

Casco Township Board of Trustees
Minutes of Regular Meeting on June 17, 2013 at 7:00pm
at Casco Township Hall 7104 107th Ave.

Approved 7/15/13

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

Present: Allan Overhiser, Cheryl Brenner, Josiah Jessup, and Lu Winfrey and 4 other people present.

Absent: Judy Graff

Public Comment: Diana Ostermann read her letter to the Board of Trustees in her concerns with wind turbines. She suggested that this board carefully consider whether they want to financially benefit a few residents, despite creating hardship for some residents or do they want to protect all who have made Casco their home, some for generations. Diane also handed out information on New Paris Township zoning ordinance article to be read. Letter to be put with the minutes.

Jim McKenzie mentioned that he understood because of the cost of water/sewer first going in that there was going to be an audit. Allan explained that there is always an annual audit done for the Water/Sewer Authority.

Clerk's Report: Minutes of Regular meeting held on May 20, 2013 at 7:00 pm were presented. Lu made motion to accept the May 20, 2013 regular meeting, Josiah seconded. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Minutes of Special Meeting Board of Trustees on May 20, 2013 at 6:30 were presented. Lu made motion to accept the minutes of the special meeting held on May 20, 2013 at 6:30pm, Josiah supported. All in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Lu Winfrey reported that the

General Fund	Balance	\$621,094.29
Parks Fund	Balance	\$ 46,187.15
Senior Services Fund	Balance	\$ 30,847.22
Fire Dept. Fund	Balance	\$487,432.52
Road Fund	Balance	\$301,149.61
Cemetery Care Fund	Balance	\$133,421.99
Collected Tax Acct.	Balance	\$ 997.23

I make a motion to approve the following

General Fund	orders #22088-22134	in the amount of	\$40,604.61
Parks Fund	orders #364-373	in the amount of	\$ 4,539.48
Seniors Fund	orders #370-374	in the amount of	\$ 4,650.43

Cheri made motion to accept treasurer's report. All in favor. Motion Carried.
Lu Winfrey presented and read Resolution #2013-7

Whereas, it is cost effective and efficient to waive certain fees that would cost more to bill and to collect than the revenue that would be realized,

Whereas, the treasurer also receives amounts in excess and short of taxes due from time to time,

Now therefore be it resolved, that the Board authorizes the Treasurer to waive differences of up to \$5.00.

Moved by Josiah Jessup

Seconded by Cheryl Brenner

Yeas: 4

Nays: 0

Absent: Judy Graff

Resolution declared adopted 6-17-2013.

Seniors Report: Susan & Rachel were not able to attend the meeting but a report had been prepared. New on the report that on Wednesdays at 12:00 noon the seniors will be meeting at the Casco Nature Preserve for walking and a brown bag lunch. Everyone is welcome. For transportation call Susan 906-5982 or Rachel 214-2350. They will walk every Wed., weather permitting, throughout the summer and fall. Allan read a report from Allegan County Senior & Veteran Services for the 1st quarter this year that Susan had received. The purpose of this document was to educate the County residents on the programs and services available to them and to provide information on the types of Millage Services currently being provided, and the number of seniors served.

Service	County	Casco
Adult Day Care	30 seniors	0 Seniors
Home Delivered Meals:	226 seniors	2 seniors
In-Home Support	275 seniors	6 seniors
Personal Emergency Response System	18 seniors	2 seniors
Volunteer Transportation	71 seniors	4 seniors

This report shows that Casco is not getting services from the county through the Allegan County Senior millage like we should.

County Report: None.

Planning Commission: None

Park & Recreation: Allan said there had been a cleanup day at the Nature Preserve and the old shed was torn down and moved. Allan thanked Josiah for helping that day.

SHAES: Allan reported that the City of South Haven had been sued because of a drowning and they have now implemented a flag system and have hired 4 interns to attend to the flags.

Old Business:

Drain update on North Shore area Allan stated that we are still waiting for a hearing date from the Allegan County Drain Commissioner.

Terms of installment purchase agreement

Allan read proposal letter from Chemical Bank on an installment purchase agreement in the amount not to exceed \$270,000.00 for the Miami Park Lakeview and Pacific Avenue Sewer Main projects. The loans would be repaid in annual installments over a period of fifteen (15) years, the first principal and interest payment due on year from the closing date.

Chemical Bank will make the loan as outlined in the Solicitation for Bids, except as noted below, at a fixed rate of 2.49% per annum.

Bid subject to the following conditions:

1. That the loan be exempt from federal and state income tax and further be declared to be a "Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligation" for the purpose of deduction of interest expense by financial institutions;
2. That the loans be general obligations of Casco Township.

3. That the loans be structured in accordance with Michigan statues pertaining to the authority of Townships to borrow;
4. That the Township provides loan documents and a legal opinion acceptable to bank counsel, and;
5. That the Township files the required IRS report and provides a copy of the completed form to the bank.

This letter is part of the minutes.

Lu made motion to approve the Chemical Bank loan proposal in terms and conditions.

Josiah supported.

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

Nays- none

Absent: Judy Graff

All in favor. Motion carried.

Wind Energy Text amendment

The Wind Energy Conversions Systems proposed amendments were presented.

This is part of the minutes.

Lu Winfrey made motion to accept the proposed amendments, Josiah seconded.

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

Nays- none

All in favor. Motion carried.

Absent- Judy Graff.

New Business:

Raffle resolution for a Charitable Gaming Licenses for the Blue Star Trail. The Resolution was accepted. Allan made to approve the local governing body for charitable gaming license. Lu seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas

Nays-none

Absent;Judy Graff

Lu Winfrey presented a new Contract for Hall cleaning with Robin Ashbrook. Added to this contract is cleaning the senior office, restroom in garage, and windows. Also, it is suggested that this service is every other week at a new rate of \$70.00 per cleaning.

Lu made motion to approve the new contract for hall cleaning. Josiah seconded.

All in favor. Motion carried.

Tire Day- Allan reported that on July 20, 2013 Casco Township Recycling Event will be July 20, 2013 at the Transfer Station from 9:00 am - 12:00 noon.

Other Business:

Budget item: Allan said that for senior exercise classes a new floor be installed in the garage area in the amount of about \$3,500.00. This should go into the new budget in the general fund.

Public Comment none

Josiah made motion to adjourn. Supported by Cheri Brenner.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Attachments-Chemical Bank letter
Wind Energy Conversion proposal.