

CASCO TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 17, 2016 @ 7:00 PM

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Call to Order: Overhiser called the meeting to order @ 7:00 pm and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Macyauski, Overhiser, Brenner, Winfrey, Graff and 57 other interested people.

Absent: None

Joanne Schroeder, President/CEO of South Haven Health System, Kim Wise, and a representative from Bronson Hospital were present. Joanne did a short talk on the Merge with South Haven Health System and Bronson Hospital that will be on the 11/8/16 ballot. She handed out cards that had the ballot language on them and that is as follows:

"The South Haven Community Hospital Authority proposes to transfer South Haven Community Hospital and the hospital's related operations to an affiliate of Bronson Healthcare, on terms negotiated by the Authority Board. If that transfer is completed, no property taxes would thereafter be levied to support the hospital's operations. Should this proposed transfer be approved.?"

Public Comment: None

Reports:

CLERK

Cheri presented Minutes of 9/19/16 Regular Meeting and the Workshop Meeting Minutes of 9/19/16 for approval. Judy made motion to approve the Minutes of the 9/19/16 Reg. Meeting. Lu supported. Judy made motion to approve the minutes of the 9/19/16 Workshop Meeting. Paul supported.

Cheri asked about the minutes of 8/15/16 Reg. Mtg. min. & 7/20/16 Special Mtg. min. that were presented at the 9/19/16 meeting. Judy made motion to approve the 8/15/16 Reg. Meeting minutes. Lu seconded. Lu made motion to approve the 7/20/16 Special Meeting Minutes. Paul supported.

Cheri stated that the Clerk's office is really busy with Absentee ballots, as of today there have been 234 AV ballots given out.

She received an email today from Allegan Clerk's office that the BOE wants jurisdictions to count the number of people waiting in line to vote. BOE wants a count at the beginning of each hour of the number of people waiting in line.

Cheri is going Wed. 10/19/16 to Hamilton @ 12:00 noon to the Allegan County Clerk's Association meeting and then to Allegan Township at 2:00 for the Accuracy test on our tabulator for the election.

TREASURER

Balances in all accounts are as follows:

General Fund	Balance	\$586,846.67
Parks Fund	Balance	\$ 27,158.27
Senior Services Fund	Balance	\$ 32,570.65
Fire Dept Fund	Balance	\$441,591.25
Road Fund	Balance	\$142,603.69
Police Fund	Balance	\$ 98,823.67

Cemetery Care Fund	Balance	\$110,744.15
Collected Tax Acct	Balance	\$266,060.53
Lakeview Sewer	Balance	\$ 8,524.80
Lakeview Water	Balance	\$ 360.90
Pacific Sewer	Balance	\$ 13,595.61
Orchard Sewer	Balance	\$ 16,131.32
Lakeview Paving	Balance	\$ 69,809.18
102nd Ave SAD	Balance	\$436,579.75

Lu made a motion to approve the following:

General Fund	Orders#24016-24055	in the amount of	\$ 25,936.56
Parks Fund	Orders#817-820	in the amount of	\$ 2,323.00
Seniors Fund	Orders#575-582	in the amount of	\$ 3,177.57
Collected Tax	Orders#3221-3227	in the amount of	\$3,853,586.98
Police Fund	Orders#153-155	in the amount of	\$ 6,609.72

Cheri supported motion. All in favor. MC

Lu reported that she is starting to work on the winter taxes.

Lu also stated that she needs the newsletter no later than 11/18/16. Allan mentioned for the committees to get their information to Cheri early for the newsletter.

PARKS & RECREATION

Bruce fell and injured himself so Pam gave Bruce's report.

1. On October 15, 2016 members of the USCG Aux conducted the monthly NOAA debris analysis. There was a large amount of construction material compared to past surveys.
2. Nature Preserve parking lot construction is in its final stages. Joe Dubas has done an excellent job with the project. Interpretive and funding source signs have been ordered and will need to be installed upon their arrival
3. Signs in regards to the Miami Park subdivision are at the township hall and need to be installed.
4. The dog waste station has been installed. Based on bags used last season, it was used approximately 250 times.
5. The park committee is proposing that a public input meeting concerning the "Five Year Community Recreation Plan" be held immediately prior to the November Board meeting at 6:00pm. It is our belief that it would provide more potential public input than a stand-a-lone meeting. The committee is also developing questions to be used in an online survey instrument "Survey Monkey".
6. Pam Blough updated the committee on the status of the Miami Park replanting.
7. The committee has become aware of a Toe Wall Construction application submitted to the Corps of Engineers and DEQ. The board would be encouraged to make appropriate comments based on the possible impact on park beach property that adjoins this proposed project. Two particular areas of concern are (1) it is very likely the toe wall would impede beach pedestrian traffic. Beachgoers would have to walk well into the water to get around. (2) There is a concern that proposed structure will increase erosion on adjacent properties.
8. The board should also be aware of the erosion potential of the bluff area in Miami Park. The next Park & Rec meeting will be at 6:00 pm.

