

CASCO TOWNSHIP  
MINUTES, REGULAR MEETING  
NOVEMBER 16, 2020, 7:00PM

Approved 12/21/2020

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

Present: Overhiser, Brenner, Macyauski, Winfrey, Tasha Smalley & David Campbell by zoom also.

Absent: Graff

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Reports

- Police

Deputy Kurt Katje zoomed in and reported that there were 70 calls for just Casco, a lot of the calls were for alarms at homes. New tires are on and ready for winter driving.

- Clerk

Clerk Cheri presented minutes of the regular meeting of Sept. 21, 2020. Lu made motion to approve the minutes for Sept. 21, 2020 regular meeting. Paul supported. No Discussion.

Roll Call Vote: Overhiser, Macyauski, Winfrey, & Brenner all yes.

Yahs: 4

Nays: 0 with one absent

The clerk made a motion to approve the two new accounts added to the budget:

Transfer Station	101-528-802.005	Transfer Station Mowing	\$650.00
Cemetery Fund	209-567-970.00	Capital Outlay new mower	\$9,917.61
Cemetery Fund	209-567-970.00	Capital Outlay new well	\$4,249.30

The transfer station didn't have a GL Acct# to expense the mowing to.

Cemetery Fund did not have a Capital Outlay account, it was set-up because of the purchase of the new John Deere mower and of the new well drilled in Stephenson Cemetery.

Lu supported. No further discussion.

Roll Call Vote: Lu, Cheri, Allan, Paul all yes votes.

Yahs: 4

Nays: 0 with one member absent

Cheri reported that the Nov. 3, 2020 election had to have been a record turn-out for Casco Township. There were 663 in-person voters, 1,041 absentee ballots sent, some of those surrendered their ballots so they could vote in person on election day that left a count of 1013 AV ballots returned, that made a 97.3% return on absentee ballots.

Overall we had a 64% turnout of registered voters.

Everything went as expected, maybe even better than expected. In the eight years I have been here I have never seen so many people and cars at an election. At one point I looked out my window and there was a car parked on the lawn, there were cars parked all along 71<sup>st</sup> St. on both sides of the road. The crowd was quiet, respectful to us, and to other voters, our new workers did a wonderful job. Some said they enjoyed it and want to help again. Clerk's love to hear that.

- Treasurer

The balances of all accounts are as follow:

General Fund	Balance	\$615,344.55
Parks Fund	Balance	\$98,936.47
Senior Services Fund	Balance	\$95,630.33
Fire Dept Fund	Balance	\$354,171.38
Road Fund	Balance	\$678,711.64
Police Fund	Balance	\$130,226.91
Cemetery Care Fund	Balance	\$102,594.64
Collected Tax Acct	Balance	\$83,230.23
102 <sup>nd</sup> Ave Sad	Balance	\$49,816.53
Beach Drive	Balance	\$48,464.84
Lakeview Paving	Balance	\$51,991.22
Lakeview Sewer	Balance	\$6,110.57
Lakeview Water	Balance	\$(453.85)
Pacific Sewer	Balance	\$8,167.87
Pacific Water	Balance	\$29,071.84
Orchard Sewer	Balance	\$22,522.69

Lu made motion to approve the following order numbers 26485-26550 in the amount of, not including Collected Tax Account, \$242,159.14.

General Fund	in the amount of	\$78,487.21
Seniors Fund	in the amount of	\$3,855.21
Parks Fund	in the amount of	\$1,346.49
Police Fund	in the amount of	\$7,607.32
Cemetery Fund	in the amount of	\$14,166.91
Road Fund	in the amount of	\$14,500.00
Fire Fund	in the amount of	<u>\$121,836.00</u>
Total bills		\$242,159.14
Collected Tax	in the amount of	\$179,881.41

Cheri supported. No further discussion.

Roll Call Vote: Allan, Paull, Lu, Cheri, All yes.

Yahs: 4

Nays; 0 with one absent

- Parks & Recreation

Bruce Brandon submitted a letter of resignation as chairperson on the Park & Recreation Committee effective December 31, 2020.

Allan thanked Bruce for all his years of service to the Township and wished him well on his retirement.

Bruce also submitted a report from the Parks Committee held on November 10, 2020 which will be a part of these minutes.

