

CASCO TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 21, 2017, @ 7:00 P.M.

Approved 9/18/17

CALL TO ORDER: Allan called meeting to order @ 7:00pm and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: OVERHISER, BRENNER, MACYAUSKI, GRAFF, WINFREY & 14 other interested people.

ABSENT: None

Allan mentioned that Jim McCloughan lives in Casco Township, received an award for heroism in the Vietnam War, if you see him congratulate him.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Maureen Perideaux thanked Allan for responding to her request to have the traffic for the water-sewer project on Beach Dr. asking the construction company doing the work to keep the traffic on Michigan instead of Lakeview. Allan mentioned that he talked to the Allegan County Road Commission and they didn't have any concerns about the Lakeshore, he thought the road would be fine. Maureen also talked about the rental homes in her area, the renters are loud, the fire pits are a problem at night, kids screaming, etc. She feels that this is detrimental to her health.

Chris Barczyk asked if there is any rules concerning urinating in public. Allan stated that there is rules for that but he doesn't know if it is state or county.

REPORTS

Police- Deputy Katje was off because his grandfather passed away.

Citizens Group report- Mary Campbell

Mary Campbell reported on the last Citizens Group meeting and to summarize the results of the committee.

The complaints were reviewed that Kurt had turned in, the committee asked for input on the complaints, also, how we can make the complaint process easier, and to have a number to contact when there is a complaint toward a renter, also, to document complaints when they come in. Enforcement was discussed but until we have a Rental Ordinance we can't put anything in place. One of the other things that were discussed is it isn't always rentals that are a problem it's residents that are violating the Ordinance, such as parking in the street or whatever the problem is. It was a short meeting compared to others and there didn't seem to be as many problems this summer and the possibility of the Good Neighbor Policy could have helped. There was discussion on possibly revising the Good Neighbor Policy next year, and not changing it every time there is a suggestion. Mary and Allan agreed that Kathy give a report on complaints because she has gotten some updates.

Complaints concerning Rentals

Allan introduced, Kathy Stanton, as the one that takes the complaints and organizes them.

Kathy reported that as of today 8/21/17 there have been 38 complaints received.

17 – Noise related-variety of complaints in terms of time and nature of the noise.

8 Fireworks related – On non-fireworks days (per state law)

4 Trash container related – not adequate for the amount of trash

- 3 Parking related – parking on the road (one also included concern about a child darting out between the parked cars.
- 2 Trespassing (one other trespassing story, but no complaint filed at township.)
- 1 Dogs off leash on the beach complaint.
- 3 Excessive smoke from firepits.
- 1 Safety – related to child riding a mini-bike very fast.

Kathy continued

Of the 39, 10 involved a call to 911, so those also appear in Kurt's numbers.

Of those Several folks spoke to the home owners during or after the fact.

Several complaints were filed with pictures, video, or audio and that's very helpful.

After comparing the complaints to the rental database, only 9 could be directly associated with a specific rental property – the rest were too general or not registered or reported rental properties.

A couple of addresses had more than one complaint filed against them.

Working on making sure the sheriff and state troopers are aware of the current noise ordinance because a couple people were told by the sheriff's department that there wasn't an ordinance.

It's possible that more than one complaint came in about the same noise and fireworks instances.

All the complaints were filed by 12 individuals, and predominantly involve Miami Park, followed by Glenn Shores, and Highfield Beach, and a couple related to Boardwalk.

Judy asked how long a time had these complaints started? Kathy stated around June 1, 2017.

Judy wanted to know what is a complaint?

Kathy explained about the complaint form that has the categories on it.

Judy asked of the 39 complaints that came to the hall did any of the complaints result were reported to Kurt and when they were the issue of the complaint was already over. Such as a car parked in the road the car was already gone by the time Kurt got the complaint.

Judy asked about the car parked in the road the complaint was not acted upon because Kurt received the complaint after the car was gone.

Judy stated that anyone filling out a complaint should get a telephone call back to acknowledge that the complaint was received, her concern is if there were 39 complaints that nothing resulted from the complaint.

