



Village of Casnovia

141 Main Street
Casnovia, Michigan 49318

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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 12, 2024**

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

REGULAR MEETING

Call to Order: President Morris called the regular meeting of the Casnovia Village Council to order at 6:39 p.m.

Members Present: Consuelo Morris – President, , 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.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Palinski, supported by Frary, to approve proposed Meeting Agenda August 12, 2024, with no changes.

Ayes:4 Nays: 0. Motion carried.

VISITORS COMMENTS

There were 0 visitors present.

OPENING OF BIDS

None

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Palinski, supported by Frary , to accept the regular monthly meeting minutes of July 2024, with no changes.

Ayes:4 Nays: 0. Motion carried.

FINANCAL REPORT

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

MONTHLY BILLS

Motion by Palinski, supported by Bennett, to pay the monthly bills as presented. Ayes:4. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

June Payables

Payroll	\$5,050.00
General Fund	\$5,314.64
Hall Fund	\$250.00
Local Street Fund	\$0
Major Street Fund	\$17,065.82
Sewer Fund	\$304.07
Sidewalk Fund	\$0
Vehicle	\$0
Total	\$27,984.53

CLERK’S REPORT

- Letters to Residents –
 - Property Management
 - 3 properties received letters – Council President Morris and Member Palinski will review condition of address after first notification to ensure compliance with notification request.
- Resident concern
 - Why are trees marked with ribbons and blue dots? Blue ribbons were placed by tree trimming company, some are in place as branches still need to be trimmed, all others will be removed. Consumers Energy will remove Trees with Blue X. Trees with blue dot will be trimmed by Consumers Energy.
- Senior Meals –
 - Sent out letter with expected response by August 10
 - Lunch on Aug 20 at noon, Lee’s Famous Recipe Chicken being served.
 - There is \$2,239.63 left in Senior funds.
- Muskegon County Sheriff’s Report regarding speed through town and response
- Trinity Health and Ambulance Service – postcard to residents

TREASURER’S REPORT

- Income & Expense Report
- General CD – Rollover for one year

- AxMITax – Not enough signatures gathered. Will not be on the November ballot

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Sewer – Kahrs, *committee chair*. EGLE was contacted with the concerns related to the project scheduled at the sewer ponds and the required 90 – 180 days for an environmental review. The EGLE website was updated website to show that the remaining repairs now have a deadline of 10/01/2025. Zach has the permits needed from the state.

Zach Voogt, Randy Kahrs, Kelsey Kahrs and Zach Foley from IAI will review the sludge judge that Infrastructure Alternatives did back in April. There are some concerns which need to be addressed. The meeting is scheduled for 8/20/24.

Would like the village to consider some of the treatment plans available for reducing the sludge buildup in the ponds. It is expensive, but maybe something to seriously consider. Costs would be around \$8K a year. Randy Kahrs will get details and maybe some references from other sewer systems and make a proposal for the September meeting.

Building & Grounds – Kahrs, *committee chair*. No hall rentals this month. The Council discussed Hall rental for Funerals. last month. Is there a policy regarding replacement of trees on Village Right of Way after they have been removed?

Streets – Morris, *committee chair*. Tree trimming and removal has occurred and Village Stop signs have been replaced.

Sidewalks - Palinski, *committee chair*. Nothing to report.

Zoning – Frary, *committee chair*. 1 zoning review is completing documentation to for building permit.

Dismantled Cars – Bennitt, *committee chair*. 2 cars are in the Village Right of Way. Letters to be sent to owners.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (formerly known as Old Business)

- Review 2024-02 Ordinance to prohibit littering. – 3rd review
- Review of 2024 -03 Ordinance to regulate Installation and Use of Outdoor Furnaces -3rd review.
- 2023 – Zoning Ordinance replacing 2016-13 Manufactured Homes – Section 3.02 Definitions Mobile Home and Mobile Home Park and Section 15.18 Minimum Requirements for Dwellings Outside of Mobile Home Parks – 2nd review
- Hall Rental for funerals
- DPW repairs for leak
- Repair Village Office and Hall soffit.

NEW BUSINESS

- Fall/Spring Street Sweeping – After Nov 12, 2024, and Week of May 26, 2025
- Fall/Spring Brush Pick-Up – Oct 6, and 13, 2024 – April 6 and 13, 2025.
- Fall Leaf Pick-Up – Projected dates are Oct 28, Nov 4, and Nov 11, will set dates with contractor,
- Notary Credentials

ORDINANCE REVIEW

- 2020-03 - Burning – 1st review – will replace with 2024 - 04
- 2020-04 – Use of firearms -1st review – will replace with 2024-05
- 2022-03 – Council Compensation - 1st review – 2022-03 will replace with 2024-06

SPECIAL ORDERS (Motions)

Vote Subject: Motion to approve to update/amend Zoning Ordinance – Definitions and Minimum Requirements for Dwellings Outside of Mobile Home Parks.

On a motion by Palinski , supported by Frary, to be updated/amended Zoning Ordinance – Definitions and Minimum Requirements for Dwellings Outside of Mobile Home Parks. – Motion Approved

Vote Subject: Motion to approve to update/amend Ordinance 2024-02 Installation and Use of Outdoor Furnaces.

On a motion by Frary, supported by Palinski, to be updated/amended Ordinance 2024-03 Installation and Use of Outdoor Furnaces. – Motion Approved

Vote Subject: Motion to approve to update/amend Ordinance 2024-02 Prohibit Littering.

On a motion by Palinski , supported by Bennitt, to be updated/amended Ordinance 2024-02 Prohibit Littering.

Vote Subject: Motion to approve the Village Treasurer, to obtain Notary Public Credentials. Motion to include costs not to exceed \$150 in obtaining credentials.

On a motion by Morris, supported by Palinski, to approve the Treasurer getting Notary Public Credentials at a cost not to exceed \$150.00. – Motion Approved.

We have come to the end of our agenda, there is no further business, I (Consuelo Morris, president) declare this meeting adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at: 8:00 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Casnovia Village Council will be Monday, September 9, 2024, at 6:30 p.m., with a service session beginning at 6:00 pm (subject to need). 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