



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
August 14, 2023

SERVICE SESSION

President Morris called the service session of the Casnovia Village Council to order at 5:59 p.m.
Opened meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

Members Absent: N/A

- Roberts Rules
- Vision Plan
- Purchase of new Utility Vehicle for Village and cost
 - Vote on purchase
 - Vote on Council Member in charge
 - Discuss note repayment options.

REGULAR MEETING

President Morris called the regular meeting of the Casnovia Village Council to order at 6:20 p.m.

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

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

Members Absent:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Frary, supported by Palinski, to approve proposed Meeting Agenda for August 14, 2023, as presented. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0.
Motion carried.

VISITORS COMMENTS: Bob Carr presented information regarding a replacement truck for the Village Plow Truck.

OPENING OF BIDS

Opened bids for Village Hall Pest Control will need a question answered but will award contract to ORKIN.

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Frary, supported by Palinski, to accept the regular monthly meeting minutes of July 10, 2023, as presented. Ayes: 5. 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 Kahrs, to pay the monthly bills as presented.
Roll call: Ayes: Morris, Kahrs, Frary, Palinski, and Bennitt. Nays: 0. Motion carried

CLERK'S REPORT

Reported on results of letters sent to residents and resident complaints regarding unlicensed vehicles.
Reviewed Metro Act Right of Way Permit extension from AT&T. The extension will be signed and extended until Dec 21, 2028.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Annual Audit occurred August 10, 2023

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SEWER – Kahrs, *committee chair*. All new signs are up. Will need to rent a generator to use pond skimmer. Received a call from Ken Humphries concerning sewer capacity. Received a request from F & D engineering regarding support for Bailey sewer. This matter is being investigated.

In the event we do not have a second support staff member for the Sewer Rand Kahrs will re-certify for sewer management in Feb/March of 2024.

BUILDING & GROUNDS – Kahrs, *committee chair*. Have had Hall rentals in July. Will need to establish battery check for Hall thermostat. Needed Orchard Hills assistance to get thermostat restarted. Bark has been completed around Village Office and Hall. 2 more seasonal banners have been put up. We had old lockers in the DPW and miscellaneous tattered flags which were sold. We have vintage mid-century modern Steelcase chairs which will need to be sold. The Village Hall has many cobwebs and ants. Will have a pest control company treat hall for pests. The toilets in the hall bathrooms have been replaced.

STREETS – Morris, *committee chair*. Continue to move forward with street repairs with our current funds. 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 was expected to be started. Chair reached out to contractor to find out when repair would begin. There has been no response. We have requested the concrete contractor to give us sidewalk curbs block quotes in preparation for future work.

ZONING – Frary, *committee chair*. Resident on Probasco requested information regarding a shed placement.

DISMANTLED CARS – Bennitt, *committee chair*. Unplated cars, stored in yards, will need to send the residents a notification.

NEW BUSINESS

- Metro Act Right of Way Permit Extension until December 2028
- Village of Casnovia Planning Commission Ordinance review – Amended Ordinance Number 2023-05 – first review.
- CDBG Project Ideas w/estimated costs will be discussed at the September Council meeting.
- Village has items for sale.
 - The following will be available for bid on Ranger Bid on August 22,2023
 - Village Snowplow Truck without salter
 - 2 snowblowers
 - Gas powered leaf vacuum
 - Utility Trailer – single axle
 - Tables and chair
- Christmas Decorations
 - Call an electrician to repair outlets.
 - Call the Christmas Decoration Company to choose this year’s decorations.
- Motion by Frary supported by Kahrs to Purchase new multi-purpose vehicle for Village not to exceed the amount of \$80,000
Roll call: Ayes: Morris, Kahrs, Frary, Palinski, and Bennitt. Nays: 0. Motion carried
- Motion by Kahrs supported by Frary to assign council member Palinski as the chair to search for Village utility truck to be used for snowplowing and DPW utility vehicle. Roll call: Ayes: Morris, Kahrs, Frary, Palinski, and Bennitt. Nays: 0. Motion carried
- Motion by Frary supported by Kahrs to set length of note for purchase of Village utility truck to 4 years. Roll call: Ayes: Morris, Kahrs, Frary, Palinski, and Bennitt. Nays: 0. Motion carried
- Motion by Kahrs supported by Bennitt to approve Mr. J’s Lawn Care and Snow Removal the Fall 2023 Leaf Pickup and the Fall 2023 and Spring 2024 street sweeping bid. Roll call: Ayes: Morris, Kahrs, Frary, Palinski, and Bennitt. Nays: 0. Motion carried
- Motion by Palinski supported by Frary to approve Orkin for Village Hall pest control not to exceed annual amount of \$780.00. Roll call: Ayes: Morris, Kahrs, Frary, Palinski, and Bennitt. Nays: 0. Motion carried
- Motion by Morris supported by Frary to approve the amended Anti-Noise and Public Nuisance Ordinance. Roll call: Ayes: Morris, Kahrs, Frary, Palinski, and Bennitt. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

- Anti-Noise and Public Nuisance Ordinance review 2023-04 – Third review

There was no further business to come before the Council, on a motion by Frary, supported by Palinski to adjourn at 7:32 p.m.
Roll call: Ayes: Morris, Kahrs Frary, Palinski, and Bennitt. Nays: 0. Motion carried

The next regular meeting of the Casnovia Village Council will be Monday, September 11, 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