

Casco Township Board of Trustees
Minutes of Regular Meeting
October 20, 2014 at 7:00 pm

Approved 11/17/14

Call to order – Allan called the meeting to order @ 6:59 pm and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Allan Ovehiser, Josiah Jessup, Cheri Brenner, Lu Winfrey, Judy Graff and 10 other interested people. Also present Lt. Frank Baker, Allegan County Sheriff Dept. and Judge William Baillargeon, 57th District, Allegan County.

Absent: None

Public Comment- none

Lt. Frank Baker with Allegan County Sheriffs Dept was present to review potential auto options for the township deputy in addition he discussed the operations of a township deputy and the requirements of the township. There was a lengthy discussion with the board and questions from the public.

Judge Baillargeon, District Court, 57th district court reported that the court's staff are excellent workers and they have been rated quite highly by the State Court Administrative Office. He also reported on the drug treatment program how successful this is going. People that normally wouldn't make it, now do really well and the family support is much improved.

Reports-

Clerk

Minutes of the 9/25/14 Reg. meeting were presented. Judy Graff made a motion to approve the minutes of the 9/25/14 regular meeting. Josiah seconded. All votes in favor. Motion carried.

Cheri mentioned that the ballots for the Nov. 4, 2014 election are on the website; cascotownship.org website, click on services, then elections, choose your school district and the ballot will appear for viewing.

There will be a accuracy test for the tabulator on 10/24/14 at Ganges Township at 2:30pm.

Cheri received a letter from Kelli Sobel, Executive Director, State Tax Commission stating that they have accepted our plan submitted to correct the deficiencies noted in the 2013 AMAR review from the Accessor's audit for Board of Review.

Cheri asked to amend two checks that were expensed to the wrong accounts check # 22877 in the amount of \$9,695 should be expensed to 101.265.97100, capital outlay, and ch# 22911 in the amount of \$965.00 also should be expensed to the capital outlay account.

Judy Graff seconded motion. All votes in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer

Balances as follows in all accounts-

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| General Account | Balance | \$431,963.34 |
| Parks Fund | Balance | \$ 17,175.23 |
| Senior Services Fund | Balance | \$ 22,143.95 |
| Fire Dept. Fund | Balance | \$436,570.04 |
| Road Fund | Balance | \$194,180.50 |
| Cemetery Care Fund | Balance | \$130,595.96 |
| Collected Tax Acct | Balance | \$153,652.70 |
| Lakeview Sewer | Balance | \$ 17,707.43 |
| Lakeview Water | Balance | \$ 17,836.34 |
| Pacific Sewer | Balance | \$ 27,758.01 |
| Orchard Sewer | Balance | \$173,136.29 |

Lu made motion to approve the following anticipated bills in the amount of \$3,972,349.67

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| General Fund | Orders#22860-22904 | in the amount of | \$ 33,209.86 |
| Parks Fund | Orders#537-548 | in the amount of | \$ 849.67 |
| Seniors Fund | Orders#449-451 | in the amount of | \$ 3,178.50 |
| Collected Tax | Orders#2985-2990 | in the amount of | \$3,684,016.20 |
| Road Fund | Orders#1096 | in the amount of | \$ 89,355.34 |
| Fire & Amb fund | Orders#3921-3922 | in the amount of | \$ 159,862.60 |
| Pacific Sewer | Orders#1004 | in the amount of | \$ 361.36 |
| Lakeview Water | Orders#1004 | in the amount of | \$ 283.59 |

Cheri supported. Discussion. All votes in favor. Motion carried.

Dump passes - The board agreed that it is better to have one free dump day, October third sat. of the month.

Lu needs winter newsletter by 11/18/14. Ben Williams wants to talk to us about buying a used electronic recycle trailer to be placed at the transfer station for old computers and such.

Seniors Care Program-

Rachel gave a report of the activities for the seniors

There will be a senior appreciation luncheon on 11/5/14. Also, there will be a Veterans potluck luncheon on 11/11/14.

The new Urologist at the South Haven Hospital will be doing a talk, the date and time will be scheduled soon.

Bill Bower said that the Senior Exercise program for strength and balance is such a wonderful program to have.

Parks & Recreation-

Bruce Brandon stated a tree assessment policy and asked if this is what the township wants in regards to the trees?

Each tree should be assessed for the use of wildlife-trimming should be the first option. Dangerous trees to the public should be removed, trees in the way of public programs should be assessed, should they be removed?

It was suggested to change the ordinance to change the gate closing time.

Recommended that Section 10 of the gate closing- the gate closing time should be Spring 4/1/14 to 9/30/14 8:00 am to 10:00 pm.

Fall 10/1/14 to 3/31/14 closing at 7:00 pm.

Pam has resubmitted the information on the grant for the parking lot.

Planning commission- No report

ZBA- none

Water/Sewer-Revenue is up.

Hospital- Judy reported that the hospital is purchasing 9 defibulators at the cost of \$95,000.00.

Scholarships are being offered for the wellness center.

County report-

Tom Jessup reported that the Bike Trail will be owned by the county. Also, the Road commission is going to cut down some trees that are a potential problem on Blue Star.

Old Business

The board members had not read the MTA Policy Matters for discussion. They tabled this for another time.

Bids were opened for a 32' x 32' utility building to be built on the west side of the township hall.

John Brush submitted bid in the amount of \$24,950.00.

Larry Jabtecki submitted bid in the amount of \$29,900.00.

Allan had contacted other people and they were all too busy at this time. The board decided

to wait until spring and rebid in 2015 would be better.

Judy made motion to reject the current bids and rebid in Feb 2015. Josiah seconded.

All votes in favor. Motion carried.

New Business

Allan made motion to appoint Matt Super as a member to the ZBA Board. Cheri

seconded.

All in favor. Motion carried.

Allan made motion to appoint Johanan Jessup as a member to the Park & Recreation Board.

Judy seconded. All votes in favor. Motion carried.

Other Business –

Cheri mentioned that there has been a need for a drop box at the township hall.

Rachel Brenner said that the Village of Douglas has one now and they are really happy with it. Allan asked Rachel if she would find out how much the drop box cost and who installed it.

Cheri said this would be nice for tax payments, absentee ballots, etc. because we are not

open full time. Judy Graff thought it would be a great service for our resident's. Lu was concerned about cash payments being placed in the box.

Public comment- None

Josiah made motion to Adjourn. Lu seconded.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm

Minutes prepared by- Cheri Brenner, Clerk

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Cheri Brenner
Casco Township Clerk

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