

Casco Township Board of Trustees
Minutes Regular Meeting
August 15, 2016 7:00 pm

Approved 10/17/16

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

Present: Overhiser, Winfrey, Brenner, Graff, Macyauski and 18 other people.

Absent: None

Candidates Time: Frank Baker candidate for Allegan County Sheriff was present and introduced himself and explained his continued experience in law enforcement.

Public Comment:

Public Hearing opened up at 7:03 pm on Pacific Water Special Assessment to review SAD and hear any objections and other matters related to this SAD. Bids came in at \$231,344.70 from B&Z Construction, a private individual is going to do an extension on her lot, SAD'S part is \$231,344.70: estimated construction cost \$174,000, contingency \$17,449, engineering cost \$32,408.00 and bond council/legal fee's of \$7,000.00. A waterloop at the cost of \$42,000 will be paid out of the fire fund. Lu made motion to close the public hearing. Supported by Graff. Public Hearing closed at 7:10 pm.

Opened regular meeting at 7:10 pm.

Melissa Mills, AFLAC representative, explained what additional insurance the employees of the township or officials could get through AFLAC Insurance at reasonable rates.

Reports

Police- Deputy Katje was present to give a brief report.

Clerk-

Cheri presented minutes of July 12, 2016 Election Commission meeting, minutes of Special Meeting 8/9/16, Minutes of July 18, 2016 regular meeting and minutes from May 16, 2016 regular meeting for approval. Lu made motion to approve the May 16, 2016 minutes. Judy supported. Judy made motion to approve the July 18, 2016 minutes. Lu supported. Lu made motion to approve the July 12, 2016 minutes. Allan supported. Judy made motion to approve the 8/9/16 special meeting minutes. Lu supported.

Cheri reported that for the August 2, 2016 primary election Casco Township got a report of Good Job from the Allegan County Board of Canvassars. This is the highest score you can receive.

She reported that both millages passed-

Parks Millage 179 yes, 77 No

Roads Millage 200 yes, 59 no.

Treasurer-

The balances for all accounts are as follow:

General Fund	Balance	\$603,257.89
Parks Fund	Balance	\$ 33,257.89
Senior Services Fund	Balance	\$ 39,085.05

Fire Dept. Fund	Balance	\$572,144.00
Road Fund	Balance	\$302,097.80
Police Fund	Balance	\$111,929.68
Cemetery Care Fund	Balance	\$109,125.48
Collected Tax Acct	Balance	\$244,074.76
Lakeview Sewer	Balance	\$ 8,523.38
Lakeview Water	Balance	\$ 360.84
Pacific Sewer	Balance	\$ 13,593.35
Orchard Sewer	Balance	\$ 16,128.63
Lakeview Paving	Balance	\$167,538.56
102nd Ave. SAD	Balance	\$436,507.00

Lu made motion to approve the following

General Fund	orders#23900-23950	in the amount of	\$ 20,729.02
Parks Fund	orders#789-798	in the amount of	\$ 2,821.89
Seniors Fund	orders#566-569	in the amount of	\$ 2,151.94
Collected Tax	orders#3203-3210	in the amount of	\$311,049.75
Police Fund	orders#145-148	in the amount of	\$ 6,680.88
Lakeview Paving	orders#1201-1202	in the amount of	\$106,870.00
Fire Fund	orders#3938	in the amount of	\$105,354.75
Road Fund	order#1113	in the amount of	\$ 14,500.00

Cheri supported. Paul seconded. MC

Park and Recreation

Pam suggested two educational signs that are a possibility for the bluff at Miami Park.

These two signs would be under a thousand.

The DEQ had about 25 staff people at the park and there was lot of good input on the park.

Bruce Brandon reported that the coast auxiliary conducted their second beach assessment with results forwarded to NOAA. On Sunday Sept. 11 at 10:30am the auxiliary will again do a debris assessment and carry out a complete beach cleaning operation as part of the adopt-a-beach initiative through the Coast Guard Sea Partners program.

