

**VILLAGE OF CASSOPOLIS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
January 11, 2021**

President Johnson called the Regular Meeting of the Cassopolis Village Council via Zoom to order at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call:

Council Members Present: Luckey, Kelly, Conner, Johnson, Williams, Danzy-Yeager and Pedersen
Council Members Absent:

Consent Agenda: Pedersen motioned, seconded by Conner to approve the following consent agenda as presented with the spelling correction of the last name Kelly in the Workshop minutes:

- a. Workshop/Special Meeting Minutes – November 23, 2020
- b. Regular Meeting Minutes – December 14, 2020
- c. Approval of Invoices - \$751,784.37

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Kelly, Conner, Johnson, Williams, Danzy-Yeager, Pedersen and Luckey

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent:

Motion Carried.

Public Comment on Agenda Items:

None

Manager's Update (see Attachment 1)

Village Manager Sarratore explained that things are slow for the moment in the office. She informed Council of a meeting at MEC where she met with prospects for their industrial park site. This business would be a \$120 million project and bring in about 60 jobs; they are planning to make a decision by May. About 20 local partners were there to also discuss an incentive package to entice companies to build here. Construction on the village projects will resume once the weather permits. The bids for the connector path project came in about \$100 thousand over budget and the winning bid went to Hoffman Brothers who did the sidewalk out to the High School. Village Manager and Clerk are working on adjusting the budget and negotiating for any cost savings. There is a projected increase in general fund in the next year and we will rebound from the effect of these projects.

Village Manager Sarratore also informed Council that she will be out of the office starting the 22nd for about a month and will work from home most of the time.

Miscellaneous Council Concerns/Items

Williams asked about the possibility of Council letters of support to the companies interested in the MEC industrial park. He also asked about the code enforcement reports and an address of concern they should look at. Village Manager Sarratore stated that they are looking into all options and plans. Code enforcement is not normally done during the winter, but there have been so many complaints and she will inform them of the address he is concerned about.

Johnson asked about the audit and Village Manager Sarratore said it was great like the previous years and just the one audit finding that we can't avoid due to separation of duties. If the State releases restrictions we can have the auditor come to present. Village Clerk agreed that everything went good and the auditor

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is aware of our plans with the projects and the way our financials will look once the projects are completed. Village Manager thanked the Clerk for keeping everything straight despite all the moving parts and money.

Village Manager Sarratore is anticipating the Workshop in January will be allowed to be in person depending on governors orders.

Adjournment:

President Johnson declared the meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m. by unanimous agreement.

David L. Johnson, Village President

Tonia Betty, Village Clerk