

CASCO TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES, REGULAR MEETING
MODAY, MARCH 20, 2023, AT 7:00PM

Approved April 17, 2023

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

PRESENT: Overhiser, Brenner, Macyauski, Fleming, Clevenger & Dean Kapenga, County Administrator, and six other interested citizens.

ABSENT: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: Linda Teeter gave a picture to each board member of a boat and water ski sitting almost on the road at 57 North Shore Drive. She is concerned that someone could hit them with their automobile and get hurt. Allan said he would turn this information over to our Zoning Administrator and our Sheriff Deputy.

Dean Kapenga, Allegan County Commissioner, gave a report on county information.

Ron Ridley, Fire Captain with SHAES, reported that the month of February 2023 SHAES had 413 incidents of that total 121 were fires and 292 were EMS incidents. Of that total were 16 fires and 23 EMS incidents in Casco for February. Ron reported on other information about SHAES for the month of February.

Reports:

- **Police:**

Cesar was not available for the meeting. Allan reported that the police car has been sold in the amount of \$7,940.00, this went back to the Township.

- **Clerk:**

Cheri presented the minutes of the regular meeting of February 20, 2023, for approval.

Kenny made motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 20, 2023. Dan Supported. No further discussion of corrections. All votes in favor. Motion Carried.

Cheri made a motion to amend the following budget accounts:

General Ledger

101-528-804-000 Transfer Station-recycling	\$4,000.00
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Parks & Recreation

208-751-801.016 Recreation – consultants	\$6,670.00
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Casco Senior Service Fund

290-673-895.000 Sr. Care- Programming	\$347.70
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290-673-940.000 Sr. Care- Building Rent	\$150.00
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Supported by Dan. No further discussion or corrections. All votes in favor. Motion Carried.

May 2nd election, Casco only has Bloomingdale School District.

Wednesday, March 29th at 2:00pm we are going to have our accuracy test for the tabulator for the May 2, 2023, election.

Allan inquired about the state funded drop boxes. Cheri stated that as soon as the applications are available, we can apply for a new one with the state.

- **Treasurer:**

Fund Balances as of February 2023 are as follows:

101	General Fund	\$1,084,607.95
204	Road fund	\$356,102.49
206	Fire Fund	\$211,170.05
207	Police Fund	\$171,565.88
208	Parks & Recreation	\$120,775.41
209	Cemetery Fund	\$99,640.64
290	Senior Services Fund	\$147,295.84
703	Current Tax Collection Account	\$2,197,701.01

Kenny made motion to approve the following orders in the mount of \$84,587.60.

Check numbers starting with 28112 thru 28170.	\$74,607.97
EFT 48	\$4,382.93
EFT 41	\$538.29
EFT 44	\$3,817.73
EFT 45	\$538.29
EFT 46	<u>\$702.99</u>
Total of	\$84,587.60

Dan supported. No further discussion. All Votes in Favor. Motion Carried.

Kenny made motion to wave the penalty on the Dotson parcel in the amount of \$115.87. Allan supported. All votes in favor. Motion Carried.

- **Parks & Recreation:**

Paul gave a report about the parks, the new cleaning service is doing a really good job cleaning the restrooms at the Preserve. Dan made a motion to hire a company to power sweep the vegetation off the walking path at the Preserve in the amount of \$1,000.00. Dan supported. No further discussion. All Votes in Favor. Motion Carried.

- **Planning Commission:**

Dan Fleming, Board representative, gave a brief report of the February meeting.

- **Casco Senior Services:**

Mary Campbell reported on the programs from Allegan and mentioned the craft classes she has organized at the township hall.

Allan mentioned, because of the interest in Casco residents to be a part of the Van Buren County Senior Services in South Haven. Casco is going to put a survey in the summer taxes to see what residents want.

- **ZBA:** None
- **Library:** None
- **SHAWSA:** No February Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

- **FLOODPLAIN ORDINANCE:**

Paul made a motion that we adopt Ordinance addressing the Floodplain management provisions.

Kenny supported.

Roll Call Vote: Paul Macyauski, yes, Cheri Brenner, yes, Allan Overhiser, yes, Dan Fleming, yes, Kenny Clevenger, yes.

Yays: 5

Nays: 0

NEW BUSINESS:

- Application for Outdoor gathering Permit.

Francisco & Carolina Sanchez from Covert, have a blueberry farm on 66th Street, requesting an outdoor gathering permit for a 25th anniversary party on July 1st, 2023, from 3pm to midnight.

Kenny made a motion to approve the Outdoor gathering permit for a party on July 1st, 2023 starting at 3:00pm to midnight. Paul supported. No further discussion. All Votes in Favor. Motion Carried.

This will have a live band playing.

- Application for Noise Ordinance Variance Permit.

Kenny made a motion to approve the Noise Ordinance Variance Permit for July 1st, 2023 at 3 66th Street from 3:00pm to Midnight. Paul supported. No further discussion. All Votes in Favor. Motion Carried.

- Safe Harbor Pinwheel Garden:

Since 1985, April has been recognized as National Child Abuse Awareness Month. Each year, Safe Harbor hosts a pinwheel garden at their Allegan location, pinwheels are a symbol of hope. On April 11, 2023, at noon, Safe Harbor is inviting Casco to join them for their Pinwheel Garden and Open House of their new building, 404 S. Sherman Street, Allegan. They also are looking to expand and host a pinwheel garden in other communities and townships.

Safe Harbor will provide a yard sign, pinwheels, and other educational materials. The garden can be placed in any outdoor common area within your community. If your township would like to stand in solidarity at reducing child harm by hosting a pinwheel garden, please contact, Claire Burch or by calling the Allegan office at 269-673-3791.

From Lori Antkoviak, Executive Director.

The board asked Allan to call Lori about this.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Road work on 107th.

Allan recommended to do a crack seal on 107th from Blue Star Highway to 70th Street, which would cost approximately \$5,000.00 for one mile.

- Poverty Exemption Guidelines Resolution No. 3-20-23-2 for Board of Review:

Update the 2023 Federal Poverty Guidelines, retroactive to March 1, 2023.

Kenny made motion to approve the 2023 Federal Poverty Guidelines, retroactive to March 1, 2023.

Supported by Paul.

Roll Call Vote: Dan, yes, Kenny, yes, Allan, yes, Cheri, yes, Paul, yes.

Yays: 5

Nays: 0

Allan mentioned an email from Doug Nickerson that every board member received a copy of.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

A representative from Joey Andrews office was present and introduced herself.

Allan made motion to adjourn. Supported by Paul.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26pm

Minutes Respectively Submitted by
Cheryl Brenner, Casco Clerk