

CASCO TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES, REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2023 @ 7:00PM

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CALL TO ORDER: Overhiser called meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

PRESENT: Overhiser, Brenner, Macyauski, Fleming, Clevenger, & two interested citizens.

ABSENT: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

REPORTS:

- CLERK

Cheri presented the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 15, 2023. Dan made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 15, 2023. Kenny supported. No corrections or discussion. All Votes in favor. Motion Carried.

Cheri made a motion to amend the4 following budget accounts:

General Fund

101-215-709.000	Clerk-fica/medicare	\$442.77
101-215-801.000	Clerk-Professional Fee-CPA	\$500.00
101-253-725.000	Treasurer-AFLAC expense	\$150.00
101-262-752.000	Elections-Misc. Supplies	\$262.07
101-265-803.000	Technical Support	\$1,512.00
101-265-850.000	Phone/Internet	\$572.68
101-371-709.000	Inspections-fica/medicare	\$161.10
101-371-801.004	Inspections-Contract electrical	\$833.00
101-528-804.000	Transfer Station-Recycling	\$401.47
101-567-802.002	Cemetery Maint. -Mowing	\$103.56
101-702-703.007	Zoning Adm. Wages	\$260.00
101-702-709.000	Zoning-fica/medicare	\$29.82

PARKS FUND

208-751-801.016	Consultant	\$6,080.00
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CEMETERY FUND

209-567-709.000	fica/medicare	\$2.20
209-567-752.000	Misc. supplies	\$745.67
209-567-802.002	Cemetery Maint.-mowing-etc.	\$2,025.00
209-567-930.000	Well Maintenance	\$28.78

SENIOR SERVICE FUND

290-673-752.002	Sr. Care Supplies & equip	\$557.05
290-673-895-000	SR Care Programming	\$2,352.10

Dan supported. No corrections or discussion. All votes in favor. Motion Carried.

Cheri reported that there will be an August 8, 2023 election. **Lake Michigan College** renewal for a period of 20 years. 2024 through 2043 for the same rate as before of .8804 mills on each \$1,000.00 if taxable

valuation will be on the ballot. Also, **Fennville Public Schools** have a millage proposal to provide funds to operate a system of Public Recreation and Playgrounds. The proposal will allow the school to continue to levy public recreations millage previously by the electors and adds new additional millage for a period of 10 years, 2024 to 2033.

CASCO BAND

Cheri read the following letter from Ross Woodhams-

To the Casco Township Board:

On behalf of the performing members of the Casco Band, I want to thank everyone at the Township for your generous support of the band. Our first performance is the traditional Memorial Day Concert at the Casco United Methodist Church honoring all veterans who have sacrificed for our Country.

We have a full summer schedule in the area and are both proud and honored to represent the people of Casco and the 93-year history of the Casco Community Band.

Thanks,

Ross Woodhams

MTA ANNUAL DUES – DUE JULY 1, 2023, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,874.16

Cheri explained that there are three packages that we can choose-for an additional fee-

The Premium Pass of \$1,900.00

The Plus Pass of \$1,000.00

The Essential Pass of \$750.00

Cheri recommended the essential package which is what we have currently.

Kenny made motion to purchase the Essential Package for an additional amount of \$750.00 from Michigan Township Association. Supported by Dan. All Votes in Favor. Motion Carried.

For the month of May Casco Township volunteered to participate in a cereal drive sponsored by Allegan County Community Foundation. This is for the local Food Bank to help make sure children get breakfast during the summer. We filled a big cardboard box full of an assortment of cereal boxes from donations from Casco Resident. I would like to thank those who donated.

- **TREASURER**

Fund Balances as of 5/31/2023 are as follows:

101	General Fund	\$1,453,349.57
204	Road	\$1,006,077.94
206	Fire	\$676,185.22
207	Police	\$301,630.97
208	Parks & Recreation	\$170,459.73
209	Cemetery	\$97,854.87
290	Senior Service Fund	\$202,952.72
863	Lakeview Sewer	\$18,654.12
864	Lakeview Water	\$5,400.16
865	Pacific Sewer	\$25,143.48
866	Pacific Water	\$53,158.18
867	Orchard Sewer	\$30,465.76
868	102 nd Avenue	\$97,954.63

869	Beach Dr	\$87,057.63
870	Lakeview Paving	\$77,791.53

Kenny made motion to approve the following expenses as of May 31, 2023 in the amount of \$62,108.83.

Check numbers 28295 thru 28371	\$54,796.26
EFT #155	\$538.29
EFT #156	\$538.29
EFT #157 Fed/W/h	\$5,284.11
Eft #158 State ww/h	<u>\$951.88</u>
Total	\$62,108.83

Supported by Paul. No corrections or discussions. All Votes in Favor. Motion Carried.

- SHAES

Ron Ridley was present to report that for May 2023 Casco had 20 EMS calls and 15 FIRE calls.

- PLANNING COMMISSION

Dan Fleming mentioned that he sent information to Allan concerning wetlands and this is something that the PC will need to discuss.

