

CASCO TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING  
7/18/16 @ 7:00 PM

Approved 08/15/16

Call to Order: Allan called meeting to order @ 7:04pm and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Absent: None

Candidate Time:

Paul Macyauski was present and announced that he would like to run for the Trustee position on the Township Board that Josiah Jessup just resigned from. Josiah is going into the the army and he resigned as of July 1, 2016. Paul wished Josiah well for his new career plans.

Abigail Nobel introduced herself and that she is running for State Representative for the 80<sup>th</sup> District.

Public Comment: None

Deputy Katje was present with a brief report.

Committee Reports:

Clerk:

Brenner presented the minutes for 6/20/16 Regular Meeting for approval. Judy made motion to approve. Lu supported. All votes in favor. MC Cheri reported that on 7/28 2016 the accuracy test for the tabulator is at Allegan Township.

Treasurer:

The balances for all accounts are as follows:

General Fund	Balance	\$566,927.05
Parks Fund	Balance	\$ 36,357.86
Senior Services	Balance	\$ 42,173.67
Fire Dept	Balance	\$677,437.81
Road Fund	Balance	\$316,565.33
Police Fund	Balance	\$118,597.97
Cemetery Care Fund	Balance	\$108,716.57
Collected Tax Acct	Balance	\$ 232.57
Lakeview Sewer	Balance	\$ 8,522.66
Lakeview Water	Balance	\$ 360.81
Pacific Sewer	Balance	\$ 13,592.20
Orchard Sewer	Balance	\$ 16,127.26
Lakeview Paving	Balance	\$274,390.28
102 <sup>nd</sup> Avenue SAD	Balance	\$436,470.03

Winfrey made motion to approve the following

General Fund	Orders#23844-23899	in the amount of	\$99,545.89
Parks Fund	Orders#770-788	in the amount of	\$15,874.23

Seniors Fund	Orders#560-564	in the amount of	\$ 4,508.75
Police fund	Orders#142-144	in the amount of	\$ 8,506.24
Lakeview Sewer	Orders#1007-1008	in the amount of	\$15,408.70
Lakeview Water	Orders#1011	in the amount of	\$ 6,758.36
Pacific Sewer	Orders#1010-1011	in the amount of	\$16,936.25
Orchard Sewer	Orders#1206-1207	in the amount of	\$15,743.60
Fire Fund	Orders#3937	in the amount of	\$47,969.92

Cheri supported. All votes in favor. MC

**Parks & Recreation:**

Bruce Brandon reported that the Park Committee contacted the Outdoor Discovery Center In Holland and the committee members will take a tour when a time and date can be determined. The "Little Library" project is moving forward.

The committee would like to thank the Friends Group for their dedicated work at the Preserve last week: Gigi Sizemore, Priscilla Massie, Arne Servatius and all the many others who do things at the Preserve. The Friends Group will also plan a fall cleanup.

The committee came to a consensus concerning a plan to remedy the cutting on Casco Park Property last fall. The committee will meet at the Miami Park site Aug. 9<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30pm to begin implementation.

The view at the Preserve is blocked and Dan Fleming has been contacted to send a quote for cleaning up the bluff.

Judy feels that the person that cut the trees should pay all of the expenses to replant the bluff. It was mentioned that the person that cut the trees should be a part of the planting of the bluff. The township hopes to recoup the expenses from the individual. The DEQ is having an in-service staff meeting at our stairs at the Preserve because they are so impressed in how the stairs were built.

**Seniors:**

Rachel Brenner was present to give a report. She reported that Alliance out of Allegan is 6 months out for home help and the Meals are 3 to 6 months out.

**County Report:**

Tom Jessup was present to give a report on the county level. He said Josiah went in the Army and he had to take the slot when it opened up so after basic training he will be going to Texas for medical training. Tom reported on how nice West Side Park is and people come from all over to use the ramp to go to the beach. The county is getting new emergency radios-first responders-everyone will be on the same system. Everyone will be getting new radios and the cost will be \$9,000,000 and this will be paid for by the surcharge on everyone's telephone bill.

He also mentioned that the Youth Home needs a lot of repairs done such as plumbing Work, etc.

The Budget for Allegan County this year is \$34,000,000.

SHAES:

Allan reported that there are problems between Allegan County dispatch and Van Buren County Dispatch, Ron Wise is working on this situation.

Water/Sewer Authority:

Allan reported that the authority has reached its growth this year and the mandatory hook ups are all done in Casco.

### **OLD Business**

Quote for tree cutting at the Transfer station from Dan Fleming is in the amount of \$200 per hr. It was decided for the work not to exceed \$3,000.

Lu made motion for the tree cutting at the Transfer Station amount is not to exceed \$3,000 with Dan Fleming doing the work. Cheri supported.

All votes in favor. MC

The quote to clean up the bluff at the Preserve from Dan Fleming is \$475.00. This cutting is to improve the view at the top of the bluff by the bench.

Lu made motion to accept the quote from Dan Fleming in the amount of \$475.00 for cleaning up the bluff at the Preserve. Judy supported. All in favor. MC

There will be a Rental meeting Wed. 7/20/16 @ 7:00 pm. to hear the pros and cons about summer rentals.

One of the issues is what is commercial and what isn't.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Zoning Text Amendments were changed because they comply with the current building codes. Fences and the pool cover were changed to comply with the State Building Code requirements. The board amended section 3.28 which now allows for expansion of a nonconforming use if approved by the zoning board of appeals and also the expansion of a nonconforming building if the expansion is compliant with all sections of zoning ordinance for that particular zone.

Judy made motion to approve the Zoning Text Amendments . Lu supported.

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

Allan read a note from Rene Garrity, Glenn Shores, thanking the township and Allan for their attention in helping cleaning up the end of Ferndale.

Allan read a letter of resignation from Josiah Jessup effective July 1, 2016 that he is going in the Army and is vacating his position as a Trustee.

Judy made a motion to accept Josiah's resignation. Lu supported.

All votes in favor. MC

Allan explained that we need to fill the position within 45 days of July 1, 2016 which is for August to November 2016.

After discussion It was decided to put a notice in the paper stating that this position needs to be filled.

Cheri will submit an ad to the paper for this Sunday paper.

Public Comment:

Dan Fleming read from Section 1.04 and 1.05 out of the Zoning Master Plan and he feels He feels that the zoning has hindered the economical standards in the township.

Janis Greiffendorf said her perspective of the area is that no one wants change.

Lu made motion to adjourn. Judy supported.

Meeting to adjourn 8:35pm.

Respectively submitted,  
Cheri Brenner, Clerk