

Casco Township Board of Trustees  
Minutes of Regular Meeting  
April 20, 2015

Approved 5/18/15

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

Present: Overhiser, Brenner, Winfrey, Jessup, and 8 other interested people.

Absent: Judy Graff

Public Hearing: Paving of Lakeview Ave. Miami Park

The Supervisor opened a Public Hearing to hear and consider any objections to the acquisition and construction of certain street improvements described more specifically in the following resolutions, the petition requesting the Township to acquire and construct such street improvements, and the proposed special assessment district therefore, The Supervisor noted that public notice of the hearing had been given by complying with the provisions of Michigan Act 162 of 1962, as amended ("Act 162") and Michigan Act 188 of 1954, as amended ("Act 188"). Specifically, the Supervisor noted that proper publication had been given place in the Herald Palladium as evidenced by Affidavit(s) of Publication on file with the Township Clerk. The Supervisor further noted that proper notice by mailing had been given pursuant to Act 162 and Act 188, as shown by the Affidavit of the Township Clerk. The Supervisor then opened the public hearing with regard to proposed Street Special Assessment District No. 2015-01 described in the resolution following, the improvement described therein and the petition therefore. Comments were received from persons present, if any, with respect to the street improvements, the petition therefor, and the proposed special assessment district. The Supervisor then asked if there were any written objections and the Clerk reported on those written objections which were then received and those previously filed, if any. The Board then closed the hearing on proposed Street Assessment District No. 2015-01.

**Resolution No. 2015-1** (see attachment to minutes) The establishment of the special assessment district, Resolution No. 2015-1 was offered by Lu Winfrey and supported by Josiah Jessup. All votes in favor. Motion carried.

**Resolution No. 2015-2** Resolution adopted on April 20, 2015, the Supervisor was directed to make a special assessment roll for Street Special Assessment District No. 2015-01 in conformance with paragraph 5 of that resolution; and the Township must appoint a time and a place when it will meet, review and hear any objections to the special assessment roll; the Township Board shall meet at the Casco Township Hall at 7104 107th Avenue, South Haven Allegan County, Michigan, on the 18th day of May, 2015, at 7:00pm, local time, to review and hear any objections related to the special assessment roll. Resolution No. 2015-2 was offered by Cheryl Brenner and supported by Lu Winfrey. All votes in favor. Motion Carried.

**Public Comment:**

Mike Kiefer, 7066 103rd South Haven, inquired about Casco's Noise Ordinance because of property owners close to him, ride their motorcycles, ATV's, snowmobiles etc. and they are very loud. Also, a neighbor next to him have summer parties and are very noisy and disruptive and it looks like he is getting set up for parties this season. He was given a business card of Casco's Deputy, Kurt Katje, so Mike could contact him. Also, a resident of Casco Towhship, 225 68th St., complained about people shooting in his neighborhood and there are serious blight problems. He was also given a business card of the Casco's deputy.

**Reports:**

Clerk- Minutes of 3/16/15 regular meeting were presented for approval. Lu made a motion to approve. Josiah supported. All votes in favor. Motion carried.

Cheri reported that State wide APRIL 2015 IS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH and the Allegan County Board of Commissioners passed a Resolution to support this.

A book written by Elizabeth Koutny (The Ghost's Locket) has offered to the township to sell her book for \$10.00 and \$5.00 of that amount donate to the Casco Township. It has been decided that the \$5.00 donation will go to Casco Senior Care Services towards Hospitality. This will help with expenses for programs such as food and other expenses for activities such as coffee.

Treasurer-

Balances in all accounts are as follows:

General Fund	\$570,949.66
Parks Fund	\$ 49,342.53
Senior Services Fun	\$ 45,666.30
Fire Dept. Fund	\$648,428.26
Road Fund	\$395,272.29
Police Fund	\$114,507.30
Cemetery Care Fund	\$131,257.42
Collected Tax Acct	\$ 2,570.45
Lakeview Sewer	\$ 20,908.53
Lakeview Water	\$ 5,833.37
Pacific Sewer	\$ 17,339.44
Orchard Sewer	\$ 54,824.53

Lu made motion to approve the following expenses:

General Fund	Orders #23139-23183	\$ 27,954.29
Parks Fund	Orders #598-608	\$ 2,008.34
Seniors Fund	Orders #479-485	\$ 4,163.79
Collected Tax	Orders #3052-3074	\$1,642,868.26
Fire Fund	Order #3298	\$ 103,303.75
Police Fund	Order #101	\$ 2,815.38

Josiah Jessup supported. All votes in favor. Motion carried.

Chemical Bank is encouraging customers to go electronically in receiving their bank statements on line. Lu is going to set this up with the bank. To access we will need passwords.

### Seniors

Rachel Brenner was present to report on activities that are going on now and into May. Joan Wendland will continue her Creative Writing class through June 15th. Next session will be April 27th, there is still space available.

**April 29th** at 12noon will be a potluck and presentation from Hospice of Holland.

The topic is Happiness is a Choice.

**May 7th** is the Allegan Senior Fest.

**May 18th** at 12 noon will be the Senior Appreciation Luncheon at Casco Methodist Church.

**May 27th** at 1:00pm will be an ice cream social. The creative writing participants will be reading some of their stories.