Allan discussed Kurt's report, in the last three months May, June, & July there were 193 calls for service in Casco and that doesn't include the State Police. Out of those calls 42 of those have met 11 specific categories, the 11 specific categories were identified as possible issues that could arise from a rental situation and it kind of came from our Citizens Advisory Group where we identified what the concerns are regarding being next to a rental. Kurt analyzed the calls and in May there were 60 calls and 9 made the categories, in June there were 65 calls for service and 13 made the categories, and in July there were

67 calls for service and 20 made the categories. Just because they met the categories doesn't mean they were necessarily associated with a rental.

Fireworks is an issue whether you rent or not and the question is do we want to maybe look at what Casco can do in addition to the State of Michigan?

Golf carts are another issue, they are widely used in the communities that have a 25 mile per hr. speed limit and that the township could in act an ordinance that would allow for that. That would probably free up some of the time the officer spent on those calls. They would have to be licensed drivers and be insured.

Clerk-

Cheri presented minutes for 7/17/17 Regular Meeting, 7/31/17 Special Meeting minutes for approval. Judy made motion to approve 7/17/17. Pg. 4 change to just water not sewer. Allan did confirm that. Pg. 6 lighting code Judy said she wanted to ad, the planning commission would work on this. Paul seconded. All votes in favor. Motion Carried with changes.

7/31/17 Judy made a motion to approve. Lu supported. All votes in favor. Motion Carried.

Cheri reported from the MTA Clerks Professional Retreat and education that was held in Frankenmuth that minutes were one of the items that was discussed and she learned that you don't have to put in the minutes everything that the public says and the board, the only thing that you must do is the names of the board members when approving an item. This is also with the discreet of the board.

Treasurer-

Balances of accounts are as followed:

General Fund	Balance	\$580,968.52
Parks Fund	Balance	\$ 37,180.95
Senior Services	Balance	\$ 43,016.02
Fire Dept. Fund	Balance	\$616,421.36
Road Fund	Balance	\$322,885.36
Police Fund	Balance	\$134,711.81
Cemetery Care Fund	Balance	\$116,665.90
Collected Tax Acct	Balance	\$497,877.03
Lakeview Sewer	Balance	\$ 9,125.93
Lakeview Water	Balance	\$ 575.59
Lakeview Paving	Balance	\$ 40,247.85
Pacific Sewer	Balance	\$ 16, 240.22
Pacific Water	Balance	\$ 46,752.20
Orchard Sewer	Balance	\$ 17,447.45
102 nd Avenue	Balance	\$ 58,610.87

Lu made motion to approve the following:

General Fund	Orders#24506-24552	\$ 38,862.04
Parks Fund	Orders#935-946	\$ 3,698.82

Seniors Fund	Orders#634-636	\$ 3,442.60
Collected Tax	Orders#3322-3324	\$173,887.39
Police Fund	Orders#185-186	\$ 6,590.95
Pacific Water	Orders#104	\$ 2,321.11
Pacific Sewer	Orders#1013	\$ 589.78
Orchard Sewer	Orders#1209	\$ 1,357.22
102 nd Ave.	Orders# 1003	\$ 4,037.63
Lakeview Sewer	Orders#1010	\$ 1,080.05

Paul supported. All in favor. Motion Carried

Allan mentioned that we have 15 funds, he remembers when there were only three funds and we will soon have one more Beach Dr. SAD.

Parks

Bruce Brandon gave a report as follows:

1. The committee has begun the process of reviewing and gathering information for establishing a comprehensive Operations and Maintenance Plan. The committees goal is having a draft for board review by the December board meeting.
2. The parks committee continues to support the concept of a “social media” presence for park users and visitors. Board action will be required.
3. The committee will be developing a comprehensive plan for very selective mowing of the Maple Grove park property.
4. Some “natural based” curbing may be needed to keep vehicles from encroaching upon the Fence. The drop off from the parking to the fence line is very steep.
5. A complaint was received from resident concerning dogs and fires at the first street beach access. The resident indicated that there was a sign there in the past. It is recommended that signs indicating 5/6 basic ordinance issues be placed at first street and any other appropriate township park property.
6. The USCG Auxiliary has a 35-slide power point presentation concerning NOAA Debris Survey Operations at the Casco beach site.

Bruce also handed out a Casco Township Park Projects 2007-2017. This will be an attachment to these minutes.

Allan mentioned an email he received from an individual that didn’t like the signs along the bluff at Miami Park, that the Township doesn’t have any rights to put the signs there. This email will be part of the minutes.

