



# 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  
September 9, 2024

**Pledge of Allegiance was recited.**

### SERVICE SESSION

**Call to Order:** President Morris called the Service Session of the Casnovia Village Council to order at 6:00 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:** None

- Roberts Rules Review
- Vision Plan Update

### REGULAR MEETING

**Call to Order:** President Morris called the regular meeting of the Casnovia Village Council to order at 6:30 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:** None

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Palinski, supported by Frary, to approve proposed Meeting Agenda September 9, 2024, with no changes.

Ayes:5 Nays: 0. Motion carried.

### VISITORS COMMENTS

There were 0 visitors present.

### OPENING OF BIDS

Bid for Street Sweeping and Leaf Pickup – from Mr. J’s

### MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

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

Ayes:5 Nays: 0. Motion carried.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

Motion by Palinski, supported by Frary, to accept the Financial Report as presented. Ayes:5 Nays: 0. Motion carried.

### MONTHLY BILLS

Motion by Frary, supported by Kahrs, to pay the monthly bills as presented. Ayes:5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### September Payables

Payroll	\$5,050.00
General Fund	\$4,341.96
Hall Fund	\$55.00
Local Street Fund	\$0
Major Street Fund	\$0
Sewer Fund	\$31.63
Sidewalk Fund	\$0
Vehicle	\$0
Total	\$10,510.09

### CLERK’S REPORT

- Letters to Residents –
  - Dismantled Cars
    - 2 residents received letters –
  - Property Management

- 2 residences were reviewed Council President Morris, Member Kahrs, and Member Palinski 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. The DPW staff have been trimming trees with ribbons around them and will remove the ribbons as the trimming is completed.
- Senior Meals –
  - Due to a lack of interest the August Senior Meal offering was cancelled.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

- Income & Expense Report
- MML Insurance Report
- Successful Annual Audit Report

### **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 was scheduled for 8/20/24 and has been re-scheduled to 9/12/24 at 8am.

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 October meeting.

May need to rent a generator to skim water in the ponds.

**Building & Grounds** – Kahrs, *committee chair*. No hall rentals this month. The Fall Banners will be put up shortly. The Memorial planters have been updated with new flowers.

**Streets** – Morris, *committee chair*. Tree trimming is ongoing by DPW staff, the Village will wait for a sale to purchase new cold patch for roads, will purchase new equipment for curb painting. Doug Luce will plow for the Village this winter.

**Sidewalks** - Palinski, *committee chair*. Looking into the repair for a small area of sidewalk.

**Zoning** – Frary, *committee chair*. No zoning reviews.

**Dismantled Cars** – Bennitt, *committee chair*. Nothing to report.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** (formerly known as Old Business)

- 2020-03 - Burning – 2<sup>nd</sup> review
- 2020-04 – Use of firearms -2<sup>nd</sup> review
- 2022-03 – Council Compensation -2<sup>nd</sup> 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 – 3<sup>rd</sup> review
- DPW repairs for leak
- Repair Village Office and Hall soffit.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Proposed Muskegon County Senior Millage Funding Summary – Request
- Christmas Decorations choices for 2024 season
- 2024 Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony – Previous year we provided hotdogs, cookies, coffee, and hot chocolate.
  - Date for Tree Lighting Ceremony. The first Friday of December is December 6 at 6:30pm with tree lighting at 7pm.
- Resolution to Provide for the Designation of September 20, 2024, as Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Recognition Day”

### **ORDINANCE REVIEW**

- 2020-06 - Nonpartisan Elections – 1<sup>st</sup> review
- 2020-07 – Disorderly Conduct – 1<sup>st</sup> review
- 2020-08 – Curfew – 1st review
- 2024-01 – Resolution – Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Recognition Day

**SPECIAL ORDERS (Motions)**

**Vote Subject:** Motion to approve remaining Muskegon County Senior Millage funds to support the Casnovia Senior Center Renovation for not more than \$1564.11.

On a motion by Kahrs, supported by Frary, to be use remaining Muskegon County Senior funds to support the Casnovia Old School Senior Center Renovation and supplies and volunteer hours not to exceed \$1,564.11. Motion Approved.

**Vote Subject:** Motion to approve projected project requests for Muskegon County Senior funds for FY 2025 (October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025) for Muskegon County approved amount, currently \$4,462.00.

On a motion by Palinski, supported by Bennitt , to request Muskegon County Senior Millage for current approved amount of \$4,462.00. Motion Approved.

**Vote Subject:** Resolution 2024-01 to Provide for the Designation of September 20, 2024, as Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Recognition Day.

On a motion by Frary , supported by Palinski , to approve a Resolution to Provide for the Designation of September 20, 2024, as Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Recognition Day. Motion Approved.

**Vote Subject:** Bid for Fall and Spring Street Sweeping and Fall Leaf Pick-up from Mr. J's for the total of \$13,800.00.

On a motion by Kahrs , supported by Frary, to accept bid for Fall and Spring Street Sweeping and Fall Leaf Pick-up from Mr. J's for the total of \$13,800.00.

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: 7:51 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Casnovia Village Council will be Monday, October 14, 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