- Planning Commission

Dave Campbell reported that the PC is wrapping things up that have been issues for awhile.

- ZBA – No recent meeting. Dave Hughes will be retiring the end of this year as chairperson.
- SHAES: Allan mentioned again that Ron Ridley was named firefighter of the year, he has been a Firemen for 40 years, he started out on the Casco Volunteer Fire Dept then became a fulltime firefighter with SHAES.
- SHAWSA: Miami Parks sewer system is now merged with South Haven, this will make it so much easier if an individual wants to build on their property.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Final Marijuana Draft

Hartmann's first approached us in 2019 to grow Medical Marijuana in-doors. We toured their facility as a board, we have had discussions at several meetings, then CO-VID came, and everything stopped for several months. Ron Bultje, Township Attorney, was at one of our meetings by zoom, and thoroughly went over a draft ordinance, with the board.

It was understood that the board agreed they did not want an out-door growing facility, a processing facility, or retail sales in Casco Township. We have discussed this several times and Overhiser felt it was time to move on this. Would someone like to make a motion?

Lu made motion to approve the medical marijuana indoor growing facility requested by Hartmann's Plant Company, Lacota, Michigan,49063. Marijuana Regulation Ordinance No. 1116-20-1. Paul supported. No Further Discussion.

Roll Call Vote: Lu, Paul, Allan, Cheri. All yes.

Yahs: 4

Nays: 0 with 1 member absent

- Amend Zoning Ordinance

There were 4 amendments that were still hanging around that needed to be determined on.

1. Nuisance: -This word was used several times in the Zoning book so it was decided that this should be defined.

With a lot of discussion it was decided not to define the word.

Lu made motion not to adjust the word nuisance, to adopt out not to define the word.

Cheri supported.

Roll call Vote: Allan, Paul, Lu, Cheri, all yes.

Yahs: 4

Nays: 0 with one member absent

2. Excavations:

After discussion it was decided to send this amendment back to the PC to be re-drafted to include in the texting no ponding on neighboring property.

3. Outdoor Storage:

Section 3.17 Outdoor Storage Tasha changed it to read as Recreational vehicle storage or parking in residential districts.

After discussion Paul made motion to approve this amendment as written. Lu supported.

No further discussion.

Roll call Vote: Lu, Cheri, Allan, Paul, all yes.

Yahs: 4

Nays: 0 with 1 member absent

4. 3.32 Fences

After discussion on the additional statement added to 3.32 Fences – Fence height shall be measured from average grade within five feet of the fence on the ground to top of fence.

Lu made motion to approve the amendment as written. Paul supported.

No further discussion.

Roll Call Vote: Allan, Paul, Lu, Cheri, all yes.

Yahs: 4

Nays: 0 with 1 member absent

NEW BUSINESS

- Horizon Snow Plow Quote:

Quote in the amount of \$565.00 for snow plowing from Horizon Landscaping.

Lu made motion to approve the quote in the amount of \$565.00. Paul supported.

Roll Call Vote: Allan, Cheri, Paul, Lu., all yes

Yahs: 4

Nays: 0 with 1 member absent

- Audit letter

Cheri presented the letter from our auditors, Siegfried Crandall, that qualitative aspects of accounting practices were used, They encountered no significant difficulties dealing with management in performing and completing our audit. Management recorded all of the proposed audit adjustments. The audit information is intended solely for the use of the Board of Trustees of the Township of Casco and the State of Michigan Department of Treasury and is not intended to be and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Siegfried Crandall, P.C.

- Quote from Pitney Bowes (New Postage Meter)

Kathy has been talking to Pitney Bowes our present meter is out of contract, if something goes wrong with it we are responsible for any repairs. We are currently under a month to month agreement, the current model is 7 yrs, old.

Cheri recommended the SendPro C Series at \$54.97 per month, it does not depend on a phone line, and 50 pages per minute. This meter would be a 60-month lease agreement.

Cheri made motion to recommend the SendPro C Series Meter to replace our current meter.

Allan supported.

Roll Call Votes: Cheri, Paul, Lu, Allan, all yes.

Allan announced on Dec. 8, 2020, 6 to 8 there will be a Coastal Alliance meeting, he will get more info on that.

Meeting adjourned at 9:09pm.

Minutes Respectively Submitted by  
Cheryl Brenner, Casco Township Clerk

