President Powers called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. Request for Reimbursement - Burns present to Council the request for reimbursement from the Cleghorn family for sidewalk replacement that they performed, in the Village right-of-way at the same time as the replaced their driveway.

   Burns clarified to Council that, after confirming with LARA, the contractor who performed the work was not licensed to provide concrete work in the State of Michigan. Burns added that there was no permit on file at the time the work began, and that Delamater had to direct the contractor to file a permit with the Village to replace the driveway past the right-of-way. Delamater confirmed this and acknowledged that the permit did not indicate any additional work on the sidewalks along the property.

   Council discussed how to proceed and whether reimbursement for unsolicited right-of-way work would set a president for future unsolicited work to Village spaces.

   Council added the denial of the request for reimbursement from the Cleghorn family for sidewalk installation at 220 Barber to the consent agenda.

2. Tuition Reimbursement - Hinga reported, after investigating other communities’ reimbursement programs, that instead of a cap of $5,000 per fiscal year, the cap should be by calendar year. Hinga explained that if tuition reimbursement exceeds $5,250 in a calendar year, the benefit becomes taxable to the employee and adds to the reporting burden for the Village.

   Council placed the Tuition Reimbursement program on the consent agenda.

3. Finance Committee Vacancy - Hinga reported that due to the resignation of Michelle Hanks, there is an open position on the Finance committee for an interested member of Council.

   Abbott expressed interest in the position.

   The Appointment of Dan Abbott to the Finance Committee was added to the consent agenda.

4. Tree Trimming Bids - Delamater discussed the bids that were returned for the Village tree trimming and the process involved in determining the best contractor. Council considered the returned bids.

   Acceptance of the tree trimming bid from Get-R-Cut for an amount of $21,775, and authorization of the Village Manager to act as the signatory on the agreement, was added to the consent agenda.

5. Waste Hauler RFP- Burns discussed the upcoming Community engagement event regarding a single waste-hauler and the proposals that had been submitted. She clarified that all waste-haulers that submit a proposal were encouraged to attend to answer the community’s questions.

6. Communications-
   - Communication - Nordman
   - Complaint – Briggs
   - Complaint - Marshall
   - Compliment - Anonymous
   - Compliment – Arnold
- Inquiry – Boyink
- Inquiry - Dye
- Inquiry – Hansen
- LCC Acknowledgement – Grand Finale- Burns acknowledged that Grand Finale had secured their liquor license and would begin to participate in the social district.
- Samaritas Update - Burns updated Council on the Samaritas Project and how they are the top-ranking project for LIHTC funding in 2 separate categories and the positive implication that has on securing additional funding.
- Violation (STR) – 117 S. Lake- Burns addressed continued difficulty in getting the property owner to comply with approved short-term rental compacity in their advertising and the steps that have been taken to get it rectified.

Powers questioned the status of the short-term rental policy. TePasttte discussed the progress that the Short-term rental committee had made and acknowledged the extension of the moratorium until a few more details to the policy could be refined by legal liaisons. Burns and TePasttte discussed the reintroduction of short-term rental legislation in Lansing.

Council discussed the AT&T conduit work that is being done on West Exchange and how completion has been delayed due to a complication with the parts that had been installed.

Delamater explained that Michigan Gas is required to survey all the local gas lines that they’ve bored above, below or through; and the process in which this is accomplished.

Delamater discussed how moving forward with the USDA infrastructure project that has been delayed several times and continues to be delayed due to the supply shortage of ductile iron. Council discussed the project’s earliest likely start date with consideration to the supply shortage and the requirements that need to be met for the USDA funding.

7. Minutes – Minutes of the September 12, 2022 Work Session and September 19, 2022 regular meeting were attached for review.

8. Public Comment –
Paul Black, 210 N Canada Rd, Casnovia, MI. 49318 – Spoke on the Single Waste Hauler RFP and his concerns regarding transparency and availability of information to Village Residents, which may create confusion prior to the Community Engagement meeting.

Paul Kraus, Senior Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for Ottawa County, notified Council that Ottawa county was awarded a new circuit court judge position which will handle family law cases and his qualifications to fill this position.

Darcy Dye, 114 Fruitport Rd, spoke on the Single Waste Hauler RFP and her concerns regarding Council making a decision based solely on cost as opposed to traits that some of the community hold in higher value. She also expressed her gratitude to the three Council members stepping down in January for all their hard work for the Village.

9. Adjournment- There being no further business, Village Council adjourned the meeting at 7:50p.m.

Mark Powers, Village President                          Jordan Schwing, Deputy Clerk