

CASCO TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MINUTES REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 19, 2019 @ 7:00PM

Approved 9/16/2019

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

Present: Overhiser, Brenner, Macyauski, Winfrey, Graff and 10 other interested citizens.

Absent: None

Julie Cowie: Rural Gig

Wants township support for applying for a Rural Broadband Grant.

She explained that there are 5 areas in Casco Township that are in need of service.

- Area 60<sup>th</sup> near 109<sup>th</sup> Ave– 62<sup>nd</sup> and 107<sup>th</sup> heavy with trees
- Township Hall area on 107<sup>th</sup>
- Lakeshore area north of 107<sup>th</sup> Ave. up thru Cedar Bluff and north until cable begins
- The Dale Morgan – De Best corner
- 102<sup>nd</sup> near 62<sup>nd</sup> and 66<sup>th</sup> to Hartman's

Paul Macyauski made motion for the township to support Rural Gig applying for a Rural Broadband Grant. Judy supported. No other discussions. All votes in favor. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Doug Nickerson, Miami Park, talked about Park Ave. in Miami Park. With the closing of Lake Shore Dr., the only cross drive is Park. The Road Commission put in a culvert but nothing else has been done, Doug thinks a couple yards of gravel would help to develop Park Ave. Doug is asking that we get this completed and not have these dangerous issues.

Allan felt this could happen this year yet, but not sure. Judy asked how long has this been on a list?

Allan responded that this piece of land is not a top priority for the Road Commission. Allan commended the Road Commission, for the great job they did this year.

Carl Kelch new resident, lives corner of North Shore Dr. and Columbine, he got stopped by Kurt for driving his golf cart on North Shore Dr. north of Baseline, he was Kurt's 6<sup>th</sup> victim. Carl said before he purchased the cart, he went to the South Haven Police Station and asked them if there is going to be a problem driving between Baseline and Blue Star Hwy? They assured them that it wouldn't be a problem. Allan explained that the township is limited to 25 Mile Roads, we do not have the permission to do anything on North Shore Dr.

Reports:

Clerk:

Cheri presented the minutes of 7/15/19 regular meeting for approval.

Lu made motion to approve the 7/15/19 minutes of the regular meeting. Judy supported.

No corrections or additions, none. All votes in favor. Motion Carried.

Cheri mentioned that the copy machine in the clerk's office was worked on today, it is 11 yrs. Old, we have made 260,000 copies on this machine from the beginning, after they get so old it is difficult to get parts for them. Next year we should put this on the budget, hopefully it lasts that long.

Treasurer:

Balance of the following funds are as follow:

General Fund	Balance	\$606,715.29
Parks Fund	Balance	\$77,317.49
Senior Services Fund	Balance	\$82,293.03
Fire Dept. Fund	Balance	\$462,693.10
Road Fund	Balance	\$478,204.27
Police Fund	Balance	\$126,082.43
Cemetery Care Fund	Balance	\$104,866.17
Collected Tax Acct.	Balance	\$717,845.35
102 <sup>nd</sup> Ave.	Balance	\$46,267.43
Beach Drive	Balance	\$107,242.16
Lakeview Paving	Balance	\$45,519.00
Lakeview Sewer	Balance	\$6,887.53
Lakeview Water	Balance	\$107.44
Pacific Sewer	Balance	\$7,861.94
Orchard Sewer	Balance	\$23,451.75

Lu made a motion to approve the following bills in the amount of \$668,142.66

General Fund	Orders#25687-25735	\$37,530.42
Collected Tax	Orders#3569-3575	\$255,176.62
Seniors Fund	Orders#749-751	\$2,436.93
Parks Fund	Orders#1212-1225	\$2,391.30
Police Fund	Orders#265-268	\$13,212.14
Road Fund	Orders#1141	\$239,269.52
Fire Fund	Orders#3972	\$117,942.00
Cemetery Fund	Orders#1058	\$183.75

Paul supported. All Votes in favor. Motion Carried.

Parks & Recreation:

Bruce Brandon, Chairperson, gave the board an estimate from Davis Landscaping & Home Improvements in the amount of **\$7,650.00** to clean up the Preserve from overgrown invasive undergrowth, create a lake view bordering the cliffside, clear growth away from both sides of fence bordering lake front, clear path turn around to allow for wildflower growing area, apply Round Up to areas cleared to keep brush manageable, power wash concrete pads and benches, power sweep walkways and parking area, clear undergrowth between Blue Star and park entryway to be able to see park from roadway, and add wildflowers to proposed wildflower garden.