Rachel Ridley is interested in being on the Parks Committee.

The Park committee convened at the Miami Park site where the vegetation was cut. It was determined that the "south portion" of the site has rejuvenated naturally and nothing should be done to disturb the bluff. On the "north portion" the committee staked out 20 locations where trees need to be planted. Pam recommended a one gallon size eastern red cedar be placed. The trees should be a "native to west Michigan variety", not from somewhere else in the mid-west. It is recommended that planting take place in a late September or October.

Trees approximately cost \$20 each for 19 trees and the committee located 19 spots that need to be replanted. These should be done in October and Pam should oversee the planting of the trees. The planting is just for the area that was cut and this cutting didn't cause any erosion at this time.

Senior Care- No report

County- No report

PC - No meeting.

ZBA-

Paul Macyauski reported that three applicants had non conforming lot issues and set backs were all granted.

Paul resigned as chair person for the ZBA because he is on the ballot for Trustee on the Nov. 8, 2016 election, Dave Hughes is now the Chairperson and Matt Hamlin is Vice Chairperson.

SHAES-

Received a Grant for air pacs- and the call volume has been very heavy.

Hospital-

Judy discussed the upcoming merge of South Haven Health System with Bronson.

Old Business

1. Resolution No.5 for Special Assessment Pacific Water giving Allan Overhiser, Supervisor, that the special assessment roll has been adopted and the Township Clerk is directed to endorse the assessment roll and that the roll has been confirmed as of the date of this meeting.

Judy made motion to approve Resolution No. 5. Supported by Lu.

Roll Call vote: Paul, yes, Allan, yes, Cheri, yes, Lu, yes, Judy, yes.

2. Summer Rental-

The township had a Special Meeting 7/20/16 to listen to the pros and cons about summer rentals.

Allan read the letter from our attorney and our attorney suggests that the township board should be pro active on the present ordinance.

Judy feels that the board needs to take their time on this issue in making our decisions concerning this matter.

One thing the township doesn't want to get involved with is deed restrictions.

3. Resolution No. 081516-1 Casco Township Millage Rate

CASCO TOWNSHIP MILLAGE RATE

RESOLUTION NO. 081516-1

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has carefully reviewed the financial needs of Casco Township.

WHEREAS, the fiscal 2016-2017 budget was reviewed at a public hearing,

WHEREAS, said budget was approved at a subsequent public meeting,

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the following millage rates be levied on the 2016 winter tax bill,

OPERATING	0.4638
ROADS	1.4372
FIRE	1.8200
PARKS & REC	0.2454
AMBULANCE	0.9817
SENIOR CARE	0.2454
POLICE FUND	0.5000

Moved to adopt said Resolution - Allan Overhiser

Seconded by - Lu Winfrey

Yays- Macyauski, Brenner, Overhiser, Graff, Winfrey ,

Nays- None

Allan made motion to adopt said resolution

Lu seconded.

Roll Call Vote- Paul Yes, Allan yes Judy yes Lu yes, Cheri yes.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Hospital Merge- This merge was discussed and this will be on the November 8, 2016 ballot.
2. John Johnson donation.
On June 17, 2016 John Johnson retired from the Allegan County Health Department and several employees donated money toward a gift for John. John requested that the funds be donated to the Casco Township Nature Preserve. The donation amount is \$43.00.
3. Alfred Ellingsen is requesting the board to subsidize a portion of the Annual Fall Educational Conference for four days in September (27th to 30th). It is being held at the Bavarian Inn in Frankenmuth, Mi. He is asking that the township pay a 1/3 of the cost for automobile expense, meals not provided by the conference, the conference registration fee, and the lodging cost. The cost per township will be approximately \$340.00.
Cheri made motion to approve Ellingsen's expenses. Paul seconded. All votes in favor. MC

PUBLIC COMMENT: Bob Sherwood recommends that we use the PA system.

Allan made motion to adjourn. Lu seconded.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:43pm

Minutes Respectively submitted by,
Cheryl Brenner, Clerk