



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
October 12, 2026

Pledge of Allegiance was recited

REGULAR MEETING:

Call to Order: President Pro Tem - Palinski – called the Service Session of the Casnovia Village Council to order at 6:29 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

Approval Of Agenda: Motion by Frary , supported by Kahrs , to approve meeting agenda for October 12, 2026, Regular meeting. Motion carried.

Visitors Comments: Bill Loomis, Josh Joyce, (new resident)

Opening Of Bids: N/A

Monthly Meeting Minutes: Motion by Frary supported by Bennitt to accept the regular monthly meeting minutes of September 14, 2026, as presented. Motion carried.

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

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

September Payables

Payroll	\$ 6,282.25
Administrative Fund	24,464.96
Hall Fund	55.00
Vehicle Fund	11,839.46
Sewer Fund	1,104.85
Major Street Fund	254.40
Total	\$44,000.92

CLERK'S REPORT:

- Letters sent to seven residents re:
 - Broken fence and brush in backyard
 - Overgrown weeds and grass in ditch
 - Four (2) property maintenance
 - One (1) property maintenance and violation of right of way parking
 - One (1) property maintenance

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Actual vs. Budgeted Income & Expense Report
- Audit results were good. One notification from the State that more money was spent than was brought in. Explained to the State that all funds are in the black and the Village has been paying for major projects.

- Granger Waste has requested a temporary fuel surcharge. Council needs to approve. Had the surcharge been applied to this months Granger bill, it would have increased the bill by \$34.96. The temporary surcharge will be removed when the federal average monthly diesel price goes below \$5.00 per gallon.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Sewer:** Regular maintenance continues, sludge judge was used to monitor sludge depth. No issues noted in September.
- **B&G** 5 Christmas outlets have been repaired by Consumers, no recent hall rentals. Would like winter banners to be put up after Thanksgiving. Will look for mums for the Memorial planters
- **Streets** – Nothing to report
- **Sidewalks** – Nothing to report
- **Zoning** – Evaluated recent resident concern regarding location of chicken coop, there is no issue with coop location
- **Dismantled Cars** – Notify 2 residents of dismantled vehicle and request response of current registration and vehicle license.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Report from Zach at Moore and Bruggink regarding ponding water on E Waterloo
- Proposed projects for Senior Millage Funding –
 - Sidewalks snow maintenance of Old School
 - Support Old School senior breakfasts
 - Upon request assist senior residents with minor lawn assistance
- Annual employee evaluations with merit increase review- Tentative plan to perform evaluations in November

NEW BUSINESS:

- Set 2027 Council meeting dates and times – Meeting dates to be the 2nd Monday of every month at 6pm Service Session and 6:30pm Regular Meeting
- Resident response to Village notification of lawn maintenance. Formal review of resident response/appeal to occur at Nov 9, 2026, Council Meeting.

ORDINANCE REVIEW :

- ORDINANCE NO. 2026-05 Discharge of Weaponry in the Village - Amended

SPECIAL ORDERS (Motions):

Vote Subject: Approve Granger Waste request to charge a temporary fuel surcharge. Surcharge will be removed when the monthly diesel rate goes below \$5.00.

Motion by Frary, supported by Bennitt to approve Granger Waste request to charge a temporary fuel surcharge. **Motion carried.**

Vote Subject: Approval of Amended Ordinance 2026-05 Discharge of Weaponry in the Village

Motion by Frary, supported by Kahrs, to approve amended Ordinance 2026-05 Discharge of Weaponry in the Village. **Motion carried.**

Vote Subject: Approval of Agreement for Christmas Decorations for \$768.00.

Motion by Kahrs , supported by Frary, to approve Agreement for Christmas Decorations. **Motion carried.**

Vote Subject: Approval of purchase of 10-foot roller section for placement/removal salter on Village plow truck for the price of \$85.00.

Motion by Frary, supported by Palinski, to approve the purchase of 10-foot roller section for placement/removal salter on Village plow truck for the price of \$85.00. **Motion carried.**

We have come to the end of our agenda, there is no further business, I Jerry Palinski, President Pro-Tem declare this meeting adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at: 7:50pm

Submitted: Pam Manciu, Clerk