

Casco Township Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting of May 19, 2014
@ 7:00 pm

Approved 6/16/14

Call to order: Overhiser led in the Pledge of Allegiance and meeting was called to order at 6:59 pm.

Present: Overhiser, Brenner, Graff, Winfrey, Jessup and 8 other interested people.

Absent: None

Allan said that we need to thank Cheri for preparing information for the meeting and that she had been in the hospital last week and that were glad to have her back.

Public Comment: None

Reports

Clerk Report: Cheri presented minutes for the 4/29/14 Special Meeting, Budget Discussion.

Judy made motion to approve the budget meeting minutes. Josiah seconded.

All votes in favor. Motion carried.

Cheri said she didn't have minutes for the 4/21/14 Regular Meeting completed yet.

Cheri also handed out copies of an incident report for Casco for the month of April from the Allegan County Sheriff Dept.

Also mentioned is we need to enhance the website for the resolution for police protection.

Treasurers Report:

Balances as follows in all checking accounts:

General Fund	Balance	\$594,650.16
Parks & Recreation	Balance	\$ 37,917.72
Senior Services Fund	Balance	\$ 35,464.68
Fire Dept. Fund	Balance	\$596,007.63
Road Fund	Balance	\$292,369.56
Cemetery Care Fund	Balance	\$129,241.55
Collected Tax Acct	Balance	\$ 1,208.73
Lakeview Sewer	Balance	\$ 30,613.58
Lakeview Water	Balance	\$ 21,997.41
Pacific Sewer	Balance	\$ 30,851.15

Lu made motion to approve the following orders to be paid;

General Fund	orders #22606-22645	in the amount of	\$22,086.92
Parks Fund	orders #475-484	In the amount of	\$ 3,172.05
Seniors Fund	orders #423-426	in the amount of	\$ 3,538.11

Josiah made motion to approve the Treasurers report. Cheri seconded.

All in favor. Motion carried. Lu reported that she received a delinquency check from the county treasurer and the funds were deposited in the May accounting.

Lu said she is starting to work on 2014 summer taxes. She also said the summer newsletter information must be at Pat's Pronto Print by June 18, 2014.

Planning Commission

Bruce Barker did an explanation of the revised Zoning Ordinance and that the PC unanimously voted on May 14 to make a recommendation to the township board to adopt the new Zoning Ordinance Revision. There has been a lot of changes since the last revision, specially on the state level. Judy Graff commented that the PC made a lot of issues to be more simplified.

Lu made motion for the Township Board to adopt the new revised Zoning Ordinance. Josiah seconded. All votes in favor. Motion carried.

Roll call vote: Josiah, yes, Allan, yes, Lu, yes, Judy, yes, Cheri, yes.

Nays: None

County report

Tom Jessup, Allegan County Commissioner, reported that the County of Allegan is putting on the August 5, 2014 ballot an increase for Senior Citizen Services for Allegan County an 0.436 mills. This mill will be doubled from the amount on an individual's current tax bill.

Also, on the August 5, 2014 ballot there will be a 911 Operating Surcharge Proposal for the period beginning Jan. 1, 2015 and continuing through December 31, 2019. This authorizes the county to assess a monthly surcharge of up to and not to exceed \$3.00(if approved, replacing the current monthly surcharge of up to and not to exceed \$2.80 which expires December 31, 2014) on the monthly billings of communication service suppliers to service users within the boundaries of Allegan County to be used exclusively for the funding of 911 emergency telephone call and dispatch services.

Tom feels the county should own the Blue Star Bike Trail it would be a great addition to the County parks.

Tom discussed the food issue for the seniors, he brought in samples of food from the Kalamazoo Commission on Aging. The commissioners are looking at other vendors to get a better quality nutritional meals for the seniors and disabled.

Tom also commented on the beach stairs at the Nature Preserve and how great everything looks and how well the stairs were built and the way the railing was built. He said that Pam and the Park & Recreation committee and the township did an excellent job.

Parks

Pam Blough updated the approved quotes from last month meeting for signage. The walkway to the beach stairs installation is scheduled for next week, weather permitting. All that needs to be done yet is the installation of the signs, the bench, and the walkway and the project will be done. Hopefully mid June we can have a ribbon cutting ceremony.

Also, the June meeting for the parks is June 6, 2014 at 6:00 pm meeting at the park first and the regular meeting following will be at the hall at 7:00 pm.

Seniors Rachel Brenner reported that they had 27 seniors attend the presentation from Hospice of Holland on Palliative Care on April 30, 2014. At the ice cream social 23 seniors attended and was presented by Hospice at Home on Advance Directives.

May 22nd will be the Senior Appreciation Luncheon at 12 noon at the Casco United Methodist Church with the lunch being provided by United Methodist Women.

ZBA Josiah Jessup, board representative, reported on the May 8, 2014 ZBA meeting that Kevin and

Laurie Muntter were granted a 6' Variance for a 10' x 11' storage shed already constructed on the property at 474 Boody's Way.

Old Business

The discussion of new carpeting for the hall and also painting, Lu will get quotes for carpet and Allan will get a quote for painting.

New Business

Tax foreclosed property Allan presented a list from Allegan County 2014 Auction List for the board members to look at and everyone unanimously did not see anything of interest that Casco would be interested in.

Insurance Premium Quote

Allan presented the quote from Michigan Municipal Insurance Coverage Proposal. The changes and increases were explained. It was recommended for the township to add Monetary damage coverage in the amount of \$115. This coverage is for employee loss of salary if a disgruntled employee quits or is fired and files a legal claim.

Also, Accidental death policies for elected officials in the amount of \$20,000 per official.

This premium would be \$330 per year. Also, umbrella coverage for liability over the \$1,000,000 for an additional \$530.00. The premium total for the year would be \$10,023.00.

Lu made motion to approve the new premium in the amount of \$10,023.00 which includes the three recommended additional. Judy supported.

Roll Call Vote: Judy, yes, Lu, yes, Allen, yes, Cheri, yes, Josiah, yes.

Nays: none

All votes in favor. Motion carried.

Boundary Line Adjustment-

Peggy Spencer asked for a boundary line adjustment for Mary Compton.

Judy made motion to approve. Lu seconded.

Roll call vote: Josiah, yes, Judy, yes, Lu, yes, Cheri, yes, Allan yes.

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Public comment: David Diny asked what happened with the plan to decorate the garage for a senior area?

Lu made motion to adjourn. Judy seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm

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Cheri Brenner
Casco Township Clerk

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