

CASCO TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES, REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2022 @ 7:00PM

Approved

CALL TO ORDER: Overhiser called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Overhiser, Brenner, Macyauski, Clevenger, Fleming, Judge Margaret Bakker & Linda Teeter with Legal Assistance Center, and 4 other interested citizens.

Absent: None

Judge Bakker thanked us again for our support and how much they appreciate it. Last year they assisted 27 residents in Casco and this service is free to residents in Allegan County. She asked for us to spread the word about them and that it is free. They will have their 10 years of being in service at the end of this July and they have served 21,000 residents during this time. The Judge complimented the good job that Linda is doing as director.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Andria Quinn whom lives on 68th Street her and her husband , Tony Quinn, are concerned with special permits being issued in our area, The Fields was recently issued one, and specifically concerned about 46 68th Street owned by Kevin and Mary Whiteford. There has been large gathering issues, building code violations, noise violations and to receive this special permit you have to proof that you can operate within guidelines. They are concerned that the mentioned issues will still go on, they want to make sure that noise and other violations will be enforced.

Reports:

- Police: Deputy Cesar Cano reported that in January there were 94 calls and he took 36 of them, There were 2 B&E'S and 2 larcenies.

February there were 77 calls and he took 38 calls, there were 3 B&E'S and 1 larceny.

- Clerk: Cheri presented three Regular Meeting minutes, December 20, 2021, January 18, 2022, & February 21, 2022.

December 20, 2021 Regular Meeting, minutes, Paul made motion to approve the December 20, 2021 minutes. Kenny supported. No further discussion or changes. All votes in favor. Motion Carried.

January 18, 2022, Regular Meeting minutes, Kenny made motion to approve the January 18, 2022 minutes. Dan supported. No further discussion or changes. All votes in favor. Motion Carried.

February 21, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes, Dan made motion to approve the February 21, 2022, minutes. Kenny supported. No further discussion or changes. All Votes in favor. Motion Carried.

Cheri made motion to amend the following budget items:

General – expenses

101-253-752.000	Treasurer- Misc Supplies	\$125.57
Building		
101-265-704.010	Board Appointed position	\$850.00
101-265-709.000	fica/medicare	\$200.00
101-265-803.000	Technical support	\$2,310.00
101-265-850.000	Phone/Internet	\$550.00
101-265-851.000	Postage	\$300.00

101-265-852.000	Website	\$1,065.24
101-265-920.000	Electricity	\$250.00
101-265-980.000	Office Equipment	\$202.07
Inspections		
101-371-709.000	FICA/MEDICARE	\$500.15
101-371-920.000	Inspections-electricity	\$684.32
101-536-801.009	Other Activities Water/Sewer	\$545.00
Parks		
208-751-702.003	Recreation Wages	\$1,000.00
208-751-801.016	Recreation-consultants	\$3,267.50
Cemetery		
209-567-802.002	Cemetery maintenance-mowing-etc	\$677.40

Paul supported. No discussion or changes. All Votes in favor. Motion Carried.

Kathy and Cheri are hosting election inspector training Thursday, March 31, 2022, from 1:00pm to 3:00pm.

Cheri received an email from a Dave Hull, Huizenga’s campaign manager, asking about the requirements for campaign signs.

On the State’s website we found the following:

*Signs must be removed 10 days of an election.

*Signs must be placed 30ft. from the edge of the road unless it is a highway with a barrier curb then 3ft from the curb.

*Not allowed in clear vision areas such as roundabouts.

*Signs on personal property must always have permission.

*Signs that don’t meet M-DOT safety standards, M-DOT or the Road Commission will remove them.

If they are removed, they can be picked up at the local M-DOT garage or the Road Commission garage.

They must be picked up within 7 days of being removed or they will be discarded.

