

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

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

Roll Call:

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison.

Consent Agenda: Pedersen motioned, seconded by Kelley, to approve the consent agenda as presented.

- A. Regular Meeting Minutes – September 13, 2021
- B. Workshop Meeting Minutes – September 27, 2021
- C. Approval of Invoices - \$49,841.78
- D. AFSCME Union Contract

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carried.

Motion: Pedersen motioned, seconded by Danzy-Yeager, to approve Resolution 2021-15 to apply for a grant for CMAQ funding for a trail by the MEC SMART Park.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carried.

Public Comment: No Public Comment

Managers' Report:

Village Manager LaGrow highlighted:

- Parkshore Drive project is completed with the exception of some possible fencing by the retention pond.
- The MSHDA MOD Contract has been signed and we are ready to move forward with this.
- The SMART Park was the recipient of \$6 Million dollars in funding to be used towards the infrastructure build out.

Miscellaneous: Council Concerns/Items:

President Johnson mentioned standing water by 911, O'Keefe and Rowland. Manager LaGrow stated that we would verify that all storm drains were clear, in addition to giving an explanation about the 100-year flood table that is used as the barometer to judge if the design works.

Trustee Kelly asked about providing raises to the DPW staff. Village Manager LaGrow stated that they were still in union negotiations and that would not be appropriate, however, it is budgeted to give raises to the DPW.

Trustee Danzy-Yeager stated that there is still an issue of the large trucks going down her road.

Closed Session

Conner motioned, seconded by Danzy-Yeager to move into closed session to review and consider the contents of applications for employment for the candidates for Chief of Police at 7:00 pm.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays:

Absent: Luckey

Abstain:

Motion Carried.

Out Of Closed Session

William motioned, seconded by Conner to move out of closed session at 7:35 pm.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays:

Absent: Luckey

Abstain:

Motion Carried.

Motion: Pedersen motioned, seconded by Danzy-Yeager, to approve the Village Manger to begin negotiations for a new Chief of Police.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays:

Absent: Luckey

Abstain:

Motion Carried.

Adjournment:

President Johnson declared the meeting adjourned at 7:45p.m. by unanimous agreement.

Respectfully submitted: _____
Emilie LaGrow, Village Manager

Reviewed by: _____
David L. Johnson, Village President