



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
January 9, 2023**

Swearing in of Newly Elected Officials

Consuelo Morris sworn in as Village President

Robert Bennitt sworn in as Village Trustee

Kenneth Frary sworn in as Village Trustee

SERVICE SESSION

President Morris called the service session of the Casnovia Village Council to order at 6:09 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, Pam Manciu -Clerk.

Absent: None.

Vision Plan – Removed duplicate items, moved goals to reflect more appropriately need of completion

Sidewalk Ordinance – Review and discussion, item to be reviewed with additional input at February meeting

SPARKS Grant – We have received information that the grant request has been received and acknowledged by the Department of Natural resources.

Sewer Employee raises – Administrator and Assistant, discussion

Resident Survey Results - Review -

REGULAR MEETING

President Morris called the regular meeting of the Casnovia Village Council to order at 6:59 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, Pam Manciu – Clerk.

Absent: None.

Let the minutes reflect that no visitors attended the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Frary, supported by Palinski, to approve proposed Meeting Agenda for January 9, 2023, as presented.

Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Frary, supported by Palinski, to accept the regular monthly meeting minutes of December 12, 2022, as presented. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0. Motion carried.

FINANCAL REPORT

Motion by Palinski, supported by Kahrs, to accept the Financial Report for December 31, 2022, as presented. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0. Motion carried.

MONTHLY BILLS

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

Roll call: Ayes: 5. Nays: 0 Motion carried.

CLERK'S REPORT

Continued re-organization of filing system. Corrected resident notification to reflect appropriate owner of an unlicensed vehicle.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Will need each committee chair to provide proposed FYE2024 budgets at the February Council meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SEWER – Kahrs, *committee chair*. Ponds were discharged on the 7th and 10th of December. Samples were approved for the second set. The State will provide insights regarding PH being 0.4 below minimum. Asking for raises for the Sewer Administrator and Assistant. There are old, galvanized pipes at the ponds which will need to be replaced.

BUILDING & GROUNDS – Kahrs, *committee chair*. Village Hall lights were replaced Dec 20, the Hall floor was refinished Jan -3 – 5th, requested estimates to replace the carpet tiles in the hall, the Christmas Tree lights were shut off January 1, 2023. The Village Office was painted after the December council meeting. The office carpet was shampooed on New Year's weekend. The furnace and water in the upper garage were shut off in November. We have ordered a new mop system for the hall hardwood floors. We will need a new battery for the tractor.

STREETS – Morris, *committee chair*. Working with Moore & Bruggink to put together a chronology for street repairs.

SIDEWALKS - Palinski, *committee chair*. Sidewalk ordinance needs to be clarified. Will address further at February meeting. Working with Jerry's Concrete to look at sidewalks to be repaired

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

DISMANTLED CARS – Bennitt, *committee chair*. Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Kahrs, supported by Palinski, to transfer \$3,000.00 from General Fund to Hall fund with the expectation for the Hall Fund to reimburse the General Fund when monies are available. Roll Call: Ayes Morris, Frary, Palinski, Kahrs, and Bennitt. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Morris – supported by Kahrs, to remove Ken Frary from the Village bank accounts and add Pamela Manciu. Roll Call: Ayes: Morris, Frary, Palinski, Kahrs, and Bennitt. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Palinski, supported by Frary, to increase the Sewer Administrator salary to \$400, effective January 1, 2023, Roll Call: Ayes: Morris, Frary, Palinski, Kahrs, and Bennitt. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Palinski, supported by Frary, to increase the Sewer Assistant salary to \$200, effective January 1, 2023, Roll Call: Ayes: Morris, Frary, Palinski, Kahrs, and Bennitt. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Sidewalk Ordinance -Ordinance will be reviewed at the February Council meeting. Each council member will review the ordinance for additional changes.

Being no further business to come before the Council, on a motion by Frary, supported by Bennitt, to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Casnovia Village Council will be Monday, February 13, 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.

Submitted,
Pamela Manciu,
Village Clerk