



Village of Casnovia

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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
October 14, 2024

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

REGULAR MEETING

Call to Order: President Morris called the Regular Meeting Session of the Casnovia Village Council to order at 6:30 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 October 14, 2024, with no changes.

Ayes:4 Nays: 0. Motion carried.

VISITORS COMMENTS

There were no visitors present.

OPENING OF BIDS

There were no bids.

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

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

Ayes:4 Nays: 0. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

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

MONTHLY BILLS

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

September Payables

Payroll	\$5,268.50
General Fund	\$18,335.71
Hall Fund	\$-0-
Local Street Fund	\$9.42
Major Street Fund	\$84.83
Sewer Fund	\$624.71
Sidewalk Fund	\$-0-
Vehicle	\$-0-
Total	\$24,323.17

CLERK’S REPORT

- Letters to Residents –
 - Property Management
 - 2 residences were sent letters, the addresses appearances were reviewed by Council President Morris, Member Kahrs, and Member Palinski to verify non- compliance with notification request.
- Resident concern
 - Concern about branches over Main Street.
 - The branches were trimmed.
 - Lack of police patrol on Village Streets.
 - Muskegon County Police Department was contacted.
 - Muskegon County advised residents to call 911 when they have concerns with cars driving above the speed limit.
 - Kent County and the State Police have increased the patrol of Village Streets.

TREASURER’S REPORT

- Income & Expense Report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Sewer – Kahrs, committee chair. Ran the pond skimmer on the 12th and 13th, for about 3 hours before the wind pushed all the duckweed away from the skimmer. Moved the skimmer Saturday the 14th to the west side, skimmed till 3:00 pm. Ran the skimmer Sunday the 15th from 7:00 AM till 9:45 AM when the pump quit on the skimmer. The skimmer was skimmer and cleaned. Bob Carr

picked up the skimmer unit and got it back to us in a couple of days. The pump is out of order, and we cannot be replaced in time to do anything else this year. We can replace the pump on the skimmer unit for \$900 with a 20-week lead time. We should look at replacing the skimmer with a Duck50 with a small pump. The Duck50 and pump would go about \$3,600.00.

The Village should consider treatment plans for reducing the sludge buildup in the ponds. Costs could be around \$8K a year. A packet was provided to Connie with basic info. This was discussed with our engineer at Moore and Bruggink who feels the better option is Clearbrooke, as it is liquid and is metered all day. The others come in pellet form and would require manual application with a pole and a boat. The other companies are Michigan Lakefront Solutions and Sludgebugs. The pellets from Michigan Lakefront would run about \$1,065.00 every 2 – 4 weeks when water temperatures are 50 degrees or higher and would require re-applying every 2 – 4 weeks. The Sludgebug pellets would run approximately \$8,200.00 for a 2-year treatment program and would require 2 applications. Clearbrooke brings in a pump, and their liquid and sets everything up and then comes back about every other month to check on things. Clearbrooke quoted us at \$736.21 a month and I asked for a better price, and they requoted at \$656.98. (approx. \$4,000 per year) Clearbrooke can put an additive in to help control the duck weed.

Building & Grounds – Kahrs, *committee chair*. Kelly Donat has begun to do some caulking on the office and the hall. He inspected the hall roof and said it looked good and a good job was done overall. There is a spot that he will recaulk but mentioned that the roofers had cut away every other strap holding soffit gutter on the North side of the building. He thinks we should hire a gutter team to put vinyl gutters on. Met with Northland Electric on Thursday Oct 3 to look at the electrical damage done by the squirrel chewing through the wires. That wiring was repaired. After inspecting the work done previously stated the work was not done to electrical code. Will need to repair the previous work to ensure it is done correctly. Contacted Consumers Energy to electrify 3 additional poles for decorations, we will need to coordinate with our electrical contractor to install appropriate electrical outlets. Christmas lights are ordered from Hometown Display. The decorations will be red and green trees. Will plant more tulips and replace burned out light strands by the Monument tree. The Flowerpots by the Memorial Monument were cleaned out and mums were planted in them.

Streets – Morris, *committee chair*. Reviewing streets for repair as budget allows. Will need the streets to be re-lined in the spring.

Sidewalks - Palinski, *committee chair*. Contacted Right Edge for sidewalk repair, they may not have time this fall to perform any more repairs.

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (formerly known as Old Business)

- 2024-04 replacing 2020-03 - Burning –3rd review.
- 2024-05 Discharge of Weaponry Within Village Limits replacing 2020-04 – Use of firearms -3rd review.
- 2024-06 replacing - 2022-03 – Council Compensation -3rd review.
- 2024-07 replacing 2020-06 - Nonpartisan Elections – 2nd review.
- 2024-08 replacing 2020-07 – Disorderly Conduct – 2nd review.
- 2024-09 replacing 2020-08 – Curfew – 2nd review.
- Repair Village Office and Hall soffit.
- DPW building repairs for leak.
- Resident Compliance Letters
- Village Christmas lights electrical work.

NEW BUSINESS

- 2023 Ford Payoff – Pay off now?
- Hall Electrical- Repair wiring which is not to code.
 - Asked Northland Electric to prepare a quote for the repair.
 - Old wiring uses illegal products.
 - Squirrel Damage has already been repaired.

ORDINANCE REVIEW

None

SPECIAL ORDERS (Motions)

Motion to approve Ordinance 2024-04 Burning with Village Limits.

On a motion by Frary , supported by Palinski , to approve amended Ordinance 2024-04 Burning Within Village Limits. – Motion Approved

Vote Subject: Motion to approve Ordinance 2024-05 Discharge of Weaponry Within the Village Limits.

On a motion by Palinski , supported by Bennitt , to approve amended Ordinance 2024-05 Discharge of Weaponry within Village Limits. Motion Approved

Vote Subject: Motion to approve Ordinance 2024-06 to approve amended Council Compensation.

On a motion by Frary , supported by Palinski , to approve amended Ordinance 2024-06 Council compensation. Motion Approved

Subject: Motion to approve purchase of new pump and skimmer for the Sewer ponds not to exceed \$4000.00.

On a motion by Frary , supported by Bennitt , to approve purchase of new pump and skimmer for the Sewer ponds not to exceed \$4000.00. 4 ayes 0 Nays – Motion Approved

The next regular meeting of the Casnovia Village Council will be Monday, November 11, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.). 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