

CASCO TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES, REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 17, 2023 @ 7:00PM

Approved August, 21, 2023

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

PRESENT: Overhiser, Brenner, Macyauski, Fleming, Clevenger & 8 interested citizens.

ABSENT: None

There was a representative from Joey Andrews office that did a brief presentation.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

REPORTS:

- POLICE No Report
- SHAES:

Tim Forker from SHAES reported that they are going to hire two additional people and a possibility of a third person soon. They are averaging about 208 calls per person, so far this year SHAES has made 1,422 calls. They have received a few grants-

\$1,500.00 from the ELKS – for the Dive Team

\$300.00 from South Haven Rod & Gun Club

Pallet of water from the Ganges Fire Department.

- CLERK

Cheri presented the minutes of the Regular Meeting of 6/20/2023. Dan made the motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of 6/20/2023. Kenny supported. No discussion or corrections. All Votes in Favor. Motion Carried.

Also, Cheri presented the minutes of the Annual Meeting on 6/20/2023 for approval. Kenny made the motion to approve the minutes of the Annual Meeting of 6/20/2023. Supported by Dan. No further discussion or corrections. All Votes in Favor. Motion Carried.

Cheri made a motion to amend the following Budget Items:

GENERAL FUND

101-101-709.000	Trustee- FICA/MEDICARE	\$46.56
101-215-709.000	Clerk – FICA/MEDICARE	\$294.33
101-215-752.000	Clerk – Misc. Supplies	\$24.99
101-253-725.000	Treasurer – AFLAC EXPENSE	\$60.00
101-253-752.000	Treasurer – Misc. Supplies	\$144.31
101-257-752.000	Assessor – Misc. Supplies	\$375.00
101-265-803.000	Bldg. Dept.—Technical Support	\$74.19
101-265-850.000	Bldg. Dept. – Phone/Internet	\$416.77
101-265-923.000	Bldg. Dept. – Propane	\$1,536.50
101-275-935.000	Other Activities – Ins. & Bonds	\$3,429.00
101-371-709.000	Inspections – FICA/MEDICARE	\$164.24
101-528-703.011	Transfer Station – Payroll	\$302.31
101-528-805.000	Transfer Station – Rent Recycle Trailer	\$6.20
101-567-802-002	Cemetery Maintenance – Mowing	\$697.85

CEMETERY FUND

209-567-752.000	Misc. Supplies	\$794.93
209-567-802.002	Cemetery Maint. Mowing – etc.	\$1,120.00
209-567-861.000	Mileage	\$149.56

SENIOR SERVICES FUND

290-673-752.000	Supplies & Equipment	\$276.70
290-673-895.000	Programming	\$175.00
290-673-900.000	Printing	\$250.00

Dan supported. No further discussion or corrections. All Votes in Favor. Motion Carried.

Cheri mentioned that there will be an Election Commission meeting immediately after this Board meeting, this is to present the slate of workers for the August 8, 2023, Special Election to be approved. The Election Commission is comprised of the Supervisor, Clerk, and the Treasurer.

• **TREASURER**

The balances of all the Funds as of 6/30/2023 are as follows:

101	General Fund	\$1,448,301.20
204	Road Fund	\$999,082.03
206	Fire Fund	\$676,357.23
207	Police Fund	\$289,699.50
208	Park & Recreation Fund	\$164,471.21
209	Cemetery Fund	\$96,018.11
290	Senior Services Fund	\$199,433.44
703	Tax Collection Fund	\$59,000.00
863	Lakeview Sewer	\$4,368.04
864	Lakeview Water	\$(1,358.20)
865	Pacific Sewer	\$9,852.41
866	Pacific Water	\$33,801.84
867	Orchard Sewer	\$16,187.90
868	102 nd Avenue	\$63,061.05
869	Beach Dr	\$55,020.27
870	Lakeview Paving	\$59,607.61

Kenny made a motion to approve the following expenses in the amount of \$261,502.11 as of 6/30/2023:

Check Numbers – 28372 thru 28437 in the amount of \$255,503.16

EFT # 159	AFLAC	\$538.29	
EFT # 160	FED. W/H	\$4,617.15	
EFT # 161	STATE W/H	<u>\$843.51</u>	
TOTAL EFT'S		\$5,998.95	<u>\$5,998.95</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES			\$261,502.11

Supported by Paul. No further discussion or corrections. All Votes in Favor. Motion Carried.