- Treasurer:

Kenny gave balances of funds as of 2/28/2022:

General Fund	Balance	\$499,893.08
Road Fund	Balance	\$442,677.62
Fire Fund	Balance	\$268,852.26
Police Fund	Balance	\$131,597.24
Parks & Recreation Fund	Balance	\$94,068.88
Cemetery Fund	Balance	\$108,329.35
Senior Services Fund	Balance	\$120,495.92

Kenny made a motion to approve the following checks:

EFTPS		\$4,594.13
Checks from	27426 thru 27476	\$48,004.64
	Totals	\$52,598.95

Paul supported. No discussion or changes. All Votes in Favor. Motion Carried.

- Planning Commission:

Dan Fleming, Board Representative on the PC, reported they approved a private road for two houses.

- Parks & Recreation:

Paul Macyauski reported that our grant was accepted. Paul made a recommendation from the Parks Committee; they want to plant some sycamore plants evenly spaced (8) of them along the split rail fence at the cost of \$4,000.00. Dan supported the motion to buy and plant sycamore trees, No discussion, or changes. All Votes in Favor. Motion Carried.

- SHAES:

David Frizzell, from the Fire Department, so far as of today they have had 545 calls, going to the schools to generate interest, right now they are thinking that they need to grow.

- SHAWSA: No report

OLD BUSINESS:

- Erosion Committee Update:

Julie Cowie, chair of the committee, had some recommendations of items that the committee had learned through education from various resources.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Inspection Fees:

Gordon Bosch hasn't changed his fees for electrical inspections for 20 years, he has submitted a request for an increase in the fees.

Allan made the motion to approve the increase in the electrical inspection fees. Paul supported.

Roll Call Vote: Allan, Cheri, Paul, Kenny, & Dan all yes

Yahs: 5

Nays: 0

- Code Ordinance Updates:

Plumbing Code

Ordinance # 0321-22-1

Paul made motion to approve designating ordinance enforcement agency to discharge the Plumbing Code responsibilities of the township of casco under provisions of the state construction code, being act no 230 of 1972, as amended. Dan supported.

Roll call Vote: Allan, Cheri, Dan, Paul, & Kenny, all yes.

Yahs: 5

Nays: 0

Electrical Code Ordinance #0321-22-2

Paul made motion to approve designating an enforcement agency to discharge the electrical code responsibilities of the township of casco under the provisions of the state construction code, being act no. 230 of 1972, as amended. Dan supported.

Roll Call Vote: Allen, Dan, Cheri, Kenny, Paul. All yes

Yahs: 5

Nays: 0

Mechanical Code Ordinance# 0321-22-3

Paul made motion to approve designating an enforcement agency to discharge the mechanical code responsibilities of the township of casco under the provisions of the state construction code.

Dan supported.

Roll Call Vote: Allan, Kenny, Cheri, Paul, Dan all yes

Yahs: 5

Nays: 0

Building Code Ordinance# 0321-22-4

Paul made motion to approve an ordinance to designate an enforcement agency to discharge the building code responsibilities of the township of Casco under the provisions of the state construction code, being act no 230 of 1972, as amended. Dan supported.

Roll Call Vote: Allan, Paul, Cheri, Kenny, Dan. All yes.

Yahs.: 5

Nays: 0

- Dust Control:

Southwestern Michigan Dust Control, Inc. submitted a proposal for 2022.

Paul made motion to accept Southwestern Michigan Dust Control proposal for 2022. Dan supported. No questions or discussions. All votes in favor. Motion Carried.

- Off Road Vehicle Resolution>

Off Road Vehicle Resolution No. 03-22.01

Paul made motion to approve the resolution to accept the ORV roads in Casco of North Shore Drive from the City of South Haven to 72nd st.

72nd street from North Shore Drive to 103rd avenue

103rd avenue from 72nd to 66th st

70th street from 103rd to 103rd

Omitting 66th street from baseline road to 109th avenue.

Kenny supported.

Roll Call Vote: Kenny, Paul, Cheri, Allan, Dan, all yes.

Yahs: 5

Nays: 0

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Budget

Overhiser presented copies of the proposed budget for 2022/2023 for the board to look at for discussion at the April 18· 2022 meeting.

Kenny made motion to adjourn. Paul supported. No discussion. All votes in favor. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38pm.

Minutes Respectively submitted by
Cheryl Brenner, Casco Clerk