### Parks & Recreation

Friends of the Preserve cleanup date is Sat. May 16,2015 from 9am to 1pm.

Bruce and Pam mentioned that the park may be able to apply for Michigan Sea Grant which is a nonprofit. The committee is looking into that.

Bruce Brandon asked the board for their approval of using part of the anonymous \$500 donation

to have De Best plant a 8' white pine in the amount of \$414.00.

Lu made the motion to approve the planting of a white pine in the amount of \$414.00.

Cheri supported. All votes in favor. Motion Carried.

1st street beach stairs repairs will be revisited in May.

County Report- Tom Jessup not available.

### **Old Business:**

Park Amendment Ordinance-Allan presented the Park Amendment Ordinance No.# 042015and was adopted by the board. Josiah made motion to approve the amendment. Lu Winfrey supported. All votes in favor. Motion Carried.

Roll Call Vote: Josiah Jessup, Allan Overhiser, Lu Winfrey, Cheri Brenner

Aeys: 4

Nays: 0

Absent: Judy Graff

Bid from Excell Concrete

A bid from Excell Concrete, Inc. in the amount of \$2,179.00 was received to repair sidewalk off of 107th Ave. Lu made motion to approve. Josiah supported.

All votes in favor. Motion Carried.

Quote from John Brush

A quote from John Brush was received in the amount of \$6,650.00 to remodel storage room. Lu made motion to accept the bid from John Brush. Josiah supported. All votes in favor. Motion Carried.

FOIA

The township attorney, Ron Bultje, is working on the new provisions for the FOIA Act.

Resolutions for 3% cost of living raise for Township Officials

Allan recommended a salary increase of \$1,500 for the Clerk and Treasurer. Also, a 3% cost of living raise for the township officials.

Lu made motion to support the increase. Josiah supported.

Roll Call vote: Josiah Jessup, Allan Overhiser, Lu Winfrey, Cheri Brenner

Aeys: 4

Nays: 0

Absent: Judy Graff

Resolution No. 2015-3A

Supervisor: \$21,745.00 salary

Cheri supported. Josiah seconded.

Roll Call vote: Josiah Jessup, Lu Winfrey, Cheri Brenner

Aeys: 3

Nays: 0

Absent: Judy Graff

Resolution No. 2015-3B

Clerk: \$21,532.00 salary

Allan supported. Josiah seconded.

All votes in favor. Motion Carried

Roll Call Vote: Allan Overhiser, Josiah Jessup, Lu Winfrey,

Aeys: 3

Nays: 0

Absent: Judy Graff

Resolution No. 2015-3C

Treasurer: \$25,387.00 salary

Josiah supported. Alan seconded.

All votes in favor. Motion Carried.

Roll Call Vote: Allan Overhiser, Cheri Brenner, Josiah Jessup

Aeys: 3

Nays: 0

Absent: Judy Graff

Resolution No. 2015-3D

Trustee: 2303.00 salary (Judy Graff)

Cheri supported. Lu seconded.

All votes in favor. Motion carried.

Roll Call Vote: Allan Overhiser, Lu Winfrey, Cheri Brenner

Yahs: 3

Nays: 0

Absent: Judy Graff

Resolution No. 2015-3E

Trustee: \$2303.00 salary (Josiah Jessup)

Cheri supported. Allan seconded.

All votes in favor. Motion Carried.

Roll Call Vote: Allan Overhiser, Lu Winfrey, Josiah Jessup

Yahs: 3

Nays: 0

Absent: Judy Graff

Road Commission Bid on paving 71st St.

Allan presented letter from Larry Brown, Managing Director of the Allegan County Road Commission for bids for paving 71st St. from 103rd to 105th Ave. - 1.29 miles. The Road Commissioner's recommend our acceptance of the low bid from Michigan Paving & Materials in the amount of \$231,611.50.

Lu Winfrey made motion to approve the bid in the amount of \$231,611.50. Josiah seconded. All votes in favor. Motion Carried.

Murdoch Drain Resolution

Resolution No. 2015-4 was adopted by the Board of Trustees for the Petition for locating, establishing and constructing a drain or drains or any portion thereof for a municipality, for the Murdoch Drain on 71st St.

Allan made motion to approve. Josiah seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Overhiser, Brenner, Winfrey, Josiah

Aye: 4

Nay: 0

All votes in favor. Motion Carried.  
Resolution attached to minutes.

**Old Business**

Bill Gilbert-Assessment contract.

Allan presented a contract from William Gilbert a 6 month 20% review contract starting April 1<sup>st</sup> 2015, and concluding on September 1st, 2015, \$560.00 monthly, making the total of payments \$3,360.00 for this contract.

Cheri made motion to accept the contract as read. Lu seconded.

All votes in favor. Motion carried.

Liquor License transfer

The township received a letter from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission notifying us that they received an application for a license transfer of ownership from Getman Beverage, LLC

397 Blue Star Highway. South Haven, Mi 49090.

The township board did not object to this transfer.

Lu made motion to adjourn. Josiah seconded.

Meeting Adjourned @ 8:36pm.

Minutes prepared by - Cheri Brenner, Clerk