- SENIOR SERVICES

Mary Campbell reported that a survey was sent out with the Property Tax bills to see what people want for programs. She has some craft classes scheduled and some are already full. She understands what Allegan has to offer since she has joined The Community on Aging.

- PARKS & RECREATION

Paul reported that we were awarded the grant, and we received three bids, they were all 25% more than what was budgeted for.

Davis Landscaping is going to put the pickle ball net up. EGLE denied the township's application for the State High Water Infrastructure Grant Program.

- PLANNING COMMISSION

Dan reported that they had a Workshop meeting July 14, 2023, and the regular PC meeting will be Wednesday July 19, 2023 @ 6:00pm.

- ZBA

No meeting in June.

- SHAWSA

Allan reported that they approved their new budget, with Revenues of \$11,000,900.00 and Expenditures of \$11,000,700.00, they also approved water bills rate increase of 4%. If there is a lot of growth the rates could possibly go down.

OLD BUSINESS:

- ZONING AMENDMENTS

Cheri made a motion to approve all the amendments as presented. Supported by Paul. No other discussion.

Roll Call Vote: Overhiser, yes, Brenner, yes, Macyauski, yes, Clevenger, yes, Fleming, No.

YEAS: 4

NAYS: 1

- PARK BIDS

Paul reported that there is a little more work to be done to get the numbers down.

- 68th STREET PAVING

With the cash flow we could prep it and pave it in 2025. The Road Commission and Allan recommend paving 68th Street from 104th to 107th to help keep the dust down because of the sand mining. It is necessary to get this on the Road Commission schedule for 2025.

Paul made motion to submit the prep to be done on 68th Street to be done 2025 using the Road Fund mileage.

Roll Call Vote: Overhiser, Brenner, Macyauski, Fleming, & Clevenger

YEAS: 5

NAYS: 0

- BEACH STAIRS UPDATE:

The beach stairs at the Preserve are laying on beach, Allan said he will talk Joe Dubas to get them on his schedule.

NEW BUSINESS:

- LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION FOR WINERY ON BASELINE RD.

Application from Veritas Estate Winery LLC on 7073 Baseline Rd. Bed & Breakfast for wine tasting for guests only. Tasha has gone through the permit so there are no zoning problems.

Paul made a motion to approve the Liquor License Application from Veritas Estate Winery, LLC.
Supported by Kenny.

Roll Call Vote: Paul, yes, Cheri, yes, Overhiser, yes, Clevenger, yes, Fleming, yes.

YEAS: 5

NAYS: 0

- DEBBIE WILSON RE: VAN BUREN COUNTY SENIOR SERVICE CENTER

Debbie handed out copies of the July menu and calendar of events for the Van Buren County Senior Center. She did a presentation of the facility and all they have to offer. Currently Casco residents must pay \$350.00 to use the facility because Casco doesn't contribute to them. Also, South Haven is a natural path for Casco residents.

Debbie also reported that 112 Casco residents used the facility from 1/1/2020 to 6/26/2023 and 5,137 activities were attended by Casco residents and spent 20,954 hours using the facility. The new center opened March 2022 and the charge of \$350.00 per person started in January 2023. Debbie asked the board to consider making it possible for Casco to participate with the South Haven Senior Center. There were some residents present to support Casco Senior Service and the Van Buren County Senior Center. Someone suggested bringing it to a vote. Allan stated that he is not in favor of voting, it is not a popularity contest, and a vote can split the township. It is going to come down to a thoughtful decision on this boards part on what it is intended for and what the needs are for the people.

