

Casco Township Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting of March 17, 2014
@ 7:00 pm

Approved 4/21/14

Call to order: Overhiser led in the Pledge of Allegiance and meeting was called to order at 6:59 pm

Present: Allan Overhiser, Winfrey, Brenner, Graff and 7 other people.

Absent: Josiah Jessup

State Representative Bob Genetski was present and gave a report on the State budget and other items going on at the State level.

Mary Whiteford was here to introduce herself, she is running for State Representative. She is also a resident of Casco Township.

Public Comment: None

Public Hearing: Allan explained that the purpose of public hearing is to receive public comment concerning the Township's consideration to submit for a Michigan Natural Resource Trust Fund Grant on April 1, 2014 for funding to construct additional parking and a connection walkway in the Casco Township Nature Preserve.

Pam handed out a graph of the preserve showing the extra parking spaces. We would like to resubmit for this grant again. Pam reported that the beach stairs are complete. The walkway will be in this spring. Judy asked about the porta potty if it is in the grant? Pam said it wasn't in the original grant. Tom Jessup is concerned about this not being enough parking?

Casco Township
Resolution of Authorization to Provide Parking For
Lake Michigan Beach Access and Blue Star Pathway
at the Casco Township Nature Preserve
RESOLUTION NO. 031714-06

WHEREAS, Casco Township supports the submission of an application titled, "Parking for Lake Michigan Beach Access and Blue Star Pathway" to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund for the development of parking and walkway to provide public access to the newly constructed Lake Michigan beach access stairway at Casco Township Nature Preserve, and the parking will also serve the Blue Star Pathway to be constructed in 2016; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed application is supported by the Community's 5-Year Approved Parks and Recreation Plan; and,

WHEREAS, Casco Township has made a financial commitment to the project in the amount of \$25,532.00 matching funds, in cash; and,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Casco Township Board hereby authorizes submission of a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Application for \$72,688 (74%) and further resolves to make available its financial obligation amount of \$25,532 (26%) of a total \$98,200 project cost, during the 2014-2015 fiscal year.

AYES: Overhiser, Brenner, Winfrey
NAYES: Graff
Absent: Josiah Jessup

Allan read Resolution No. 031714-06 Lu made motion to approve. Cheri seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion: Judy Graff stated she is opposed to the \$25,000 being put into the park. Judy feels that we have been neglecting projects at the Township Hall, that there are issues of needs for the senior's program and we have discussed paving the parking lot. It was decided to table this until we have our budget meeting.

The public hearing meeting on the application for a MNRTF grant was closed at 7:45pm

Reports Clerk- Cheri presented for approval the minutes for the March 1, 2014 special meeting. Lu made motion to approve the March 1, 2014 minutes. Judy seconded. Minutes of the 2/17/14 special meeting and the 2/17/14 regular meeting were presented for approval. Lu made motion to approve. Judy seconded. Cheri reported that there will an election on May 6, 2014 for South Haven Public Schools, bond proposal and Fennville Public Schools millage renewal.

Treasurers report-

Balances as follows in all checking accounts:

General Fund	Balance	\$ 378,163.01
Parks Fund	Balance	\$ 9,586.06
Senior Services Fund	Balance	\$ -1,870.85
Fire Dept. Fund	Balance	\$ 167,290.02
Road Fund	Balance	\$ 30,408.28
Cemetery Care Fund	Balance	\$ 129,220.69
Collected Tax Acct.	Balance	\$1,203,028.97
Lakeview Sewer	Balance	\$ 16,029.78
Lakeview Water	Balance	\$ 17,224.12
Pacific Sewer	Balance	\$ 24,768.37

Lu made motion to approve the following invoices for payment-

General Fund	Orders #22516-22566	in the amount of	\$ 36,336.27
Collected Tax	Orders #2915-2933	in the amount of	\$929,321.41
Fire Fund	Orders #3917-3918	in the amount of	\$141,901.68

Parks Fund	Orders #452-462	in the amount of	\$ 3,435.45
Seniors Fund	Orders #412-416	in the amount of	\$ 3,533.46

Judy made motion to approve the treasurer's report. Allan seconded.

All in favor. Motion carried.

Approximately 88% of taxes have been collected so far.

Park & Recreation The final invoice from Oselka Constructors was presented for payment in the amount of \$11,025.84. The construction on the stairs is complete, this is the final payment.

Allan made motion to approve payment of Oselka Inv.in the amount of \$11,025.84. Lu seconded.

Discussion on a ribbon cutting ceremony in August for the stairs.

SHAES did a great presentation of a flag system on the beach and contract for this flag system with SHAES was approximately \$8,000.00. The committee is going to look at other options also.

Seniors report Rachel Brenner gave a report on the activities and future programs.

County Report Tom Jessup, County Commissioner, gave a brief report.

Old Business-

Water/Sewer Authority gave a brief report on finances.

Roads- The roads decision was tabled for Sat. March 22, 2014 @ 8:30 am to make decisions on what were going to do for 2014.

Lakeview Water Loop – Letter from SHAES Deputy Chief, Tony Marsala Sr., addressed the question of water flow. Explained that looping the line at Boardwalk would increase the amount of water available to the fire dept. SHAES encourages the board to have this line, and similar lines looped when possible.

The cost for the Lakeview looping would be approximately \$30,000 to \$40,000.

This will be decided on Sat. morning March 22, 2014 meeting.

Snowplowing - Bill Sill was asked to submit an invoice of extra work he has done because of this rough winter. His snowplowing contract amount has always worked in the past but this was a different winter than usual.

Allan moved to pay an additional payment to Bill Sill. Lu seconded.

All in favor. Motion carried.

New Business-

Special assessment bank financing terms from Chemical Bank for Orchard Dr in Miami Park for the amount of \$173,116.25 to be repaid in annual installments over a period of

fifteen years with the first principal and interest payment due one year from the closing date. Judy made motion to accept the financing for Orchard Dr Sewer. Lu supported.

Roll call: Allan - yes, Judy - yes, Cheri - yes, Lu - yes.

Nays-none

Absent: Jessup

All votes in favor. Motion Carried.

Resolution No. 031714-07 was read by Allan. (see attachment)

Lu made motion to adopt Res. No. 031714-07. Judy seconded.

Roll call- Judy-yes,Lu-yes, Allan-yes, Cheri-yes.

Nays-none

Absent: Jessup

All votes in favor. Motion carried.

Other business-

Police information- South Haven's first proposal was for \$184,000 then they looked at it again and for 24/7 we would need 4 officers and that would be approximately \$201,000.00.

Public comment: David Campbell asked if we are going to discuss the proposals from both Allegan & South Haven on this Sat. March 22, 2014 morning meeting.

Motion made to adjourn. Lu seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25pm

Minutes prepared by

Cheri Brenner, Clerk

Attachments-Chemical Bank letter.

Letter from SHAES

Resolution No. 031714-07

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Cheri Brenner

Casco Township Clerk

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