

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

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 Ashley Scudder.

**Absent:** Coleen Boyer.

Let the minutes reflect that Douglas Tawney attended the meeting.

**MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**

Motion by Palinski, supported by Kahrs to accept the regular monthly meeting minutes of January 11, 2021, as presented. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

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

**MONTHLY BILLS**

Motion by Palinski, supported by Frary, that the monthly bills to be paid, as presented.  
Roll call: Ayes: Morris, Frary, Palinski, Kahrs, and Bennett. Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**VISITORS COMMENTS**

Douglas Tawney, Village Resident, addressed the council regarding an application for a zoning variance at 62 E Division. A Planning Commission meeting will be scheduled for discussion of application. Tawney also expressed concern over outdoor marijuana grow operations within the Village, as the smell is becoming a nuisance.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**SEWER** – Kahrs, *committee chair*. Sewer ponds are currently frozen, and on track for spring discharge, which will occur between March and May. K. Kahrs is set to take sewer exam. There is a pipe starting to collapse in the bypass system- discussion with Moore & Bruggink regarding repairs will take place soon.

**STREETS** - Morris, *committee chair*. Letter to be sent to B. Bull regarding removal of trees on easement for a road to give access to sewer ponds/storm drain system. Bids for Construction Services: Casnovia Storm Water Improvements are set to be opened and discussed Tuesday, February 9, 2021. Plow truck has a broken chain on the spreader, replacement has been ordered-to be repaired in one to two weeks.

**BUILDING & GROUNDS** – Kahrs, *committee chair*. Furnace unit in Village Hall has been installed-Orchard Hill to follow up after three months. Vent in Village Hall to be discussed at that time. Ken Frary has been added as a purchaser at Menards, and will begin Hall upgrades at the end of the month. Hall is set to be rented out again, beginning immediately. Rental Agreement form discussed and updated to Council satisfaction.

Soffit repair in Firebarn bid presented for \$1,300.00. Motion by Frary, seconded by Kahrs to accept bid and complete necessary repairs.

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

**SIDEWALKS** - Palinski, *committee chair*. Invitations to bid and letters to Residents affected by sidewalk work have been sent. Bids are due March 1, 2021, and are to be

opened by Council and discussed at the March 8<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting. Affected residents are invited to attend. There have been no complaints regarding snow removal on sidewalks.

**ZONING** – Frary, *committee chair*. Morris/Frary set to follow up on Building Permits for 39 Grand Street. A meeting has taken place with the builder on 45/55 E Division Street- both houses comply with required zoning specifications. Looking to hook into the sewer in May (tentative date). At that time, a performance bond will be issued.

Request for variance at 62 E Division briefly discussed. Planning Commission to meet for further discussion and decisions, at the cost of the applicant.

**DISMANTLED CARS** – Nothing new to report. Black pick-up still parked behind resident home on Probasco. Cars parked at 43 Probasco are unlicensed.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Equipment Rentals presented to Council- July through December 2020. On a motion by Frary, supported by Palinski, to transfer \$2,131.00 from Major Street checking; \$494.05 from Local Street checking; and \$1,850.91 from Sewer checking to Equipment checking from July through December 2020. Ayes, 5. Nays, 0. Motion carried.
- Planning Commission – currently there are two (2) open seats on the commission. Members are Ken Frary, Doug Tawney and Helen Sands.
- Motion by Morris, and supported by Kahrs, to accept Senior Millage funds for FY 2021 from Muskegon County Public Health. Ayes: 5. Nays, 0. Motion carried.
- Coleen Boyer submitted resignation as Village Clerk, effective February 28, 2021.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Marijuana Ordinance; Tabled until May Council Meeting. Council Members are to research surrounding areas and discuss the Ordinance to make an informed decision.
- Street sign at Main and M-37 has not yet been replaced. Call to be placed to Casnovia Township to check status.

Being no further business to come before the Council, on a motion by Palinski, and supported by Kahrs, to adjourn at 7:58 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Casnovia Village Council will be Monday, March 8, 2021, at 6:30 p.m., with a service session beginning at 6:00 pm. Face masks are required. 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,  
Ashley Scudder, Village Treasurer