



### List of Elected Officials

#### President

Dianna McGrew  
269-358-4497

#### President Pro-Tem

Rev. David Johnson  
317-223-8947

#### Trustee

Geraldine Sims  
269-445-2885

#### Trustee

Eugene Wagoner  
269-445-2425

#### Trustee

Kathy Yoder  
269-251-2749

#### Trustee

William Blount  
269-445-7500

#### Trustee

Cynthia Jackson-Ash  
269-445-8098

Council Meetings are open to the public and are held on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 pm and the fourth Monday of each month at 6:30 in the Village Hall Council Chambers.

### **New Water Meters Help Save Residents Money**

In 2013 the Cassopolis Council approved a vote to upgrade to smart water meters. They are being installed by our DPW workers and are very quickly proving themselves be good investments for our community. The new smart meters are now read with a drive by reading unit that makes meter reading fast and more accurate. These meters have leak detection and tampering alarms as well as the option to look back on a resident's water usage over a 60 day period.

Our water department has 260 of the 920 total accounts upgraded and have found about 20 leaks in residents homes. When a leak is detected, a letter is sent to the owner informing them of the leak and potential damage that could be incurred because of it.

Other bright features include being lead free, in accordance with federal laws; having less moving parts, which gives them longer life times, and a 20 year warranty making them a smart meter and a smart investment.

**To place your ad here**

Please call: 269-445-8098

Village Hall will be closed on Monday,  
January 18<sup>th</sup> in observance of

Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday.

### **Plow Truck Safety**

Public Works plow truck drivers, like State and County drivers; do their best throughout the winter months to keep the roads safe for all travelers. When the conditions of the roads are bad for you they are just as bad and worse for the workers trying to keep them clear. Stopping and turning on an icy road takes a lot more time with a fully loaded salt truck pushing a huge pile of snow under it, so please give them space when you see them. Plow trucks often have to turn around in awkward areas in order to complete an entire street before moving on to the next one. If you see a plow truck backing up on the street or making, what seems like an unusual U-turn, please give them the space they need to get turned around and back on the unplowed street

### Energy Saving Tips

#### **Change your furnace filter.**

Simply check your filter every 30 days, especially during heavy-use months. You can lower your energy consumption up to 2% and it keeps your heating system running efficiently and lasting longer.

#### **Weather Stripping**

It's not too late to stop any missed pesky drafts. Weather-stripping is easy to install. Variations of metal weather-stripping are affordable and long lasting vinyl resist moisture in high traffic areas while felts and foams are better suited for low traffic areas. Be to account for ventilation and not to overseal.

#### **Use your ceiling fan**

Your ceiling fan can be used to circulate warm air allowing you to set your furnace at a lower temperature. During the winter, your fan should turn clockwise at a low speed to gently draw the room temperature air up; forcing the warmer air down and out toward the walls, avoiding the wind chill effect.

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### Breaking down your monthly utility bill

Our monthly utility bill is often referred to as a "water bill." As the name indicates, this is only partially correct. The amount on your monthly utility bill is generated by how many thousands of gallons of water went through your meter. This gives us not only the amount of water that went into your home but also the amount of sewer that came out of your home. You are charged for each of those services.

Also included on your utility bill is a charge for our contracted trash companies cost to remove your trash.



#### **CODES:**

WA = Gallons of Water  
SW = Gallons of Sewer  
TR = Trash  
WR = Water Ready to Serve  
FS = Fuel Surcharge (Trash Company)  
PB = Past Due Balance



For a complete utility bill breakdown, go to [Cassopolis-mi.us](http://Cassopolis-mi.us)

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# **LaGrow Consulting**

## **Managers Message**

LaGrow Consulting Company has been managing Cassopolis since 2012 and we have gotten to know this community very well in that time. We have seen growth in both services and opportunities for residents as well as unwavering pride in the community. It is a pleasure serving the people of Cassopolis and we are looking forward to helping with the creation of more growth and development.

If you have questions or would like to submit pictures or articles to this monthly newsletter, please contact us:  
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