



# 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  
November 11, 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, 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 November 11, 2024, with no changes.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0. **Motion carried.**

**VISITORS COMMENTS**

Raiquan Dowdell – Globe Life, Omillion Trick - Globe Life, Presentation of insurance opportunities for Village employees.  
Gail McCready attended.

Rand Kahrs discussion of equipment and chemical needs for the sewer ponds.

**OPENING OF BIDS**

Bid for diagnostics of fuel leak on Case tractor.

**MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**

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

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0. **Motion carried.**

**FINANCAL REPORT**

Motion by Palinski, supported by Kahrs, 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	\$ 5,004.50
General Fund	\$ 6,680.24
Continuing Education	\$150.00
Hall Fund	\$2,670.00
Local Street Fund	\$ 62.50
Major Street Fund	\$ 626.95
Sewer Fund	\$ 8,122.08
Sidewalk Fund	\$-0-
Vehicle	\$11,839.46
Total	\$ 35,156.63

**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.
    - 1 resident was sent a letter regarding burning in the Village.
- Concern regarding resident placing rocks between sidewalk and road, too close to where the road is plowed, danger of hitting rocks with the plow.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

- Income & Expense Report
- Street Striping historical costs - \$3,000.00
- Sewer Budget able to support needed chemical remediation for reduction of sludge of \$8000.00.
- Village Office historically closed between Christmas and New Years.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Sewer – Kahrs, committee chair.** Sewer Assistant took L1 wastewater exam on Thursday November 7<sup>th</sup>, results

expected around Dec 2024.

Sewer Supervisor to renew license – Cost approx. \$275.00.

The Annual Sewer Bio-sludge report and our October 2024 report have been filed with the state.

Need to contact our EGLE representative after the council meeting to bring her up to date.

The pump on the ProSkimmer is out of service and we can get a replacement, but not in time to do anything else this year. Best option is to purchase a Duck50 with a small pump, The Duck50, pump with hose kit would go about \$4,930.00. We will not need to purchase this until the beginning of 2025.

Suggest the Village consider treatment plans available for reducing the sludge buildup in the ponds. Costs would be around \$8000 a year. Discussed this with the Village Engineer, who suggested we try the Clearbrooke solution which is an automatic application. 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. The Sludgebug pellets would run approximately \$8,200.00 for a 2-time treatment program. Clearbrooke brings in the equipment and supplies and negotiated a price of \$656.98 per month. The Clearbrooke solution would require some electrical work done to accommodate the pump. We might also want to consider a backup power system to keep the pump and our meter running during a power outage.

Review the sludge judge survey – data points vs. time factor. We can pick up our own sludge judge for less than \$200.00, which would be a cost savings to having it done by an outside firm.

**Building & Grounds** – Kahrs, *committee chair*. Hired electrician to review light fixtures on poles for Christmas lighted ornaments. Discovered they are hardwired to pole and not to code as some were wired with interior electrical parts. To repair this work, we will need to involve Consumers Energy in correlation with an electrician, power will need to be shut off at the pole. The work cannot be done this year. The lights on the tree by the Veterans monument were checked and the bottom strand replaced. Tulips will be planted at the moment before the ground freezes. Damage Restoration will make needed repairs to the village office building to wrap soffit in aluminum to keep squirrels out of the buildings. Cost will be approximately \$300.00. We have set traps to try to capture the squirrel.

**Streets** – Morris, *committee chair*. Snowplow truck is all set for the winter season. Dekeiver roofing has been called to look at DPW building roof leak.

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

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

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

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

- 2024-07 replacing 2020-06 - Nonpartisan Elections – 3rd review.
- 2024-08 replacing 2020-07 – Disorderly Conduct – 3rd review.
- 2024-09 replacing 2020-08 – Curfew – 3rd review.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- MML – Responsibility for Claims –
  - A claim is an accident or incident that results in an injury or property damage. This information must be reported to MCS immediately after we receive notice of a claim.

**ORDINANCE REVIEW**

- 2025-01 replacing 1995-01 - DTE Gas Franchise Village of Casnovia – Renewal – 1<sup>st</sup> review.

**SPECIAL ORDERS (Motions)**

**Vote Subject:** Motion to approve Ordinance 2024-07 Non-partisan Elections.

On a motion by Palinski , supported by Bennitt , to approve amended Ordinance 2024-07 Non-partisan Elections.

**Motion Approved**

**Vote Subject:** Motion to approve Ordinance 2024-08 Disorderly Conduct.

On a motion by Kahrs , supported by Palinski , to approve amended Ordinance 2024-09 Disorderly Conduct. **Motion**

**Approved**

**Vote Subject:** Motion to approve Ordinance 2024-09 to approve amended Curfew.

On a motion by Frary , supported by Palinski , to approve amended Ordinance 2024-09 Curfew. **Motion Approved**

**Vote Subject:** Motion to approve updated FYE 2025 Senior Millage of \$4588.00.

On a motion by Kahrs , supported by Palinski, to approve updated FYE 2025 Senior Millage of \$4588.00. **Motion Approved**

**Vote Subject:** Motion to approve diagnostic work on Case Tractor Fuel Leak. On a motion by Frary , supported by Palinski , to approve diagnostic work to determine where fuel leak is on Case tractor for not more than \$400.00.

Roll Call taken **Motion Approved.**

We have come to the end of our agenda, there is no further business, I Consuelo Morris declare this meeting adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at: 8:04pm

The next regular meeting of the Casnovia Village Council will be Monday, December 9, 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