



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
March 9, 2026**

Pledge of Allegiance was recited

REGULAR MEETING

Call to Order: President Pro Tem called the regular meeting of the Casnovia Village Council to order at 6:31 p.m.

Members Present: Jerry Palinski – President Pro-tem, Robert Bennett – Member, Kathy Kahrs - Member

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

Members and Officers Absent: Consuelo Morris – President, Ken Frary – Member

Approval Of Agenda: Motion by Bennett, supported by Palinski to approve meeting agenda for March 9, 2026. Motion carried.

Visitors Comments: Tom Farr newly hired Village of Casnovia DPW and Sewer staff member came in to introduce himself.

Opening Of Bids: Door lock and door repairs – Received 1 complete and one incomplete bids, received 1 bid to install a hot air supply to the storage area behind the Village office

Monthly Meeting Minutes: Motion by Bennett, supported by Kahrs, to accept the regular monthly meeting minutes of February 9, 2026, as presented. Motion carried.

Financial Report: Motion by Kahrs, supported by Bennett, to accept the Financial Report as presented. Motion carried.

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

March Payables

Payroll	\$ 7,305.89
Administrative Fund	\$ 6,330.23
Hall Fund	\$ 34.97
Sewer Fund	\$ 1,055.53
Local Street Fund	\$ 111.17
Major Street Fund	\$ 1,000.52
Total	\$15,838.31

CLERK’S REPORT: Letters were sent to one resident concerning unlicensed vehicles.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Presented Income/Expense Report. Proposed FYE 2027 budgets given to Council members for review for April 2026 meeting. Presented reason for RR Crossing maintenance fee from Marquette Rail.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Sewer – Kahrs, *committee chair*. Tree partially cleared from sewer pond. Has not received schedule from contractor to repair sewer pond gate damaged during CDBG project. Water movement between primary pond and secondary pond occurred and may move more later this week.

Building & Grounds – Kahrs, *committee chair*. Requested quotes for floor replacement in Hall kitchen and bath, requested quote for repair to be done on North side of Village office building, and requested bid to replace office exterior door.

Streets – Morris – *committee chair*. – Nothing to report.

Sidewalks – Palinski, *committee chair*. Will start measuring and reach out for bids for sidewalk repair within available budget.

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

Code Enforcement – Bennett, *committee chair*. Reported multiple unlicensed vehicles in yards of Village residents

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- The Council members to be responsible for annual Village employee reviews and rates of pay will be Morris and Palinski. They will work together to complete evaluations for FYE2027 budget.
- 2026 Village elections
 - Those up for re-election in 2026
 - Consuelo Morris – President
 - Robert Bennett – Trustee
 - Kenneth Frary – Trustee
- Quotes for lock repair and Village door replacement – update.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council Wages discussion – Annual approval (Ord 2024-06)

Set Sewer Bill Rates (Ord 2026-01) (FYE2026 rate \$70.00)

Spring Brush Pick-Up – Set Date – April 20, 2026

Data Center Construction and IT Infrastructure

Does the Village have a policy respective of development, operation, and zoning?

What is the Village’s general position with regard to the development, operation, and zoning of Data Centers?

Based on the Zoning ordinance section 8:02 uses permitted in the B1 General Business district section (j) Electronic data processing centers shall be permitted.

We will discuss this at the April Council meeting

Purchase of new flags for Memorial – Flags at Memorial need to be replaced, initial review replacing flags would not cost greater than \$400.

Sesquicentennial T-Shirts – what should we do with the remaining T-shirts? We will discuss it at the April Council meeting

Purchase of safety yellow T-shirts for DPW and Wastewater staff. Total cost is \$300. Will discuss at the April Council meeting.

SPECIAL ORDERS (Motions):

Vote Subject: Amended Village of Casnovia Sanitary Sewer, Use, Connection and Rate 2020-09. Motion by Kahrs, supported by Palinski, to approve amended 2026-01 Village of Casnovia Sanitary Sewer, Use, Connection and Rate . Motion Carried.

Vote Subject: Annual Council Wage review. Motion by Kahrs, supported by Bennett, for Council wage to remain the same for FYE2027. Motion Carried.

Vote Subject: Annual Sewer Rate review for increase to \$75.00 per quarter. Motion by Kahrs, supported by Palinski, for Sewer rate increase from \$70.00 per quarter to \$75.00 per quarter. Motion Carried.

Vote Subject: Purchase of new flags for the Memorial to not exceed \$400.00. Motion by Bennett, supported by Palinski, to replace the Memorial flags for a cost not to exceed \$400.00. Motion Carried.

We have come to the end of our agenda, there is no further business, I, Jerry Palinski, declare this meeting adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm.

The next regular meeting of the Casnovia Village Council will be on Monday, April 13, 2026, at 6:00 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