Judy made motion to approve the estimate to clear up The Preserve in the amount of \$7,650.00.. Lu supported.

No further discussion. All votes in favor. Motion Carried

Library:

Bob Sherwood, library board member, the entire staff will be trained for CPR, Bob gave a brief explanation on Fantastic Fictions.

Planning Commission:

Judy reported that there will be a request for a modification on a bed & breakfast. There will be a public hearing 9/25/2018 @ 6:00pm on Lighting Ordinances changes and also on new construction is elevated therefore the drainage is draining off onto other people's property.

ZBA:

No meeting.

SHAES

The retirement of Ron Wise, a year from now, SHEAS is starting a search for his replacement.

SHAWSA

No meeting.

COUNTY

No report

OLD BUSINESS:

- Drain Problem Miami Park

Allan explained that there is a Township Work Order for Construction or Special Maintenance on Public Roads that the Township Board is in full compliance with the laws regarding contractual relations with the County Road Commission.

Under the provisions of the general highway laws and specifically Act No. 51 P.A. 1951 as amended, the following road work was authorized by the Township Board under date of 8/19/19. These projects are to be considered in the following order:

LH 4052 – In the Miami Park Subdivision, design drainage improvements and prepare plans and specifications.

One copy will be signed by the Supervisor and Clerk, dated and sent to the Board of County Road Commissioners to approve.

This is not a financial commitment, but it is giving our instructions to have the Road Commission look into some engineering for improvements in Miami Park. We will come back with some options in a few months to look at some improvements.

Lu made motion to approve the work order for Miami Park. Paul supported.

Judy requested to have in the minutes that there will be no commitment until a design is presented to us with a price tag.

All votes in favor. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Jurisdictional Control of Portion of Lake Shore Drive.**

Lakeshore Drive was closed just north of Pacific, was closed in May or June, the Road Commission determined that it wasn't suitable for vehicular traffic. The Road Commission did feel the need for the right of way. The Board of County Road Commissioners deemed the jurisdictional transfer of said road to the Township of Casco, Allegan County, Michigan would be in the public interest. Casco Township owns the property adjacent to the western side of said road.

***Judy requested a survey from the Road Commission. Allan said he would contact them and see what they have.***

Paul made motion to accept the Road Commission to relinquish jurisdiction over the portion of the public road right of way for Lake Shore Drive between Pacific Avenue and Orchard Road to Casco Township. Lu supported.

All votes in favor. Motion Carried. Roll Call Vote: Paul, yes, Cheri, yes, Allan, yes, Lu, yes, Judy, yes.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

- **Resolution – No Parking on Columbine**

Mrs. Kelley was present whom talked to Allan about her concerns of the parking on Columbine. She stated that people were parking on both sides of the street, homes that are renting on North Shore are limiting 2 cars per driveway, the extra cars are being parked on Columbine, there was one weekend that a firetruck wouldn't have gotten thru.

It was recommended by the Allegan County Road Commission for the township to pass a Resolution tonight requesting that a parking investigation would be done and look into it, what would happen is the Michigan State Police and the Road Commission work together to whether or not no parking signs could fit their criteria.

Lu made motion to resolve to have the Michigan State Police and the Allegan County Road Commission do a traffic study and investigate a parking restriction on Columbine. Judy supported.

Roll Call Vote: Paul, yes, Cheri, yes, Allan, yes, Lu, yes, Judy, yes.

AYES: 5

NAYS: 0

- **Health Dept.: Septic Tank Permits**

At the July 2019 meeting Judy brought an article that was about Point of Sale inspection of septic tanks. After discussion of this issue it was decided that we are covered with the problem of septic tanks not getting inspected when there is a change of hands.

- **Boundary Line Adjustment: Cottage Home**

Boundary line adjustment to turn 5 lots, in Sunset Shores, into 2 parcels that would be 2.5 lots wide, the lots in Sunset Shores are 50ft lots. Tasha had reviewed this request.

Paul made motion to accept the split of 5 lots into two 2.5 lots. Lu supported.

Roll Call Vote: Paul, yes, Cheri, yes, Allan, yes, Lu, yes, Judy,, yes.

AYES: 5

NAYS: 0

Allan updated us on the Casco Drain, they have all the easements and they have gotten the permission from MDOT to go across

I-196 , they will soon be going out for bids. They anticipate a winter construction of the project and hope to be done by Memorial Day 2020. This fall didn't work out because of the limited amount of contractors available.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Lu made motion to adjourn. Judy supported.

Meeting adjourned at 8:34pm

Minutes Respectively Submitted by,  
Cheryl Brenner, Township Clerk