

CASCO TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 20, 2020 @ 7:00PM

Approved 5/18/2020

Call to Order: Overhiser called meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Present: Overhiser, Macyauski, Winfrey, Brenner, & Graff present per zoom and one interested Citizen.

Absent: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: Judy read email from Clay Grieffendorf, he felt the board was being irresponsible for having a public meeting because of the COVID-19.

Allan explained hat we have items that are time sensitive and need board approval. We have structured the meeting with an abbreviated agenda. We have spaced our participating board members at a safe distancing, everyone wore masks, and were screened to make sure no one had symptoms of the virus. The public was also screened and the seating was spaced. We had one person attend in person and two individuals zoomed in for the meeting. We encouraged people to participate thru zoom.

**Reports:**

Clerk: Cheri presented the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 17, 2020, Judy made motion to approve the minutes of Feb. 17, 2020. Lu supported. All vote in favor. Motion Carried.

Treasurer:

Balances of all accounts are as follows:

GENERAL FUND	BALANCE	\$697,880.57
PARKS FUND	BALANCE	\$109,256.85
SENIOR SERVICES FUND	BALANCE	\$112,807.83
FIRE DEPT FUND	BALANCE	\$731,868.32
ROAD FUND	BALANCE	\$686,918.40
POLICE FUND	BALANCE	\$176,075.28
CEMETERY CARE FUND	BALANCE	\$109,589.42
COLLECTED TAX ACCOUNT	BALANCE	\$1,680.63
102 <sup>ND</sup> AVE SAD	BALANCE	\$83,641.73
BEACH DRIVE	BALANCE	\$79,140.66
LAKEVIEW PAVING	BALANCE	\$73,111.95
LAKEVIEW SEWER	BALANCE	\$19,310.10
LAKEVIEW WATER	BALANCE	\$5,920.55
PACIFIC SEWER	BALANCE	\$18,281.97
PACIFIC WATER	BALANCE	\$43,011.85
ORCHARD SEWER	BALANCE	\$35,147.47

Lu made motion to approve the following bills in the amount of \$79,545.28 and collected tax account balance of \$1,669,084.03:

<b>General Fund</b>	<b>in the amount of</b>	<b>\$70,380.93</b>
<b>Parks Fund</b>	<b>in the amount of</b>	<b>\$652.24</b>
<b>Fire Fund</b>	<b>in the amount of</b>	<b>\$6,193.47</b>

<b>Senior Fund</b>	<b>in the amount of</b>	<b>\$2,318.64</b>
<b>Collected Tax</b>	<b>in the amount of</b>	<b>\$1,669,084.03</b>

**Cheri supported. All votes in favor. Motion Carried,**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Road Paving Bid:

The township received from Allegan County Road Commission a tabulation of the bids received on March 18, 2020, for Project LH4974 – On 71<sup>st</sup> Street, 105<sup>th</sup> Ave to 107<sup>th</sup> Ave – 1.0 mile and Project LH4000014 – on 68<sup>th</sup> Street, 109<sup>th</sup> Ave to Ganges Township Line – 1.43 miles in Casco Township. The Road Commission recommended acceptance of the low bid received from Michigan Paving & Materials Company in the amount of \$507,175.00.

This bid fit within our road budget.

Lu made motion to accept the bid in the amount of \$507,175.00 from Michigan Paving & Materials Company. Judy supported. All votes in favor. Motion Carried.

- SHAES:

Allan reported that the search for an Executive Director for the Fire Dept is over, Brandon Hinz has been hired for the position. He is an internalemployee, fireman, he has 21 years experience. Brandon has been acting captain for the last 8 years, his 21 years includes EMT and a fireman, and he is a local resident residing in Geneva Township.

- Hartmann’s Marijuana Request:

Hartmann’s marijuana request basically after touring Hartmann’s and discussing with the board members that the issue with medical marijuana and the ability for local farmers possibly participating in this. Allan suggested that we get our township attorney, Ron Bultje, have him give us kind of a road map to use if a farmer wants to participate in this. Also, he could advise us with some of the pitfalls and some of the benefits for us to move forward. This would require the planning commission to be involved with some zoning changes as an example. Allan asked for permission from the board to go ahead and contact Ron Bultje to get that road map worked on, and have Ron come down and talk to the board and the public.

Paul suggested that we let Ron know that we are not interested in any other kind of marijuana such as recreational we are only interested in medical marijuana growing in the agriculture areas.

The board agreed to Paul’s suggestion and for Allan to go ahead and contact Ron Bultje.

- Quote from Fleming’s Tree Service, LLC:

The quote in the amount of \$1,350.00 from Fleming’s Tree Service was for removing three dead Trees west of the parking area and the four dead trees east of the parking area. This price includes Chipping the small branches, hauling the logs away and cutting the stumps low.

Judy made motion to approve the quote from Fleming’s Tree Service in the amount of \$1,350.00.

Paul supported. All in favor. Motion Carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Resolution Millage Renewal for Roads

This millage was originally 1.46 mills and then rolled back by headlee the proposal is to renew it to 1.464 mills it would estimate \$366,600.00.

Judy made motion to approve putting the Road Millage on the August ballot for renewal. Paul supported.

Roll Call Vote: Judy, Lu, Allan, myself, & Paul were all yes votes.

Nay: None

Absent: None

- Resolution Millage Renewal for Parks & Recreation.

This millage was originally .25 mills but it too has been rolled back by headlee, this resolution is proposing to put it on the ballot for a full .25 mill, which would raise approximately \$62,602.00. Judy made motion to approve. Paul supported. All votes in favor. Motion Carried.

Roll Call Vote:

Yah: Paul, Allan, myself, Lu. Judy.

Nay: None

The Transfer Station has been open to help people with their garbage. Large loads are not being accepted, we are taking light household recycles, right now we are not touching anyones cards or their garbage. We are only allowing one car at a time, Allan feels that it is being run as safely as possible. At this time we are only allowing 4 bags of garbage per family.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Compensation:

Allan recommended to the board, because the economy is in such bad shape right now, that he doesn't think that we should not do anything about increasing wages this year, we just leave everything the same for this year.

Paul supported Allan's recommendation.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Greg Knisley made a comment about someone that was in front of him had more then 4 bags and it took him about 15 minutes to get rid of his things. Allan explained that they were recycle items.

Lu made motion to adjourn. Judy supported.

Meeting adjourned at 7:38pm

Minutes Respectively Submitted by,  
Cheryl Brenner, Casco Township Clerk