

CASCO TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES, REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 2020 @ 7:00PM

Approved 2/17/2020

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

Present: Overhiser, Graff, Macyauski, Winfrey, Brenner, Tom Jessup, County Commissioner, and 14 other interested citizens.

Absent: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Reports:

County: Tom Jessup, County Commissioner, talked about the shoreline erosion, he went to a meeting in Saugatuck, the Corp of Engineers were there, Sheriff Deputies, County officials, they are expecting another 12 to 16 inches of water yet this winter and also they said the height of the Lake is not as high as the Lake was in 1986, it hasn't exceeded that yet. Right now help from the state or federal doesn't look good.

He also talked about the upgrade at the court house.

Revenue Sharing, is going to be up about \$50,000, the county takes in from the casino about \$900,000.00 a year. Senior Services gets some of this, the parks, library's, several other programs benefit from this.

Tom reported that Josiah is moving to Washington State, he is a Sergeant and a Medic, doing very well.

Clerk:

Cheri presented minutes from 12/16/2019 Regular Meeting. Judy motioned to approve the 12/16/19 minutes. Lu supported. All votes in favor. Motion Carried.

Also, presented minutes from 1/7/2020 Special Meeting. Lu made motion to approve the 1/7/2020 minutes. Judy supported. All votes in favor. Motion Carried.

Election Information:

- Last day for a township official to petition to run for office is April 21 by 4:00pm.
- April 24th is last day to withdraw your name from running.
- January 25th County clerks to deliver absentee voter ballots for the 3/10/2020 election.
- January 28th Last day to place proposals on the May 5th ballot.
- February 6th Election training here at our township hall from 5:30 pm to 7:30pm.
- February 24th is the last day to register for the March 10th Presidential Primary in any manner other than in person with local clerk.
- February 25th through 8:00pm March 10, in person registration for the March 10 Presidential with proof of residency with the local clerk.
- February 29th, county clerks deliver remainder of ballots.

Treasurer:

Balances of all accounts are as follows:

GENERAL FUND	Balance	\$507,568.33
PARKS FUND	Balance	\$66,285.04
SENIOR SERVICES FUND	Balance	\$66,426.04
FIRE DEPT FUND	Balance	\$344,840.07
ROAD FUND	Balance	\$190,429.68

POLICE FUND	Balance	\$89,610.11
CEMETERY CARE FUND	Balance	\$108,475.87
COLLECTED TAX ACCT	Balance	\$1,229,207.55
102 nd AVE SAD	Balance	\$46,286.83
BEACH DRIVE	Balance	41,550.92
LAKEVIEW PAVING	Balance	50,922.40
LAKEVIEW SEWER	Balance	\$6,890.42
LAKEVIEW WATER	Balance	\$107.48
PACIFIC SEWER	Balance	\$7,865.21
ORCHARD SEWER	Balance	\$23,461.58

Lu made motion to approve the following bills in the amount of \$337,873.01:

GENERAL FUND	ORDERS#25897-25939	\$33,505.87
COLLECTED TAX ACCT	ORDERS#3605-3617	\$289,189.30
SENIORS FUND	ORDERS#765-766	\$2,065.60
PARKS FUND	ORDERS#1274-1278	\$422.51
POLICE FUND	ORDERS#279-281	\$12,689.73

Paul supported. All votes in favor. Motion Carried.

Lu announced that deputy Sue Tecklenburg resigned because of health reasons.

She has hired Mary Campbell as her new deputy.

Lu announced that she is not running for Treasurer again, she is retiring as of Nov. 20, 2020.

Parks:

Bruce was unable to be at the meeting, he prepared a report for the board members.

1. The committee selected Bruce Brandon as chairperson, Andy Litts as vice-chair and Don Kuick as secretary. Two vacancies exist on the committee and should be filled as soon as possible.
2. Don Kuick and Bruce Brandon met with Corey from C&R Tree Service concerning the dead and potentially dangerous trees along the path at the preserve. Corey will mark the trees we pointed out so that committee and board members can view the proposed project prior to the approval of a bid.
3. Andy Litts will be contacting contractors to finish maintenance work at First Street access.
4. Debbie Weaver will be contacting other park entities along the lakeshore to see if there is any commonality of interests that would be beneficial for all.
5. In February, the committee will discuss and make recommendations concerning maintenance activities for the summer. In March the main item of discussion will be the annual review of the Five-Year Plan (which expires Dec. of 2021) and review of the Parks finance report. In April the committee will begin discussion of capital project as it relates to development of the Maple Grove property. The committee will also finalize plans for a "Friends of the Preserve" work day to be held in May (date TBD). We do not have copies of the Five-year plan available for new members of the committee to use. If five copies could be printed it would be a great help to committee members.
6. I used a roll of caution tape to "close" the concrete pathway to the failed stair site. Would recommend some sort of permanent barrier to prevent park users from getting to close to the unstable edge area.

Bruce B. Brandon, Park Chairperson

Allan mentioned that we have two positions to be filled on the park committee and he has one that he would like to appoint tonight, Matt Super.

Allan made motion to appoint Matt Super to the Park Committee. Paul supported. All votes in favor. Motion Carried.

Planning Commission:

Judy Graff reported on issues that the planning commission is working on.

Senior Services

Rachel was attending a program on bone marrow transplant tonight, so there is no report this evening.

