



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
January 12, 2026**

Pledge of Allegiance was recited

REGULAR MEETING

Call to Order: President Consuelo Morris called the regular meeting of the Casnovia Village Council to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

Officers Present: Shelley Carr – Treasurer, Pam Manciu – Clerk

Members and Officers Absent : Kathy Kahrs - Member

Approval Of Agenda: Motion by Frary, supported by Bennitt, to approve meeting agenda for January 12, 2026. Motion carried.

Visitors Comments: No visitors present.

Opening Of Bids: N/A

Monthly Meeting Minutes: Motion by Frary, supported by Palinski, to accept the regular monthly meeting minutes of December 8, 2025, as presented.
Motion carried.

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

Monthly Bills Motion by Bennitt, supported by Palinski, to pay the monthly bills. Roll call was taken. Motion carried.

September Payables

Payroll	\$5,291.50
Administrative Fund	\$11,028.32
Hall Fund	\$55.00
Sewer Fund	\$95,843.49
Total	\$112,218.31

Clerk's Report Sent 2 letters to resident regarding inoperable vehicles stored on her property, 1- 3rd notice, 1- 1st notice

Posted notification of amended Ordinance 2026-02 and 2026-03 Sewer Ordinances in Ravenna Independent

Contacted Orchard Hill for replacement of Fire Barn Furnace – Furnace was replaced Dec 15

Contacted Bryce Wangler of Kent City regarding maintenance of Christmas lights on tree.

He will take the lights down, bring a tote to store them in our storage area.

He will advise if we need more lights for tree and will put them back up next fall late.

Received complaints from residents regarding suspicious vehicle in the Village.

Notified both Muskegon and Kent County sheriffs of these concerns.

Posted request for citizen interest in Zoning Board of Appeals

Contacted multiple municipalities re fees for new sewer hookups. Provided information to Sewer Council member.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Presented Income and Expense Report
- Requested Council Chairs to bring FYE2027 budget proposals to February meeting
- Will bring 5-year forecasted budget and fund balances to February meeting

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Sewer – Kahrs, *committee chair*. Ponds are mostly frozen. We experienced a little bit of thawing last week with warm days.

In the southwest corner a tree split and half landed on the fence. The tree needs to be cut up and the fence repaired. I am holding off burning the brush pile till this gets done.

The current brush pile will need to be moved before it can be burned.

Building & Grounds – Kahrs, *committee chair*. Hall rentals are slow. Verified the cost of sewer connection fees is in line with surrounding areas. Recommend connection fee remain the same. Christmas decorations have been removed. The 2027 budget will reflect a request to repair 5 of the Christmas decoration outlets.

Streets – Morris – *committee chair*. – The roads have been maintained well this winter with plowing/sanding and pothole repair.

Sidewalks – Palinski, *committee chair*. Nothing to present

Zoning – Frary, *committee chair*. Nothing to present.

Dismantled Cars – Bennitt, *committee chair*. Request letter sent to Waterloo address to request proof of a current registration on a possible inoperable vehicles on their property.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Annual Village employee reviews and rates of pay.
 - Council member responsible for evaluation review.
- Purchase of lift for overhead limb removal, banner installation, flag installation.
 - Purchase price minimum \$10,000 used – non-powered (push around) units are about \$7,000.
 - Precise Engineering is going to look around for us.
 - or
 - Opportunity for rental at Sunbelt \$515 rental a day – Alpine



18'-20' Self-Propelled Single Manlift

\$470

 Zero Emissions



Remove

- 2026 Village elections
 - Those up for re-election in 2026
 - Consuelo Morris – President
 - Robert Bennett – Trustee
 - Kenneth Frary – Trustee
- Creation of Zoning Board of Appeals
 - The Village is required to have a Zoning Board of Appeals
 - One person should be the Council zoning member
 - Posted position on Facebook, Village Display Board and Post Office.
- DPW/Sewer Assistant – Position posted with little response.
 - Offered position to Tom Farr who accepted the position and will start February 2nd.
- We need the results of Sewer Assistant L1 test, which the Sewer Assistant took in November to decide how to move forward.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Office locks – replace lock
- Hall lock is not working well.
 - Both the front Hall lock and the side door lock are keyed the same
 - Front door lock works well
 - Side door lock may be more of an issue with the door than the lock.
- North Kent Office Machines annual printer plan
 - Rate for 12 months is \$400.00

ORDINANCE REVIEW –

- None

SPECIAL ORDERS (Motions) –

Vote Subject: North Kent Office Machines annual plan including parts, labor, drums, toner, and developer for an annual rate of \$400

Motion by Palinski, supported by Frary, to approve North Kent Office Machines annual plan including parts, labor, drums, toner, and developer for an annual rate of \$400.

Roll Call was taken. **Motion carried.**

We have come to the end of our agenda, there is no further business, I, Consuelo Morris, declare this meeting adjourned. Meeting adjourned at: 7:30 pm

The next regular meeting of the Casnovia Village Council will be on Monday, February 9, 2026, 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 Manciú, Clerk