

CASCO TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES, REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 17, 2020 @ 7:00PM

Approved 10/20/20

CALL TO ORDER: Overhiser called meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Present: Overhiser, Brenner, Winfrey, Macyauski, & RonBultje, Township Attorney.

Absent: Graff

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Ron Bultje is here by virtual, Paul isn't here yet, we will start with Ron's Marijuana

Reports:

Police:

Clerk: Minutes of the Regular Meeting July 20, 2020. Lu approved. Paul supported.

Roll Call Vote: Allan said yes, Cheri, yes, Paul yes, Graff, yes.

Cheri made motion to amend the following accounts:

• General Fund

+	101-253-705.001	Treasurer Office Assistant	\$ 29.18
	101-253-900.00	Treasurer-Printing (news letter)	\$138.80

• Cemetery fund

209-567-705.008	Cemetery Management System	\$664.00
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Lu supported.

Roll Call Vote:Overhiser, Macyauski, Winfrey, Brenner and Graff.

Yays: 5

Nays: 0

Next month the election funds will probably be over budget.

ELECTION:

• The Aug.17th election went really well-everyone complied to the self distancing- one Person said they had a medical emergency that they couldn't wear a mask.

• One person thought she voted here before-after checking she belonged in ganges.

• Our biggest problem was cross over votes with the absentee voters.

58 ballots were spoiled because they crossed over. We duplicated these ballots but only The proposals.

• We had two new workers and they were excellent, Jacob Clemons and Tom Blazing.

• We sent out 585 absentee ballots and we received 483 back, which was a great return. The Precinct had 222 live voters. Total we had 705 voters,

• We left the township at 10:30 (which was unheard of) Monty and I then took the results to Allegan and we walked in our door at 12:30.

• We will now start getting ready for the Nov, 3rd election.

Treasurer:

Balances on all accounts are as follows:

General Fund	Balance	\$653,460.41
Parks Fund	Balance	\$104,362.88
Seniors Fund	Balance	\$105,571.29
Fire Dept	Balance	\$476,055.21
Road Fund	Balance	\$707,712.46
Police Fund	Balance	\$144,965.11
Cemetery Fund	Balance	\$114,247.45
Collected Tax Acct	Balance	\$562,244.59
102 nd Ave SAD	Balance	\$49,815.68
Beach Drive	Balance	\$48,463.07
Lakeview Paving	Balance	\$51,989.33
Lakeview Sewer	Balance	\$6,110.35
Lakeview Water	Balance	\$(453.86)
Pacific Sewer	Balance	\$8,167.57
Orchard Sewer	Balance	\$22,521.86

Lu made a motion to approve the following bills in the amount of \$644,902.37 which includes Collected Tax Acct in the amount of \$400,166.11.

ORDERS NUMBER 26302-26381

General Fund	in the amount of	\$85,641.19
Parks Fund	in the amount of	\$2,725.96
Fire Fund	in the amount of	\$121,836.00
Senior Fund	in the amount of	\$6,446.79
Police Fund	in the amount of	\$12,913.85
Cemetery Fund	in the amount of	\$672.47
Road Fund	in the amount of	14,500.00

Cheri supported. Votes in favor. No further discussion. Motion Carried.

Parks & Recreation

Bruce Brandon- Chairperson-Submitted a Parks & Recreation Committee Board Report.

- A summary of comments as we toured park property for the July meeting:
 - Miami Park: Need signs on beach to warn of erosion dangers, newly developed path looks good, south side overlook is being used but there may be unauthorized signs in place. First Street: New treads on stairs look good, plantings good, trimming good, platform treads need to be replaced, signage continues to be a problem on beach. Preserve: Flemings tree removal completed, several fence rails broken, should re-install tables and benches, branches to low in many places, bent parking sign, concern over people going down to the beach, Davis Landscaping needs to complete tasks per contract, mowing area between parking lot and Blue Star should be done, dog waste bags. All committee members expressed that while maintenance is an ongoing process the preserve looks better and is more user friendly than it was several years ago.
- At the August meeting a motion was made to approve an additional \$250.00 payment to Davis Landscaping to reconfigure part of the walkway at First Street. There was a

misunderstanding concerning the design. Requires board approval. Davis needs to complete the power washing of the preserve seating units.

- The committee started to discuss how best to approach park maintenance. A more Detailed list of maintenance items needs to be developed and a clear delineation of tasks that Casco staff would be responsible for and what tasks would best be contracted out. We will continue this discussion in September and October.
- Recently uncovered posts at First Street need to be removed.
- The committee resumed the discussion on developing recreational opportunities on the Maple Grove property.
Bruce B. Brandon

Allan explained that we had a farmer wanting the township to grant them the ability to grow medical marijuana in an indoor facility. In April the Casco Board toured their facility, the public was invited to attend also, which the only ones there was the board. Allan had Ron Bultje, township attorney, draft a couple of ordinances, the township ordinance would regulate the growing of medical marijuana and the Zoning Text Amendment Ordinance of change that would have to be made. Ron Bultje started with the Regulation Ordinance which was drafted August 3, 2020.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Marihuana Regulations Ordinance
- Zoning Text Amendment Ordinance

Ron went thru each Ordinance thoroughly.

The ordinances will be part of these minutes.

Allan suggested that we take some time and think on this and have the Planning Commission look at it.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Proposed Text Amendment to Zoning Ordinance

There has been some more coordinated vehicle ordinance. If there is any interest in off road vehicles on the low traffic roads, we have permitted it on 25 mile roads. The county is working with possibly expanding golf carts on other roads, having a change with the county so all townships are on the same rules. Just to get the townships to work together on developing an ordinance. It was decided that Allan stay in touch with Scott Belden from Monterey Township and see what other townships feel about it.

Dave Campbell gave a brief explanation about the text amendment.

There were two definitions that were passed with a 4 to 2 vote, which were glare and nuisance.

Section 3.29A 4 Firepits in rental homes proposed amendment.

Section 3.30 Excavations proposed amendment

Section 15.030 B&B proposed amendment

Allan didn't agree with the definition of nuisance.

PUBLIC COMMENT: John Weaver mentioned that the firepits should be for all homes not just rentals.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:10pm