ZBA:

Paul gave a report from the 12/30/2019 ZBA meeting, there were two applicants, both setbacks. The committee gave them both the minimum of setback allowed, they were given 10ft according to the ordinance.

Judy asked a question from Bruce's report requesting a barrier on the concrete pathway because the bluff is unstable. Judy felt there should be some kind of temporary barrier there, signage was discussed also. To handle the situation Paul was going to work on signs and Allan was going to talk with Joe about what could be used as a barrier.

SHAES:

Allan reported that they are down to seven candidates in replacing Ron Wise. They are replacing Rescue One and financing it over four years, the participating municipalities had previously pledged full faith in credit of respected municipalities to fulfill the loan requirements. Allan will bring paper work to the township in the future.

SHAWSA:

Met and went ahead with the approval of the refinancing contract and resolutions at SHAWSA. Last Friday Allan met with the financing company. Allan gave everyone a schedule of all the dates that have to be met to have the refinancing complete with Baird.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Lakeshore Erosion Update-** Ron Wise is very active in the problem, a lot of people don't know exactly what to do, do they move their house, the issue of their septic tanks and wells make it very difficult. We made run into difficult issues that may not comply with our zoning, because the size of the lot that is left and the setbacks. We have talked about the tiny house thing, on a need basis, so maybe the Planning Commission should look at that. We will end up with long time residents with lots that don't quite fit with a home on it. There are a lot of alternative housing to look at if their need to. Hopefully these individuals can move their home but if they can't they should have some alternatives.

Paul made a motion for the Planning Commission to start looking at lots where people are lousing on the lake front where they can no longer meet the setbacks of a standard home. Lu Supported. All votes in favor. Motion Carried.

Ron Wise feels that we need to make sure that we have good drainage with the erosion problem. Allan will relate this to Scott Corbin, with Allegan County.

- **Roads: Finalized Road Plans:** Allan gave board members a copy of the decision that the Road Committee came up with from their meeting.

Road Paving – 2020	
Balance carried in from 2019	\$152,865
2019 Winter taxes	\$7574,143
County share	\$40,000
Total Available	<u>\$767,008</u>

Recommended Roads to Pave	
71 st Street from 105 th to 107 th	\$275,000
68 th Street from 109 th to town line	\$375,000
Total Paving	
74th Street request for a turnaround	

The Road Committee would like to seek another millage
This is the only way we will get further ahead on the road
Situation.

Dust Layer	\$44,000
Mowing	\$6,000

Reseal and Fog Coat	
Baseline Road from 62 nd St. to 66 th St.	<u>\$56,000</u>
Total	<u>\$756,000</u>

Estimated Ending Balance **\$11,008**

Lu made motion to approve the road plan for 2020. Judy supported. All Votes in Favor. Motion Carried.

Allan announced that there will be a Special Meeting, Saturday, February 22, 2020, @ 1:00pm, Lake Shore Drive Project, Miami Park.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Hartman Plantation:**
 Danny Hartman from Lacota stressed his interest in growing Medical Marijuana, he started growing hemp this year. He would like to start growing medical marijuana for next year. His attorney was also present to support what Danny wants to do.
 Lissa Satori – Director of Development with Foundation of Cannabis Unified Standards was present for support also.
 Robin Schneider, Executive Director of Michigan Cannabis Industry Association was also present to give a presentation. Also present was Roman Vyskocil, MI Hemp Home, is a Medical Marijuana and hemp grower did a presentation.
 Danny invited us to come and look at his facility.
- Audit 2020:**
 All of the board members were given the information for the 2019/2020 audit to look over for the next board meeting in February.
- Aflac Expense:**
 A few years ago we agreed to pay \$20 per month towards an AFLAC policy the policy cost has gone up, our representative suggested to up the expense to \$30 per month would give people a break on the policy cost.

The current options and monthly rate for employee only:
Cancer Policy - \$23.45 to \$40.36 *pending level and riders
Accident Policy - \$27.17
Hospital Policy - \$27.30

Allan felt after meeting with Marge, our representative, he recommends increasing the expense to \$30 maximum. Lu supported. All votes in favor. Motion Carried.

- South Haven Schools and Lake Michigan College sent tax resolution for us to collect the summer taxes at the same rate as last year.
Allan said it would be appropriate to authorize Cheri to sign the paper work to allow us to collect the taxes at the same rate as last year \$2.50 for South Haven and \$1.50 for Lake Michigan College. Judy made motion to collect taxes for South Haven Schools at \$2.50 per parcel and \$1.50 per parcel for Lake Michigan College. Lu supported. All votes in favor. Motion Carried.
- **Good Neighbor Policy Form:** The form was being confused, they were sending the Good Neighbor Policy back to us they were supposed to be giving them to their renters. So number six on the AFFIDAVIT was changed to read -I'll provide renters with a copy of the township's *Good Neighbor Policy* and the *Short- Term Regulatory Ordinance*.
Paul made motion to accept the change of the Good Neighbor Policy. Judy supported.
All votes in favor. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Bill Garrity, Glenn Shores, thanked the board for supporting to have the Planning Commission start looking at alternative ideas for the property owners on the lakeshore that are possibly going to lose their homes and will possibly have smaller lots that won't support a standard home with setbacks.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50PM

Minutes respectively submitted by
Cheryl Brenner, Township Clerk

