

CASCO TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 26, 2015 @ 7:00 PM

Approved 3/16/15

Call to order: Allan called meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Allan Overhiser, Lu Winfrey, Cheri Brenner, Josiah Jessup, Judy Graff and 11 other interested people.

Absent: None

Public Comment: Barb Houlberg, Gayle and Bernie Malnekoff were present to discuss a dog running loose in their neighborhood. This dog has injured other dogs and has bitten people. There have been many complaints made to Animal Control concerning this matter without response to the problem. Allan said he will look into the situation.

Reports

Clerk: Minutes for the 12/15/14 meeting are not finished yet. They were lost in word and I'm in the process of re-doing them. Cheri made motion to amend the following:

Acct.#101.247.80200 Board of Review – Legal

Originally budgeted \$2000.00 and need to amend to the amount of \$7440.00.

The reason for the change is payment for Highfield Beach re-evaluation invoice was paid in the amount of \$9440.00.

Judy supported, all votes in favor, motion carried.

Cheri and Allan passed out the Audit for YE June 30, 2014 to the Board members to review before the next Board Meeting 2/16/15 for discussion.

Treasurer's Report:

Balances in all accounts are as follows:

General Fund	Balance	\$362,741.28
Parks Fund	Balance	\$ 8,599.73
Senior Services Fund	Balance	\$ 10,943.99
Fire Dept. Fund	Balance	\$ 376,534.90
Road Fund	Balance	\$ 130,597.85
Cemetery Care Fund	Balance	\$ 130,828.54
Collected Tax Acct.	Balance	\$ 989,735.47
Lakeview Sewer	Balance	\$ 17,711.89
Lakeview Water	Balance	\$ 17,840.84
Pacific Sewer	Balance	\$ 21,939.46
Orchard Sewer	Balance	\$ 41,690.34

Lu made motion to approve the following expenses totaling \$209,874.45:

General Fund	Orders#23008-23053	in the amount of	\$ 30,581.05
Parks Fund	Orders#571-581	in the amount of	\$ 5,091.80
Seniors Fund	Orders#467-470	in the amount of	\$ 3,025.42
Collected Tax	Orders#3003-3014	in the amount of	\$171,176.18

Cheri supported. All in favor. Motion carried.

Parks & Recreation Report:

Bruce Brandon reported at their organizational meeting the officers all stayed the same. Also, the Coastal Grant that was applied for in Dec. 2014 will take three months until the township hears anything and the final approval takes approximately 6 months.

The Township received an anonymous donation in the amount of \$500 for maintaining the Nature Preserve.

Planning Commission: The planning commission will be hosting the annual joint meeting on Sat. 2/7/15 @ 9:00 am to 1:00pm.

Casco Senior Care Program:

Susan Katt reported that there will be a four session creative writing class lead by Joan Wendland. Joan is a casco resident and an author. Starting Monday Feb. 2nd and every other Monday until March 16th from 1-3pm. Also, Tom Hall has volunteered to lead a weekly movie day at the township beginning on Thursday, February 5th from 1:30-3:30. Snacks will be provided. Ellen Appelhans will be assisting Seniors with taxes on Tuesdays and Wednesdays beginning 2/10/15.

County Report: no report

ZBA: There were not any ZBA requests for January.

Water/Sewer Authority: Overhiser gave a brief update on the authority.

SHAES: SHAES is conducting a first ever citizen's fire academy with the capacity of 15 residence to teach them fire skills that may save a life. This is a 10 week class. Contact Owen Ridley if you are interested. His telephone no is 269-637-1813 or email him oridley@shaes.org. With this class you can experience what a firefighter does.

Fennville Library-Bob Sherwood reported on the library. He said bids have been sent out for a new communication system.

Hospital- Judy Graff reported that the hospital opened a wound care section, this is

located where the OB ward was. They have been open a week and they have already had 8 patients with 61 visits.

Old Business

Roads- Allan reported that from the county millage, the Allegan County Road Commission will be paving North Shore Drive from Baseline Road to 72nd, east of Blue Star Highway. From the township millage, the Road Commission will be paving 71st Street from 103rd Ave. south to 105th Ave. Local Roads-Ron Seiler was present to discuss the condition of 71st St. he said the neighbors feel like it is a defeated issue. 107th to 103rd is terrible the road is falling apart. Also, the issue of the flooding several times of the year on 71st St. Allan said he had asked the Road Commission if we could pave this the way it is and he was told no. Allan made motion to approve paving 71st St. south 103rd to 105th. Cheri supported. All in favor. Motion carried.

A group of property owners on Lakeview in Miami Park would like to pave Lakeview from Blue Star to the bluff. The estimate from the Road Commission to pave Lakeview is \$251,994.00. Mike Werkema has 80% of the property owners signatures that want this done. Allan said this is something new for Casco and that the township would pay for the legal fees which may be about \$6,000.00 to 10,000.00. Allan said he will start working with the attorney to get this started.

Allan made motion to approve the Work order for paving Lakeview Ave. from Blue Star Highway to the bluff. Motion to approve. Judy seconded.
Roll Call Vote: All 5 board members voted yea.
Absent: none

Deputy Update-

We are meeting with the candidate next week. Allan explained that it is best to buy the car new with the complete cost at approximately \$30,000.00.

Bids on Building-

Bids for the building are due by 12:00 noon February 16, 2015.

Audit-

The audit for YE 6/30/14 was passed out to all the board members for them to review for next meeting.

North Shore Drain-

Allan has a call into the Drain Commissioner and she has not returned his call yet.

Appoint an alternate for ZBA & Board of Review

Allan made motion to appoint Matt Hamlin to be an alternate for the ZBA & Board of Review. Cheri seconded. All votes in favor. Motion Carried.

Summer Tax Collection Contracts

Allan made motion to renew the contracts to collect summer taxes for Lake Michigan College and South Haven Public Schools, under the same amount as before. Judy supported. All in favor. Motion Carried.

New Business

Agreement to provide information for Dissemination Services

A proposal from Bedzinski & Co. Municipal Finance *Advisors was presented to act as* Dissemination Agent for Township of Casco, Allegan County, State of Michigan. The SEC now requires continuing reporting when townships go out to sell bonds.

Allan made motion to contract with Bedzinski & Co. for the services for being our dissemination agent to comply with the municipal rule making board requirements in the capital markets. Lu seconded. All votes in favor Roll call Vote: All five board members voted Yea. Absent: None

Boundary Line Adjustment Mike Werkema

Mike Werkema applied for a Boundary Line Adjustment for Parcel # 03-02-547-034-00 @ 7229 Atlantic Ave.

Lu made motion to approve a boundary line adjustment for Parcel #03-02-547-034-00 7229 Atlantic Ave. with this boundary line adjustment there will be now two parcels of 3 1/2 lots each. Josiah supported.

Judy made motion to adjourn. Lu seconded.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:38 pm.

Minutes prepared by Cheri Brenner, Clerk

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Cheri Brenner
Casco Township Clerk

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