

Casco Township Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting August 18, 2014
@ 7:00 pm @ Casco Township Hall

Approved 9/15/14

Call To Order: Allan called meeting to order at 7:06pm and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Allan Overhiser, Cheri Brenner, Lu Winfrey, Judy Graff and 6 other interested people.

Absent: Josiah Jessup

Allan mentioned the recent death of Rose Stennett, previous Township Treasurer, she will be greatly missed. She was very involved in the township in many ways such as a 4-H Leader, active in her church, and many other aspects of the township. Rose was a great lady and very detrimental to our township.

Public Comment: None

Reports

Clerks Report- Minutes of the 7/21/14 Regular Meeting were presented for approval. Graff made motion to approve the 7/21/14 minutes. Lu seconded. All votes in favor. Motion Carried. No Discussion.

Cheri reported on the results of the August 5, 2014 election. The Township Police Protection Millage Proposition passed by 20 votes. 182 to 162.

A Certificate of Determination was received from the Allegan County Board of Canvassers. It read as follows: We the undersigned Board of Canvassers for the County of Allegan, from an examination of the Election Returns of the **Township of Casco** by said Board of Canvassers, determine that at the Primary Election held on the **5th day of August, 2014** the following:
Name of Proposal: **Police Protection**- Having received **sufficient** votes was **passed**.
Signed by Joyce Watts, Allegan County Clerk and three Board of Canvassers on the 7th day of August.

The original quote for painting the Township Hall was \$1,170 the actual invoice for the job was \$1,410.00 because the original quote didn't include painting the door casings or the front entrance. Allan made motion to support the change on the painting quote. Judy seconded. Lu supported. All votes in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurers report:

Balances as follows in all accounts:

General Fund	Balance	\$465,181.22
Parks Fund	Balance	\$ 23,129.72
Senior Services Fund	Balance	\$ 28,124.39

Fire Dept. Fund	Balance	\$535,252.29
Road Fund	Balance	\$300,573.19
Cemetery Care Fund	Balance	\$130,473.78
Collected Tax Account	Balance	\$330,339.32
Lakeview Sewer	Balance	\$ 18,936.84
Lakeview Water	Balance	\$ 18,116.91
Pacific Sewer	Balance	\$ 28,114.68
Orchard Sewer	Balance	\$173,107.36

Lu made motion to approve the following anticipated bills in the amount of \$262,929.42:

General Fund	orders #22758-22803 in the amount of	\$ 27,693.48
Parks Fund	orders #512-521 in the amount of	\$ 1,030.82
Seniors Fund	orders #440-444 in the amount of	\$ 3,675.78
Collected Tax	orders #2971-2975 in the amount of	\$229,636.28
Road Fund	orders #1092 in the amount of	\$ 332.96
Fire Fund	orders #3920 in the amount of	\$ 560.10

Cheri seconded. All votes in favor. Motion carried.

As'[/./...County report-

Tom Jessup thanked Allan for supporting the townships stand on the Blue Star Bike Trail. It is still not settled as to whom should own the bike trail. To get a CMAQ grant it has to be owned by government to get the funds.

Seniors report-

Rachel Brenner gave a report of the summer activities, park walks on Wednesdays, cards on Tuesdays, and there were 17 at the exercise group today. County On Aging still needs a member from the Casco area on the board.

Parks report-

Bruce Brandon handed out a vision of what the north side of the preserve could possibly look like in the future. The committee worked on this vision together very diligently.

Looking at the trees as you drive by is part of the view and these are maple trees in front but in the back they are not all maples.

The north part should be used for more than just a meadow such as it is right now, such as a picnic area. For the next meeting the board will see where we're at financially and then plan ahead.

Bruce Brandon would like to get the signage for other sources that contributed to the Preserve. He feels the locals should be recognized as well as the grant sign. Judy Graff made motion for the Park Committee to get the sign for the local recognized sign and the cost should not exceed \$200.00.

Lu supported. All in favor. Motion carried.

Judy thanked Allan for being such a great steward of the development of the Preserve

and looking out for the residence in Casco. Allan said thank you and the Park was clearly wanted by the public.

Library report-

Bob Sherwood reported that the library has had a busy summer with several reading programs for toddlers and teens and for the first time had a reading program for adults and there were 60 people showed up for that.

The new director has been very active in the development of new programs. The new director has been there for 9 months and she will have her first review.

The library is in need for more parking and presently using the vacant lot across the street.

Hospital- Judy Graff gave a brief report of the hospital and the rewards awards that they have received.

SHEAS Report-

Shaes had its busiest calls ever this July 228 total. (50 fire & 178 ambulance)

Water/Sewer Authority report-

Overhiser reported that Casco is down to only 9 properties that aren't hooked up yet and South Haven township has 19 not hooked up yet to the authority.

The month of July Casco had one new unit hook up and South Haven had two hook ups.

Financially they are a head and are able to meet their expenses.

Old Business-

North Shore Drain Update:

Allan received letter from Brian Cenci, project engineer, giving him an update on the project. The biggest hurdle for this project to start construction is getting the easements all signed. There are 10 easements already signed with 14 still outstanding. From the engineering company's experience, rarely will construction on a drain project begin within a year of the Board of Determination. In general, projects typically take two years and sometimes three years to get to construction. The Board of Determination for this project took place only last August. The engineers office has been very aggressive in the acquisitions of the easements.

New Business-

A SESC Certification Letter was received from the Allegan County Health Department giving the Preserve a Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Permit #SE-20602118. Resolution No.# 081814-11 millage rates.

Casco Township Millage Rate

Resolution No.# 081814-11

2014

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

WHEREAS, the fiscal 2014-2015 budget was reviewed at a public meeting,

WHEREAS, said budget was approved at a subsequent public meeting,
THEREFORE, be it resolved that the following millage rates be levied on the
2014 Winter Tax bill,

Operating	0.4725
Roads	1.4640
Fire	1.88
Parks & Rec	0.2500
Ambulance	1.0000
Hospital	0.2624
Senior Care Program	0.2500
Police	0.6500

Moved to adopt said resolution _____.
Seconded by _____.
Yays _____.
Nays _____.
Absent: _____.

Judy made motion to approve Resolution No. 081814-11, Lu seconded.
Roll call: Judy, Allan, Lu, Cheri Yays

Boundary line adjustment request from John and Debbie Weaver- Property information address
611 Lake Shore Dr, South Haven, Mi, Pacific avenue in Miami park lot 4 was approved to divide that
in ½. Lu made motion to approve the request for a boundary line adjustment. Judy seconded.
All votes in favor. Motion carried.

Al Ellingsen, Building Inspector - Zoning Administrator, requested for the township to share in the
cost of the required educational credits that he needs to continue his registration with the
State of Michigan. Fall conference is 9/9/14 - 9/12/14. The cost to Casco township will be
approximately \$255.00. Allan made motion to approve Ellingsen's request. Cheri seconded.
All votes in favor.
Motion carried.

Lu made motion to adjourn. Judy seconded.
Meeting Adjourned @ 8:50 pm

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Cheri Brenner
Casco Township Clerk

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