SENIOR CARE

Rachel was present to give a report.

Wed. 10/19/16 was a flu shot clinic at the Township Hall, also on the 19th at 1:00pm was a MMAP counselor here to help people needing to sign up for Medicare Part D.

On 10/26/16, Wednesday, there will be the annual **Senior Appreciation Luncheon** at the Casco Fire Hall at 12:00 noon.

Planning Commission- no report

Old Business-

*Township roof quotes for over the office only- A 35 yr. warranty in the amount of \$13,220.00 and a quote from Lakefront Roofing and Exteriors in the amount of \$14,678.00 with a 25 yr. warranty.

Allan made motion to approve the quote from John Brush in the amount of \$13,220.00.

Paul seconded. All votes infavor. MC

*Snowplowing proposal –

Received quote from Horizon Landscaping in the same amount as last year.

Allan recommended to go with Horizon Landscaping for their snowplowing proposal.

Lu made motion to accept the proposal from Horizon Landscaping for snowplowing. Judy supported. All votes in favor. MC

*Garage door-

The new garage door needs to be installed, the Casco Band hit the garage door and damaged it. The township insurance will cover the damages.

*Rentals-

Allan explained that the rental issue is new for the board. This is the first time anyone has complained about rentals in the township.

There was a lot of discussion from residents in the township.

Lois Schwartz from Mt. Pleasant mentioned that commercial developers come into the township and want to use Casco for making money.

Scott Sanderson from Highfield Beach said he is a builder and builds homes in Miami Park.

Ruth Skidmore- was present and said she is the Attorney for the Sunset Shore litigation.

Carleen Jones from Glenn Shores stated that before she bought in 2005 in Glenn Shores she retained an attorney and he told her that it was against the covenant of Glenn Shores there should not be any commercial business. Based on the township ordinance and Zoning renting is not allowed and it is commercial if you rent for more than 12 days.

Marci Hayes from Mt Pleasant doesn't want the rental to be stopped but she is concerned about the big homes going in that are being rented to several people at a time.

Chris Mackey said he bought in Glenn Shores and he loves it there.

Bonnie Beyer- Said she has been in Mt Pleasant for 70 yrs. and doesn't like how busy the subdivision is now because of the rentals.

Wendy from Glenn Shores said her parents had great plans for the family to carry on with the home for the family, but her parents have gotten old and used all their money for their health care, so now the family has to rent the home to help with the taxes.

Bob Sherwood mentioned that him and his wife needed to down size so they tore down the cottage in Cedar Bluff and built a new smaller home. They have a home on Adams Road they are trying to sell, in order to survive they rent the home on Adams Road to help pay

taxes and other expenses.

Judy mentioned that we should take this rental issue to the Planning Commission and ~~work on the Master Plan~~. the Casco Master Plan should be followed; it was a decision by the Casco Board of Trustees at its Dec. 2015 meeting that no changes were needed for the next 5 years. The Master Plan was approved in 2005 and has not 'permitted' rentals since then.

If/when the Township Board gets the Planning Commission involved, the Board will provide to the Planning Commission clear and specific directions on the Townships objectives pertaining to rentals.

New Business-

The meeting on Wed. 10/19/16 @ 7:00 pm with the DEQ was discussed. Apparently the DEQ and the Corp of Engineers didn't appear to be to happy about the trams going in at Miami Park.

Bruce mentioned in his report that the township should make appropriate comments at this meeting concerning the beachgoers and erosion to our adjoining property. Judy suggested that we write a letter to the DEQ with these concerns.

OTHER BUSINESS: Patrick Brown lives on Baseline Road and he would like someone to assess the speeding on Baseline, he said it is really bad.

Lu made Motion to adjourn. Judy supported.

Meeting adjourned @ 9:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl Brenner
Clerk