OLD BUSINESS:

- APPROVE 2023/2024 BUDGET

Dan made a motion to approve the 2023/2024 Budget. Paul supported.

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

Yays: 5

Nays: 0

- MIAMI PARK UPDATE

They are continuing to discuss how to handle the erosion situation.

- ARPA MONEY & INTERNET UPDATE.

Allan reported that 123NET received money from Michigan ROBIN Grant Funding to construct an open-access, carrier-neutral fiber network for Allegan County which will start construction in mid-August. This will free up our ARPA money for other things.

- STATE TAX ASSESSING REVIEW

Allegan County is the first county the State has chosen to start the Tax Assessing Review. Kyle and Allan gave the State all the information that should be needed for our review.

Kyle will be starting on property at the south end of the township.

NEW BUSINESS:

- AUDIT FOR Y/E 06/30/2023 ENGAGEMENT LETTER

Kenny made a motion to enter into the audit of Y/E 6/30/2023 for the audit not to exceed \$9,600.00.

Dan supported. All votes in Favor. Motion Carried.

- ZONING AMENDMENTS

Ordinance to Amend the Casco Township Zoning Ordinance; Amend Sections 2.04, 3.16#c, 3.23A#4&D, 3.28B1#5, 3.39A#4, 3.43, and 15.03#E.

Paul made a motion to adopt all amendments. Motion dropped because of lack of support.

Dan made a motion to adopt ordinance #15.03#E. Section 6 Chapter 15. Supported by Paul.

Roll Call Vote: Paul, yes, Cheri, yes, Allan, yes, Kenny, yes, Dan, no.

Yays: 4

Nays: 1

Kenny made a motion to adopt amendments 2.04, 3.16#C, 3.23A#4&D, 3.28B1#5, 3.39A#4, and 3.43.

Supported by Dan.

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

Yays: 5

Nays: 0

- APPLICATION FOR OUTDOOR GATHERING PERMIT-FRANCISCO SANCHEZ
- APPLICATION FOR NOISE ORDINANCE VARIANCE PERMIT-SANCHEZ

Kenny made a motion to approve the Outdoor Gathering Permit & the Noise Ordinance Variance permit.

Supported by Paul. All Votes in Favor. Motion Carried.

- MASTER PLAN REVIEW – SEEKING CONSULTANTS

Allan has a letter that he is sending out to various prospects of planners to do a review of the Master Plan.

- 68th STREET PAVING ESTIMATE

Allan presented an estimate in the amount of \$797,525.00 to reconstruction on 68th Street paved from 104th Avenue to 107th Avenue. Allan felt that the big complaint about the sand mining is the dust. This is something that would be done in 2025. Allan would like some kind of direction from the board next month on this project.

- OUTDOOR GATHERING AND NOISE ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Amendment. Section 2 of the Anti-Noise and Public Nuisance Ordinance is restated in its entirety as follows,

- A. Day Time Hours, The hours between 7:00am and 10:00pm, local time, Sunday through Thursday; the hours between 7:00am and 11:30pm, local time, Friday and Saturday.
- B. Night Time Hours, The hours between 10:00pm and 7:00am, local time, the following day, from Sunday at 10:00pm until Friday at 7:00am; the hours between 11:30pm and 7:00am., local time the following day, from Friday at 11:30 pm until Sunday 7:00am.
- C. Loud noise, sounds that can be heard at a distance greater than twenty-five (25) feet during the night time hours or greater than fifty (50) feet during the day time hours.

Kenny made a motion to approve the amended Anti-Noise and Public Nuisance Amendment Ordinance.

Supported by Dan.

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

Yays: 5

Nays: 0

- OUTDOOR GATHERING AMENDMENTS ORDINANCE
- **Section 1. Amendment.** Section 2.3 of the Outdoor Gathering Ordinance is restated in its

Entity as follows.

3. "Outdoor gathering," also referred to in this Ordinance as an "assembly," means any outdoor event attended by or expected to be attended by more that 250 attendants, including a festival or concert, public show, display, entertainment, amusement or exhibition, or similar gatherings. An assembly does not mean:

- a. An event conducted or sponsored by a governmental unit or agency on publicly owned land or property; or

b. An event conducted or sponsored by any entity qualifying for tax exempt status under Section 501©3 of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended or restated; or

c. An event held entirely within a permanently enclosed and covered building
Dan made a motion to approve the amended Outdoor Gathering Ordinance. Supported by Kenny.
Roll Call Vote: Paul, Cheri, Allen, Kenny & Dan. All yes.

Yahs: 5

Nays: 0

- FREE TIRE DAY

There will be a Free Tire Day August 19, 2023, from 10:00am to noon at the Transfer Station.

- TOWNSHIP FLAG

There was a discussion on Casco Township having their own flag. The Board decided to table this for now to bring it up later.

Paul made a motion to adjourn. Cheri supported.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.

Minutes Respectively Submitted by
Cheryl Brenner, Township Clerk