- APPOINTMENT TO THE PARK COMMITTEE.

Allan appointed Libby Catt to the Park Committee. Kenny made a motion to appoint Libby to the Park Committee. Dan Supported. All in Favor. Motion Carried. That fills our Parks committee with Heidi Frasier resigning.

- MICHIGAN GAS UTILITIES CORPORATION – FRANCHISE RENEWAL

Michigan Gas Corporation is asking to renew their 30-year franchise agreement, the last time this was signed was 1994. The board was each given a copy to read for the August 21, 2023, Board meeting.

- RESOLUTION TO REVISE & REVIEW EGLE PERMITTING PROCESS.

Julie Cowie on behalf of the Erosion Committee, presented a Resolution to review and revise EGLE Permitting Process to preserve and protect Michigan's shoreline. It was decided that the Resolution wording needed to be changed.

- RESOLUTION – SUNSET SHORES DRAIN

Allan explained that the Resolution is from the Allegan County Drain Commissioner, an inspection was made of the Sunset Shores Drain – **Resolution No. 071723-1** is as follows:

WHEREAS, the Allegan County Drain Commissioner has advised the **Casco** Township Board of Trustees that, pursuant to Section 196 of the Michigan Drain Code (MCL280, 196), an inspection of the **Sunset Shore Drain** and it has been determined, as a result of the inspection, that certain maintenance must be performed upon the Drain and,

WHEREAS, the Allegan County Drain Commissioner has the authority to expend Five Thousand and no/100 (\$5,000.00) Dollars per mile in any one (1) year for the maintenance of the drain, and where it is estimated that expenditures in excess of Five Thousand and no/100 (\$5,000.00) Dollars per mile are necessary, those amounts may not be expended until approved by Resolution of the governing body of each township, city and village affected by more that twenty 20% percent of the cost; and,

WHEREAS, the Allegan County Drain Commissioner has advised **Casco** Township Board of Trustees that it will be necessary to expend funds in excess of Five Thousand and no/100 (\$5,000.00)

Dollars per mile for the maintenance of the Sunset Shores Drain and that the Township of Casco is affected by more than (20%) percent of the cost; and,

WHEREAS, the Allegan County Drain Commissioner states that the cost for the maintenance of the Sunset Shores Drain will be approximately \$7,000.00 Dollars, which constitutes \$2,000.00 Dollars in excess of the authorized Five thousand and no/100 (\$5,000.00) Dollars per mile.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Casco Township Board of Trustees, that pursuant to Section 196 of the Drain Code, the Allegan County Drain Commissioner is authorized to expend money for the maintenance and repair of the Sunset Shores Drain in excess of Five Thousand and no/100 (\$5,000.00) Dollars per mile and, to the extent that the drain fund for the Drain contains insufficient funds for the payment of costs incurred for the maintenance or repair of the Drain, then the Allegan County Drain Commissioner is authorized to levy a special assessment, as allowed by law.

RESOLUTION approved this 17 day of JULY 2023, by the Casco Township Board of Trustees, governing body of the Casco Township.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF CASCO TOWNSHIP

By: Allan Overhiser
Cheryl Brenner
Kenneth Clevenger
Paul Macyauski
Dan Fleming

I, the undersigned, being the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the Township of Casco do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of certain proceedings taken by the Casco Township Board of Trustees at a meeting held on the 17th day of July, 2023.

Clerk

Kenny made motion to support the Resolution to maintain and repair the Sunset Shore Drain. Dan supported.

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

YEAS: 5

NAYS: 0

Kenny made a motion to adjourn. Supported by Dan. All votes in favor. Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:56.

Minutes Respectively Submitted by
Cheryl Brenner, Clerk Casco Township

