

Casco Township Board of Trustees
Minutes of regular Meeting of August 19, 2013
At the Casco Township Hall 7104 107th

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Call to Order: Meeting called to order @ 7:00pm led in the pledge of allegiance.

Present: Allan Overhiser, Judy Graff, Lu Winfrey, Josiah Jessup, Cheryl Brenner & 11 people.

Public Comment: Ken Graff asked about the situation of the trailers behind the log cabin on Blue Star Hwy. Allan said that Alfred Ellingsen hasn't been able to find anyone at home to find out who owns the property. It appears to be rented at times.

Mary Whiteford introduced herself and that she will be running for State Representative and she lives in Casco. She is an ER nurse.

Reports:

Clerk- Cheri Brenner presented the minutes from 7/15 /13 Board of Trustees meeting. Judy Graff made motion to approve the 7/15/13 minutes. Lu Winfrey seconded motion. Minutes were approved as amended. All votes in favor. Motion carried.

Cheri reported that there will be an election on 11/5/13 for the South Haven School millage.

Cheri also mentioned that the Cemetery software is installed and Janet and Cheri had their first day of training on 8/8/13 with BS&A representative. This project will take a long time to get all three cemeteries implemented.

Treasurer- Lu Winfrey reported account balances as follows for July 31, 2013

GENERAL FUND	BALANCE	\$608,923.52
PARKS FUND	BALANCE	\$ 39,676.69
SENIOR SERVICES FUND	BALANCE	\$ 23,895.78
FIRE DEPT FUND	BALANCE	\$487,707.92
ROAD FUND	BALANCE	\$286,829.35
CEMETERY FUND	BALANCE	\$135,494.32
COLLECTED TAX ACCT.	BALANCE	\$476,896,87

Lu Winfrey made motion to approve the following:

General Fund	Orders #22180-22220	In the Amount of	\$ 34,694.37
Collected Tax	Orders #2848-2856	In the Amount of	\$117,593.11
Parks Fund	Orders #377-384	In the Amount of	\$ 2,441.58
Seniors Fund	Orders #378-381	In the Amount of	\$ 3,948.05

Cheri Brenner supported motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Parks & Recreation- Bruce Brandon reported that Doug Murdoch made a presentation to the Park & Rec committee to donate 30 trees to plant along the parameter of the park south of the township hall. Lu Winfrey asked who would be watering the trees. Doug Murdoch and Allan Overhiser talked that possibly that would be a good Boy Scout project. Allan thought a committee could be put together to look at this. Josiah Jessup agreed to meet with Allan and walk the suggested area for the trees. Doug Murdoch said that he had talked to Brian DeBest about digging the holes to plant the trees.

Bruce brought up some situations that need to be looked at.

1. A bike situation happened where a family was racing their bikes at the preserve. It was mentioned that there are no signs to say you can't ride bikes at the preserve.
2. Also, tree limbs from the Maple Grove site should be looked at. This is a safety issue and Allan suggested that we get a tree service to take care of this matter.

Judy Graff asked about the mulch that would be left over from the tree service to be used at the park. It was agreed that this is a good idea to save the mulch.

3. Pam Blough reported that we can now close out the grant because the signs are in place. Pam has completed the quarterly report for the grant and Coastal has given the approval of the plans, the plans have been accepted. The stairs will be in this year but not for beach use. Compliant Lu made motion to approve. Josiah seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Friends of the Preserve is looking for a leader to implement the group.

We need a sign for no wheels and acceptable signs. The new no dogs sign seems to be helping.

Seniors Report: Rachel reported that it is summer so we haven't had any extra activities going on. She reported that the exercise floor will be coming in tomorrow Tues. 8/20/13. Senior exercise was full today with about 16 people.

Planning Commission: Bruce Barker reported that on 7/24/13 they adopted the proposed text amendments. There will be a special meeting next Monday 8/26/13 at 6:00 pm on Chapter 16 of the Master Plan. Changes have to be adopted all at once.

Bruce mentioned they should have a complete packet from Alfred for the next meeting.

Judy Graff said she has had complaints from the public that they need to know why things are changed. Allan said that this can be done in the monthly synopsis and in a newsletter to the public.

Hospital- Judy Graff reported that the urgent care has been very successful. The volumes continue to grow and because of summer visitors they have been getting people from all over the world to use the urgent care program. The hospital continues to have community events such as free sport physicals for students, MS groups, diabetic groups, etc.

County Commissioner: Tom Jessup reported that senior meals are very difficult to make them tasty so cold meals are a possibility with the food service.

Rachel asked about needing ACCOA board member? Tom said yes we do. A new social worker has been hired at the county Tom reported on various other issues with at the county level.

Old Business:

Drain update: There will be a meeting on Wed. 8/28/13 at 6:30pm with the Allegan County Drain Commissioner at the Casco Township Hall concerning the drain problem in the Washington St area.

Police millage: The board discussed getting proposals from the city and county for police protection for just Casco. Allan said that a mil would raise about 195,000.00 and he felt that this should be enough. We would need at least two officers so the township would have 24 hr. coverage. The board will continue to have more discussion on this matter.

David Campbell agreed that we should move ahead on the police millage.

Judy graff suggested that we need our ducks in a row and present to the public what we want and why.

Website- Cheri mentioned that Julie is ready to hand down the website responsibility. Cheri has talked to Kathy Stanton and she is willing to take over the website at the amount of \$40 per hour. Judy would like to see a proposal from Kathy Stanton, what it would cost to set it up and what is the cost for maintaining the site and when she can start and when she can have it done.

We need a time line. Allan and Cheri will meet with Kathy.

Mandatory letter for hookup: Judy would like to know how the mandatory hookup is going. Allan said there is 30 in Casco that haven't hooked up yet. There were a few people that were discovered were hooked up and not paying. There have been a few hardships and some have inquired about hooking up.

Lu asked if we could change the free dump day to the spring. Mainly because residents have already filled their dump cards and have been coming in to buy another one. The board agreed to change the Free dump day to the 2nd Sat. of May. We will do away with the fall dump day except for this fall.

Lu made motion to adjourn. Josiah seconded.
Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm

Minutes prepared by Cheri Brenner, Clerk