5% beginning January 1, 2023.

BUILDING & GROUNDS – Kahrs, *committee chair*. Christmas Tree Lighting was a success. Lots of favorable feedback from those who attended.

STREETS – Morris, *committee chair*. Working with Moore & Bruggink to put together a grant package for streetscaping.

SIDEWALKS - Palinski, *committee chair*. Sidewalk ordinance needs to be clarified. Will address further at January meeting.

ZONING – Frary, *committee chair*. Nothing to report.

DISMANTLED CARS – Bennett, *committee chair*. Will request a property owner on Grand Street to provide proof of a valid vehicle registration.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Frary, supported by Palinski, to offer Pamela Manciu the Clerk position to be effective January 1, 2023. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Frary, supported by Bennett, to approve Resolution #2022-06 authorizing the Village of Casnovia to submit a grant application to the State of Michigan's SPARK Grant Program, for development of park facilities at 142 N. Main Street, 49318, Kent County, Michigan. Roll Call: Ayes: Morris, Frary, Palinski, Kahrs, and Bennett. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Frary, supported by Kahrs, to hire Kruithoff Electric to install new lighting throughout the Village office complex. Roll Call: Ayes: Morris, Frary, Palinski, Kahrs, and Bennett. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Morris and Carr met with Bradley Fowler from Mika Meyers law firm. Bradley gave advice concerning the best procedures to follow when issuing citations.

Motion by Kahrs, supported by Palinski, to have Uncle Jed's Hardwood Floor refinish the floor in the Village Hall. Roll Call: Ayes: Morris, Frary, Palinski, Kahrs, and Bennett. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Being no further business to come before the Council, on a motion by Frary, supported by Palinski, to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Casnovia Village Council will be Monday, January 9, 2023, at 6:30 p.m., with a service session beginning at 6:00 pm. All meetings are open to the public and are held at the Casnovia Village Office, 141 N. Main Street, Casnovia, Michigan.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shelley Carr, Village Clerk