



# Village of Casnovia

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CASNOVIA VILLAGE COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE CASNOVIA VILLAGE OFFICE  
141 N. MAIN STREET, CANOVIA, MI 49318  
July 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:** Ken Frary - Member, Jerry Palinski - Member, and Robert Bennett - Member. Officers Present: Shelley Carr – Treasurer, Pamela Manciu – Clerk.

**Members Absent:** Kathy Kahrs – President Pro-tem.

- Roberts Rules
- Vision Plan
- FYE2023 Amended Budget

## REGULAR MEETING

President Morris called the regular meeting of the Casnovia Village Council to order at 6:28 p.m.

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

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

**Members Absent:** Kathy Kahrs – President Pro-tem.

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Frary, supported by Palinski, to approve proposed Meeting Agenda for July 10, 2023, as presented. Ayes: 4. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

## OPENING OF BIDS

Opened bids for Fall Leaf Pick Up, Fall and Spring Street Sweeping. Will need clarification from vendors to ensure they were bidding for Fall and Spring Street Sweeping.

## MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Frary, supported by Palinski, to accept the regular monthly meeting minutes of June 12, 2023, as presented. Ayes: 4. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

## FINANCAL REPORT

Motion by Palinski, supported by Frary, to accept the Financial Report as presented. Ayes: 4. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

## MONTHLY BILLS

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

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

## CLERK'S REPORT

Reported on results of letters sent to residents and resident complaints regarding barking dogs, and soil from snowplow in the yard.

Request review of Village Hi-Lites delivery costs due to increased postage costs.

Reviewed Attorney's response to email regarding resident complaints.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Final Budget amendment – presented and approved by council.

Budget Stabilization Fund transfers from General Fund

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**SEWER** – Kahrs, *committee chair*. Daily Flow stayed low for June. Canadian wildfire smoke limited time at ponds. There are still 3 signs to put up. The pond skimmer will need to run due to duck week getting thick. Will need to rent a generator to use at the ponds in July.

**BUILDING & GROUNDS** – Kahrs, *committee chair*. There were two hall rentals in June. Purchased 2 crab trees which were planted on Kenowa. Purchased 2 Japanese Maples which were planted at the Village Office. Thank You Jeff for moving the Little Library. We will need bark to be placed, and the metal strip around the plantings to be replaced. The new banner brackets and brackets are tentatively scheduled to be up by the end of July. Purchased six – six-foot tables and twenty-four chairs to be placed in the hall. We have several tables from the hall which

are for sale. Orchard Hill was contacted to replace the toilets in the Hall. We will need to call an exterminator as we have found termites in one of the Hall windowsills.

**STREETS** – Morris, *committee chair*. Continue to move forward with street repairs with our current funds. We did not receive the approval of grants to complete the street repair work. President Morris discussed street repairs to Probasco, and Ball Creek curve as those have the greatest needs for repair.

**SIDEWALKS** - Palinski, *committee chair*. Sidewalk work will be started once approval from Miss Digg has been requested and received. We have requested the concrete contract to give us sidewalk block quotes in preparation for future work. Committee Chair Palinski has been unable to contact some residents regarding sidewalk work.

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

**DISMANTLED CARS** – Bennitt, *committee chair*. Unplated cars are for sale, will need to send the resident a notification.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Council member Village purchases - will need to submit a Village tax exempt status to the vendor.
- Treasurer and Clerk presented Action Items lists from previous meetings for fiscal Year 2023
- Hall toilets will need to be repaired or replaced.
- **Thank You!** to Bob and Barb Bennitt for the many years of maintaining the Memorial Monument, they have requested to no longer continue the maintenance.
- Anti-Noise and Public Nuisance ordinance review and amend Ordinance 2002-02  
Motion by Palinski supported by Frary to approve the amended Animal Control Ordinance. Roll call: Ayes: Morris, Frary, Palinski, and Bennitt. Nays: 0. Motion carried  
Motion by Palinski and supported by Frary to repeal Solar Ordinance 2023-02 (based on recommendation from Village Attorney) Roll call: Ayes: Morris, Frary, Palinski, and Bennitt. Nays: 0. Motion carried  
Motion by Frary supported by Palinski to approve the amended Zoning Ordinance for inclusive language regarding Solar Energy installation. Roll call: Ayes: Morris, Frary, Palinski, and Bennitt. Nays: 0. Motion carried  
Motion by Frary supported by Palinski to move \$1,000 from the General Fund to the Budget Stabilization Fund. Roll call: Ayes: Morris, Frary, Palinski, and Bennitt. Nays: 0. Motion carried  
Motion by Palinski supported by Frary to transfer \$705 dollars to the Hall Fund. Roll call: Ayes: Morris, Frary, Palinski, and Bennitt. Nays: 0. Motion carried  
Motion by Palinski supported by Frary to forgive Hall Fund advance of \$3000. Roll call: Ayes: Morris, Frary, Palinski, and Bennitt. Nays: 0. Motion carried
- Motion by Frary supported by Palinski to replace Hall toilets. Roll call: Ayes: Morris, Frary, Palinski, and Bennitt. Nays: 0. Motion carried

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Fall/Spring Street Sweeping/ Leaf Pick Up - Bids Sent requested bids to be returned by July 5
- Fall Brush Pick-Up – October 1 – October 15
- Fall Leaf Pick-Up – October 30, November 6, and November 13
- Village of Sparta Trucks – F250 with dump box – for sale
- Village Plow Truck – Update
  - Snowplow Truck DOT Inspection
  - ShieldWall Fleet Solutions
- Walking Council Meeting - August
- Anti-Noise and Public Nuisance ordinance review Ordinance 2002-02
- Purchase of Vehicle
  - MIDeal for Village DPW – Snowplowing and General work

No further business to come before the Council, on a motion by Frary, supported by Bennitt to adjourn at 7:46 p.m.  
Roll call: Ayes: Morris, Frary, Palinski, and Bennitt. Nays: 0. Motion carried

The next regular meeting of the Casnovia Village Council will be Monday, August 14, 2023, at 6:30 p.m., with a service session beginning at 6:00 pm. This meeting will be brief, and the Council members will conduct a Walking Council Meeting.

All meetings are open to the public and are held at the Casnovia Village Office, 141 N. Main Street, Casnovia, Michigan.

Submitted,  
Pam Manciu,  
Clerk, Village of Casnovia