



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
May 11, 2026

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 pm.

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

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

Members Absent: Kenneth Frary - Member

Opportunities for land development

- Work with developer
- Purchase property if available
- What properties could be available

Update Vision Plan

ADJOURNMENT FOR SPECIAL MEETING: Motion by Morris, supported by Palinski, to adjourn for Special Budget Meeting at 6:31 P.M.

RESUMPTION OF REGULAR MEETING:

REGULAR MEETING:

Call to Order: President Morris called the Service Session of the Casnovia Village Council to order at 6:52pm.

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

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

Members Absent: Kenneth Frary - Member

Call to Order: President Morris called the regular meeting of the Casnovia Village Council to order at 6:53 p.m.

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

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

Members and Officers Absent: Kenneth Frary - Member

Approval Of Agenda: Motion by Palinski, supported by Bennitt to approve meeting agenda without changes for May 11, 2026, Service Session meeting. Motion carried.

Visitors Comments: No visitors present

Opening Of Bids: A single bid for catch basin cleaning was received from Plummers Environmental Services, Inc bid – Reviewed bid to clean 38 catch basins for \$5282.00

Monthly Meeting Minutes: Motion by Bennitt supported by Palinski to accept the regular monthly meeting minutes of April 13, 2026, with changes to add appointment of Jerry Palinski as President Pro-Tem. Motion carried.

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

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

April Payables

Payroll	\$ 6,398.88
Administrative Fund	12,995.82
Hall Fund	282.33
Sewer Fund	3,543.92
Local Street Fund	3.00
Major Street Fund	26.98
Total	\$16,852.04

CLERK’S REPORT:

- A 2nd letter was sent to a resident who has an unlicensed vehicle in the yard. There has been no response.
- Resident request for Zoning board chair to call them.
 - Zoning council member responded to resident.
- Kruithoffs have agreed to allow us to put leaves from Fall pickup on their fields
- Boston Square Lock will repair door and replace locks after July 1, 2026.
- Clerk requested previous month Sewer report information be provided, by email, to the clerk, by Wednesday prior to Council meeting for Sewer reporting.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Presented budgeted Income/Expense Report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Sewer – Kahrs, *committee chair*. Sewer discharge occurred in April with good results. Discharge may occur in May to eliminate excess water. Document states March and April influent rates were well above design capacity of 56,000 gallons per day. May sewer influent appears to be returning to normal volumes.

Building & Grounds – Kahrs, *committee chair*. The hall had 2 ½ day rentals in April with no damage reported to Hall. There are some repairs to tables which will need to occur. It appears as if there is dry rot around one of the windows which causes the shade to fall off. A contractor looked at the office north eave soffit. He found a hole in the block wall which may allow small creatures access to the interior building.

Streets – Morris – *committee chair*. – Potholes have been filled. DPW staff will star working on curbs soon. The work to raise the edge of the road on North Main street will begin soon.

Sidewalks – Palinski, *committee chair*. Measured sidewalks on Probasco for possible repair. We will be sending a letter to residents on the street to gather information from residents who may be interested in having their approaches paved at the same time that sidewalk work will occur. We will reach out for bids for sidewalk repair within available budget.

Zoning – Frary, *committee chair*. Resident request for information regarding fencing and proximity to property line.

Code Enforcement – Bennett, *committee chair*. Requested letter to non-responsive resident re unlicensed vehicle in yard.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Council members gave an update on the progress being made for employee evaluations:
 - Review, process, timelines, etc., to ensure budget appropriateness and timing for annual budget.
- Data Center Construction and IT Infrastructure discussion regarding Zoning and possible next steps to prepare for possible Data Center requests.
- Storage Room Heating – Received 1 bid and will solicit additional bids.
- Purchase of safety yellow T-shirts for DPW
 - Multiple vendors were contacted regarding costs.

NEW BUSINESS:

- DPW Business
 - DPW previous December wage increase discussion.
- Safety Deposit Box retention.
 - The Village Safe has space to house contents which are currently in the Safety Deposit Box.
- DPW/Wastewater staff and delineation of responsibilities.

SPECIAL ORDERS (Motions):

Vote Subject: DPW staff safety T-shirts

Motion by Palinski supported by Bennitt to approve purchase of 30 shirts for not more than \$508 after July 1, 2026. Roll was taken and Motion carried.

Vote Subject: Storm Drain Cleaning

Motion by Kahrs supported by Morris to approve Storm Drain Cleaning for not more than \$5,282. Roll was taken and Motion carried.

Vote Subject: Relinquish Safety Deposit box at Choice One Bank

Motion by Palinski supported by Bennitt to relinquish safety deposit box at Choice One Bank. Roll was taken and Motion carried.

President Morris reviewed items for June council Meeting Agenda

We have come to the end of our agenda, there is no further business, I, Consuelo Morris, declare this meeting adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

Submitted: Pam Manciu, Clerk