



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
September 14, 2026

Pledge of Allegiance was recited

REGULAR MEETING:

Call to Order: President Pro – Tem Jerry Palinski called the Service Session of the Casnovia Village Council to order at 6:30 pm.

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

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

Members Absent: Consuelo Morris – President, let the record reflect President arrived at 6:33pm

Approval Of Agenda: Motion by Frary , supported by Kahrs, to approve meeting agenda, with changes to include Zach Voogt from Moore and Bruggink to discuss findings of ponding water on Waterloo. for September 14, 2026, Regular meeting. Motion carried.

Visitors Comments: Bill Loomis is running for Council seat which will be vacated by Ken Frary. Bill wanted to introduce himself and observe Council meeting. Zach Voogt from Moore and Bruggink discussed findings from ponding water on E Waterloo.

Opening Of Bids: N/A

Monthly Meeting Minutes: Motion by Kahrs supported by Palinski to accept the regular monthly meeting minutes of August 10, 2026, as presented.

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.

July Payables

Payroll	\$ 8,856.50
Administrative Fund	13,967.72
Vehicle Fund	1,582.96
Sewer Fund	5,200.88
Local Street Fund	140.03
Major Street Fund	1,128.11
Total	\$30,876.20

CLERK'S REPORT:

- Letter sent to residents re: unpermitted above ground pools
 - Resident came in with questions
 - Resident called to say they were not going to get a permit for their pool.
- Letter sent to resident on Grand regarding driveway repair.
 - Driveway was reviewed there is no damage or repair the Village is responsible for.
 - We do not need an Emergency Management Plan as the Counties should be managing this for us.

- We could create an Emergency contact list on the website or distribute it to residents through the Newsletter.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Actual vs. Budgeted Income & Expense Report
- Muskegon Central Dispatch – New Charges
- Michigan House Bills 5872-5879 – Property Tax Proposed Changes
- DTE Update – Table Until Generator Purchase
- Personnel Wages – Sewer Personnel Changes. Tabled Until Next Meeting

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Sewer – Palinski, Ponds functioning as usual, slightly higher than past year. DPW staff have been working on equipment for Sewer ponds. MRWA staff came to Village to introduce themselves, reviewed updated reports and felt confident in the information. Normal maintenance and procedures are ongoing at the ponds.

Building & Grounds – Kahrs, Consumers will be working on poles to put in new outlets for decorations. Residents voiced concerns re: a roll of plastic at the DPW and several houses in the Village which appear to be collecting junk, brush in yards, unmowed yards, parking cars on Village right of way between sidewalk and road, chickens and ducks feces not being taken care of, unlicensed vehicles on resident premises. Pictures were taken of homes the residents felt were non-compliant.

Streets – Morris – Village trailer was sold and a replacement was purchased with no budget impact.

Sidewalks – Palinski, No bids were received for sidewalk replacement on Probasco

Zoning – Frary, Resident requested a modification to his property. Zoning would like a description of what the resident intends to do.

Code Enforcement – Bennitt, Nothing to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Certified wastewater operator from MRWA will manage wastewater operations for a period of time.
- 1985 – F250 was sold
- 2020 trailer was sold and replacement was purchased.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Tree Lighting Event
- Proposed Senior Millage Funding projects
- A child in the Village had taken the lid off a storm drain, with the assistance of another child, and invited a teenage Village resident to go fishing in the tunnel.

SPECIAL ORDERS (Motions):

Vote Subject: Approval of Amended Ordinance 2026-04 Appointment of Village Clerk. Motion by Kahrs, supported by Palinski, to approve Amended Ordinance 2026-04 Appointment of Village Clerk.

Motion carried.

Vote Subject: Approval of excavating for a water ponding project on E Waterloo to investigate cause of ponding not to exceed \$800. Motion by Palinski, supported by Bennitt. 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 8:04 pm.

Submitted: Pam Manciu, Clerk