

**CASCO TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**MINUTES, REGULAR MEETING**  
**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2023 @ 7:00PM**

Approved 10/16/2023

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

**PRESENT:** Overhiser, Brenner, Fleming, Macyauski, and Lori Antkoviak, Director of Safe Harbor, Bob Genetski, Allegan County Clerk, Jim Quinn, SHAES, Dean Kapenga, Allegan County Commissioner and 4 other interested citizens.

**ABSENT:** Clevenger

Lori Antkoviak, Director of Safe Harbor, thanked the township for their support in the last year to serve kids, since July 1 2022 to June 30, 2023 they saw almost 200 children in Allegan County out of those 200 kids 27 were from Casco Township area, giving them hope and healing from dealing with some tough times. She explained that Safe Harbor provides a lifeline to child victims of abuse and neglect. Their address to the new 5,800 sq ft facility is 404 S. Sherman St., Allegan, Mi 49010, telephone number is 269-673-3791, and website is safeharborcac.org.

Bob Genetski, Allegan County Clerk and Register of Deeds, was present and handed out copies of the 2022 Annual Report of the County Clerk and Register of Deeds office and explained the new Property Fraud Alert program. It protects your property when someone uses your property for financial gain, & other issues. According to the FBI, Property and mortgage fraud is the fastest growing white-collar crime. For further details contact the Allegan County Clerk Office at 269-673-0390. He discussed several other items.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

**Reports:**

- **County**

**Dean Kapenga** was present to give a County report.

- SHAES

Jim Quinn, representing SHAES, reported that they made \$3,600 at their Labor Day breakfast, and reported on the increase of calls since 2022, they had work done on Engine #3, they received a \$40,000 grant from the State of Michigan. The chief is working on putting this to good use.

- Senior Services

Mary Campbell reported that they had approximately 22 people at their first bingo, she is going to do bingo once a month on Fridays, Mary went to the Area on Aging meeting and got a lot of good information on what is offered in Allegan for the seniors.

- Police- No Report
- Clerk

Cheri presented the minutes from the Regular Meeting August 21, 2023, Paul made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting, August 21, 2023, supported by Dan. No corrections or additions. All votes in favor. Motion carried.

Cheri presented the minutes for a Special Meeting September 7, 2023. Dan made a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting on Sept. 7, 2023. No corrections or additions. All Votes in Favor. Motion Carried.

Cheri made a motion to amend the following Budget items.

**General Fund**

101-257-752.000 Assessor – Misc. Supplies	\$544.01
101-265-709.000 Building Dept. – fica/medicare	\$17.58

**Fire Fund**

206-336-991.000 Debt Service Principal	\$2,000.00
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**Senior Services**

290-673-752.002 Supplies & Equipment	\$215.15
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Dan supported. No corrections or additions. All Votes in Favor. Motion Carried

There is a new person at Resource Recovery her name is Heather Bausick.

Cheri & Kathy are attending an ACCA meeting on Wednesday 9/20/23 at the Feldt mansion in Laketown Township. Kristi Dougan from the State will be present to discuss the Early Voting and elections to the new clerks in the County.

On August 30, 2023 Cheri received a FOIA request from Sharon Ippel, at 60 N North Shore, regarding a Home being built at 59 N North Shore. The original home has been torn down, Kevin Stufflebeam is building a new \$2,000,000.00 home there. Sharon is requesting a lot of information, before I will give them anything I am requesting funds first.

- Treasurer

Cheri gave the report for Kenny, the balances as of 9/30/2023 for all funds are as follows:

101 General Fund	\$1,427,551.9
204 Road Fund	\$999,286.53
206 Fire Fund	\$502,359.52
207 Police Fund	\$274,219.51
208 Parks & Recreation	\$155,508.87
209 Cemetery Fund	\$92,180.28
290 Senior Services Fund	\$193,250.32
703 Current Tax Collection Fund	\$1,044,850.52
863 Lakeview Sewer	\$7,378.15
864 Lakeview Water SAD	-\$11,159.92
865 Pacific Sewer Fund	\$11,159.92
866 Pacific Water	\$35,796.92
867 Orchard Sewer	\$20,785.54
868 Casco 102 <sup>nd</sup> Ave	\$72,592.72
869 Beach Dr	\$55,048.07
870 Lakeview Paving	\$59,638.70

Cheri made motion to approve bills as of 9/30/23 in the amount of \$91,634.35:

Checks 28519 thru 28603	\$83,630.66
EFTS	<u>\$8,003.69</u>
Total	\$91,634.35

Supported by Paul. All Votes in Favor. Motion Carried.

- Parks & Recreation

Paul stated that the Parks meeting was rescheduled for 9/19/23 instead of 9/12/2023.

Cheri said that she is concerned about the public ignoring the orange fence, they climb over it to get closer to the water, sometimes they take part of that fence down or destroy it. Someone is going to get hurt if that bluff decides to fall, then they will sue the Township. I know we have signs up to Stay off the Bluff. Is it possible to put up a better fence? Allan said that we are covered liability wise by our warning signs that we have in place. Allan said our insurance company doesn't seem to be concerned.

- Planning Commission

No Mtg.

- ZBA

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- SHAWSA

They are trying to do some work at the Sewer Plant but can't get bids to get the work done, everyone is already busy.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Miami Park Revetment

Allan said that the latest information from EGLE is they are looking at making the revetment narrower and steeper to go further into the bluff which will leave more beach.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Agreement for a Sand Mine Operation

Allan recommended the board to approve the agreement because it has existed for several months, our attorney has reviewed it and supports it.

Paul made a motion to approve the Agreement for a Sand Mine Operation. Supported by Dan. No discussions or questions.

Roll Call Vote: Allan, Dan, Paul, Cheri

Yeas: 4

Nays: 0 one person absent

- VC3 Price Changes

Cheri explained their current rate and what they will be for 2024, and 2025, she recommended that Kathy look at the contract before we decide anything. She did say that we don't have any other company at this time to compare VC3 with.

Paul made a motion to adjourn. Dan supported. All Votes in Favor. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm

Minutes Respectively Submitted By  
Cheryl Brenner, Township Clerk

