

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF CASNOVIA VILLAGE COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE CASNOVIA VILLAGE HALL  
March 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:** None.

Let the minutes reflect that Douglas Tawney and Elizabeth Olson attended the meeting.

**MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**

Motion by Frary, supported by Palinski to accept the regular monthly meeting minutes of February 8, 2021, as presented. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Reviewed financial report for March 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 Palinski, 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 and Elizabeth Olson, Village Residents, addressed the council regarding a timeline for the application for a zoning variance at 62 E Division. A Planning Commission meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 2021, as the Planning Commission is in need of two more members. At that time, a \$200.00 fee is to be paid to the Village by the applicants.

Tawney and Olson again expressed concern over the odor of marijuana grow operations within the Village. The Village Council cannot address these concerns, if the Residents partaking in grow operations are following the guidelines provided by the State of Michigan.

**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 has applied to take licensing exam. Request for Village to send a letter to the Kazz Bar with a generous timeline regarding the repair and replacement of improper hookups.  
Frary- Manhole on N. Main St. will need repairs; the road around the manhole is deteriorating.

**STREETS** - Morris, *committee chair*. B. Bull to be contacted regarding removal of trees on easement for a road to give access to sewer ponds/storm drain system. Bid for Construction Services: Casnovia Storm Water Improvements has been accepted, pre-construction meeting to take place March 11, 2021. Plow truck repairs are completed.

**BUILDING & GROUNDS** – Kahrs, *committee chair*. Road barricades are almost completed. First rental of Village Hall went smoothly.  
Morris- Flower pots are to be donated to the Village for placement at the Veteran's Memorial for Memorial Day 2021.

**SIDEWALKS** - Palinski, *committee chair*. One bid returned to Village for removal of sidewalks, from Jerry's Concrete LLC. Bid included prices to remove and replace sidewalks under ADA compliance regulations. Council to request separate bid for removal only- to be discussed at April Meeting. Auditor to be contacted regarding percentage of ACT 51 funds that can be allocated to sidewalk maintenance.

**ZONING** – Frary, *committee chair*. Imperial Municipal Services to be contacted regarding the follow up on Building Permits for 39 Grand Street. Village has been unsuccessful in attempts to discuss with homeowner. Construction has begun on 45/55 E. Division. Planning Commission tentatively scheduled to meet in May 2021 to discuss request for variance at 62 E Division. The two open seats on the Planning Commission need to be filled.

**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**

- Pothole patched on W. Waterloo. DPW to drive Village and repair any other potholes.
- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Construction Services: Casnovia Storm Water Improvements project discussed. Per Auditor, Village can allocate funds from Major/Local Street to cover remaining costs not covered by CDBG funds.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Planning Commission – currently there are two (2) open seats on the commission. Members are Ken Frary (Zoning Committee Chair), Doug Tawney and Helen Sands.
- Street sign at Main and M-37 has not yet been replaced. Call to be placed to Casnovia Township to check status.
- Council to look in to options for key box outside Village Hall for Rental Keys.
- Clean-up Day set for Saturday, May 15, 2021, from 9 am – 12 pm in the parking lot located at 19 Railroad St., formerly Caveman Pallets/OSCO.
- Brush Pick-up Day scheduled for Monday, May 17, 2021. ALL BRUSH MUST BE SET OUT FOR PICK-UP BY SUNDAY EVENING, MAY 16, 2021. Any brush remaining after pick-up is the responsibility of the homeowner.

Being no further business to come before the Council, on a motion by Frary, and supported by Palinski, to adjourn at 7:48 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Casnovia Village Council will be Monday, April 12, 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