



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
April 10, 2023**

SERVICE SESSION

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

Opened meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Officers Present: Shelley Carr – Treasurer, Pamela Manciu – Clerk.

- Roberts Rules
- Vision Plan
- Proposed FYE2024 Budget - Presented
- Budget Hearing – Date set for May 8

REGULAR MEETING

President Morris called the regular meeting of the Casnovia Village Council to order at 6:30 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, Pamela Manciu - Clerk.

Let the minutes reflect that Josh Gabrielse from Siegfried Crandall PC Certified Public Accountants & Advisors was present to answer questions regarding the development of the 2024 Village fiscal year budget.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Frary, supported by Palinski, to approve proposed Meeting Agenda for April 10, 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 March 13, 2023, as presented. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Motion by Frary, supported by Palinski, to accept the Financial Report for March 31, 2023, 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 Bennitt. Nays: 0. Motion carried

CLERK'S REPORT

Village Hi-Lites updates,

Reported on results of letters sent to residents regarding Inoperable Vehicles

Reported on attorneys' response to the adoption of ordinances and the proposed update to the zoning ordinance as it relates to solar energy.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Presented clarification for Village Hall expenditures. Budget information was discussed regarding budget amendments. The Village received old invoices for the clearing of lots and catch basin work which were performed in January.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SEWER – Kahrs, *committee chair*. Replacement signs were picked up and are currently stored in the upper garage. The signs will be replaced once the weather gets a bit warmer. The sewer staff transferred water from the primary pond to the secondary pond to prepare for spring discharge. The influent was up but the forecast for drier weather should positively impact the flow. If this occurs there may only need to be one discharge this spring.

BUILDING & GROUNDS – Kahrs, *committee chair*. The Hall roof was inspected, and we are awaiting the results. The banner in front of the Village office has been changed. There are 2 flower boxes in the DPW garage which may be able to be used for flower planting.

STREETS – Morris, *committee chair*. The proposed beginning date for street repairs is June 1. Will contact Mr. J's for the beginning date of repairs due to the winter plowing.

SIDEWALKS - Palinski, *committee chair*. Plan to do an additional walk around the Village, with the concrete contractor, to review for the replacement and removal of sidewalks, as it relates to the master plan.

ZONING – Frary, *committee chair*. There have been no zoning concerns this month.

DISMANTLED CARS – Bennitt, *committee chair*. Reported on disabled vehicles. One has been removed, the other two are still present. Additional notification to the residents will occur.

NEW BUSINESS

- Motion by Frary, supported by Kahrs, to update the Village DPW assistant wage from \$10.00 to \$15.00 per hour.
Roll Call: Ayes: Morris, Frary, Palinski, Kahrs, and Bennitt. Nays: 0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Bennitt, supported by Kahrs, to increase the quarterly sewer bills from \$55.75 to \$61.00 per quarter.
Roll Call: Ayes: Morris, Frary, Palinski, Kahrs, and Bennitt. Nays: 0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Kahrs, supported by Palinski, to purchase two pallets of cold patch for street repair.
Roll Call: Ayes: Morris, Palinski, Kahrs, and Bennitt. Nays: Frary. Motion carried.
- Motion by Kahrs, supported by Palinski, to pay Bob Carr \$2,500, plus the cost of component unsalvageable parts, to repair the brakes on the Village Plow truck.
Roll Call: Roll call: Ayes: Morris, Frary, Palinski, Kahrs, and Bennitt. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

- New Master Plan – Development and Cost – to review and update at May meeting.
- Hometown Decoration and Display, LLC- Holiday Decorating contract to be discussed at May meeting.
- Village DPW Trailer – Have purchased a 2020 20 Foot dovetail trailer – GVWR – 13,000 – Cost \$4,000

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

The next regular meeting of the Casnovia Village Council will be Monday, May 8, 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,
Pamela Manciu, Village Clerk