Planning Commission

Judy reported that PC is working on the rental issue. The PC reached agreement on Jensen’s Campground expansion.

ZBA

The request for a variance was denied, the property was split without the minimum frontage. Allan stated that it is an unfortunate situation it is a family split with two brothers and grandchildren living there his life time and it is too bad they got into this situation.

Water/Sewer Authority

Allan reported that they met in July, just starting the fiscal year and there is activity going on. There was a development in South Haven Charter Township that we have never given out delayed payment terms to the developer for hook up charges but we have done it for private individuals. But this case we thought there was no risk so we did that. It is going to be a kind of a park model complex in South Haven Township and we hope that it goes, this would be a significant amount of money for the authority.

Old Business-

Zoning Ordinance Discussion

Allan reported that we will meet with Alfred, Cheri, Kathy, Ruth, and myself hopefully next week to have all the people involved to have their say. We should have something to bring to the October meeting.

Park Part time employee

At the last month meeting it was suggested by the Park Committee that we have a part-time employee To have someone at the Preserve to be there to provide some presence. We don't want the Preserve to be known as a place to go because there is no one watching there to oversee it and there is also some trimming that could be done and the garbage and that sort of thing.

Beach Drive SAD

There will be a special hearing regarding the Beach Drive SAD on Sept. 11, 2017 @ 6:00pm.

Rental Ordinance

Allan put this on the agenda because as he sits through a lot of the Planning Commission meetings there is always the reference that the township will have a rental ordinance and to make a parallel path to have something in place to put this on the October agenda. Allan also said he would like to put together a subcommittee to work on this with individuals from both boards. The rental issue needs to be wrapped up this fall. The Short-Term Rental Regulations Ordinance was passed out, this is where we left off last year, this would be a good frame work to start with.

New Business

Attorney consideration-

Ron Bultje is leaving Scholten Fant and joining Dickinson Wright Law Firm in Grand Rapids, Sue Collins and Crystal are moving with him. Scholton Fant is getting out of the municipality business.

Paul made the motion to keep Ron Bultje and his staff joining Dickinson Wright. Judy supported. All votes in favor. Motion Carried.

Allegan County Culvert-

Administrative resolution No#082117-12

CASCO TOWNSHIP

ADMINISTRATIVE RESOLUTION NO.#082117-12

SUBJECT: Resolution requesting the Allegan County Road Commission (ACRC) reinstate its “Culvert Policy back to a 50/50 cost share of culvert 36” and greater for all townships in Allegan County.

DATE: AUGUST 21, 2017

WHEREAS: after the State Legislator’s passed PA. 83 of 1997 the Allegan County Road Commission received approximately \$900,000.00 in additional annual revenue and,

WHEREAS: the ACRC changed its culvert policy from townships paying 100% to a 50/50 cost share of culverts 36”and greater and,

WHEREAS: because of budget concerns the ACRC reversed its culvert policy back to townships Covering 100%, and

WHEREAS: in November of 2015 Governor Snyder signed a seven-bill package implementing the State’s legislative solution to infrastructure funding and,

WHEREAS: ACRC will receive approximately \$1.9 Million in additional revenue, and

Therefore, it Be Further Resolved That: Salem Township is requesting the Allegan County Road Commission reinstate its 50/50 cost share of culverts 36” and greater for all townships in Allegan County.

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICITY

I, **Cheryl Brenner**, the duly elected Clerk of **Casco Township**, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Township Board of said Township at the regular meeting of said Board on Tuesday, **August 21, 2017** at which meeting a quorum was present.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Board Member **Paul Macyauski**.
And supported Board Member **Lu Winfrey**

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

AYES: 5

NAYS: 0

The Supervisor declared Resolution **August 21, 2017** as Passed.

OTHER BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chris Barczyk has 3 ½ acres that gets flooded quite often and he feels he needs a larger culvert and wondered who he should contact. Allan said he is calling the Road Commission tomorrow and he will talk to them about this.

Judy made a motion to adjourn. Lu supported. All in favor. Motion Carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:35PM

Minutes Respectively submitted by,
Cheryl Brenner, Casco Township Clerk

Attachment #1- Casco Township Previous Park Projects 2007-2017 Report