

VILLAGE OF CASSOPOLIS
WORKSHOP MEETING
February 27, 2023

President Pro-tem Williams called the Workshop Meeting of the Cassopolis Village Council to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

Council Members Present: Kelly, Makay, Williams, Danzy-Yaeger, Pederson

Council Members Absent: Luckey & Johnson

The Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison.

Approval of Agenda: Pedersen motioned, seconded by Kelly, to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion Carried.

New Business:

- A. Chickens: Council discussed the pros and cons of allowing chickens in Village limits. They discussed some ordinance options including no roosters, a limit on the number of chickens, and the number of permits allowed. The next step is for this to go to Planning Commission to draft an ordinance and present their recommendations to Council and what would be best for the Village as a whole.

- B. Pavilion at Log Cabin: The question of stability of the Pavilion structure has been brought up as we look at phase 2 of the beach. Council discussed repurposing or moving the metal top structure, the line of sight and bathrooms. The RDBG Grant that is being submitted will request for funding the design of the pavilion, bathroom and ramp to the beach. We can then apply for an MNRTF Grant to fund the construction.

- C. Community Clean Up: This has been completed a few different ways in the past and we have been looking for a more efficient and safe way to do this. This year, we will host clean up week (April 27 - April 30) at the Fairgrounds and allow Village residents to dump during specified hours and then lock up at night. This will cut down on the amount of dumpsters being used by out of town people and the dumping of hazardous materials and tires. Michiana has been purchased by LRS Recycling and will deliver a recycling cart to each resident to be picked up every other week. The pricing for residents will continue to follow the current contract.

Public Comment:

Ted Gogol asked about what are the eligible to be thrown in the recycling cart. Alexis stated it will be listed on the newsletter.

Manager's Updates:

- We are applying for another Match on Main Grant for Ploughmans and The Vault.
- We are applying for the RDBG Grant tomorrow and there will be more grants to come.
- We will be requesting funding for the NEP round 7 High Performer grant.

Miscellaneous Council Concerns/Items:

Pedersen said he heard about a traffic safety grant and asked if there will be a stoplight at the new Hydro entrance. Village Manager LaGrow said we applied for those in the past, but have not been successful. We will request again for MDOT to do a traffic study. There will not be a stoplight, but there will be a turn lane.

Makay asked about the old municipal signs at 117 S Broadway and if it needs to be removed. Village Manager LaGrow stated we are looking at signage as part of phase 2 of the beach; the signs should be removed and we are looking for the most cost-effective way to do that.

Kelly suggested that 117 S Broadway should be a boutique hotel. Village Manager LaGrow said we can get 50% grant funding for that, but we need a developer for that project.

Adjournment:

President Pro-tem Williams declared the meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m. by unanimous agreement.

Respectfully submitted: _____
Tonia Betty, Village Clerk

Reviewed by: _____
Frank Williams, Jr., Village President Pro-Tem