

CASCO TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES, REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 17, 2023 @ 7:00PM

Approved 5/15/23.

CALL TO ORDER: Overhiser called meeting to order at 7:00pm and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Overhiser, Brenner, Macyauski, Fleming, Circuit Court Judge, Margaret Bakker, Director of Legal Assistance Center, Linda Teeter, SHAES, Ron Ridley, Deputy Sheriff, Cesar Cano and 25 other interested citizens.

ABSENT: Kenny Clevenger

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Circuit Court Judge Margaret Bakker thanked the township for their support, in the last year and a half they have served 83 people from Casco Township. They will be having an 11th year celebration fund raiser on 9/28/23. She gave a report on how they have grown since the beginning. For information on ACLAC call 269-686-5221.

Reports:

- **Police**

Deputy Cesar Cano reported that there were 50 calls for service in March and he took 10 of them due to the fact that for the first two weeks he was in training. If anyone needs assistance from him let him know.

- **SHAES**

Captain Paramedic for SHAES, Ron Ridley, reported for the month of March SHAES had a total of 615 requests for assistance for fire and medic, out of those 195 were Casco requests 9 were fire, and 11 EMS. Shawn Smith organizes the training for SHAES which includes continuing education and Owen Ridley has completed his Dive Master certification.

- **CLERK**

Cheri presented the minutes from the Regular Meeting, March 20, 2023. Dan made motion to approve the March 20, 2023, minutes. Supported by Paul. No discussion or corrections. All Votes in Favor. Motion Carried.

Cheri made motion to amend the following budget accounts:

General Fund

101-215-709	Clerk fica-medicare	\$350.00
101-253-725	Treasurer Aflac	\$30.00
101-371-709.000	Inspections- fica	\$356.70
101-401-752.000	Rentals- Misc. supplies	\$74.19
101-528-804.000	Transfer Station-recycling	\$1,400.00
Fire Fund		
206-651.801.018	Ambulance	\$9,653.00
Cemetery Fund		
209-567-752.000	Misc. supplies	\$69.38
Senior Services		
290-673-752.002	Supplies & equipment	\$113.95
290-673-895.000	Programming	\$25.00
290-673-900.000	Printing	\$332.50

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

Cheri gave everyone a copy of the invoice from West Michigan Shredding in the amount of \$112.50, they came to the township and shredded 15 boxes in about 20 minutes.

Cheri gave everyone a copy of the cover letter to Allegan County Resource Recovery for the reimbursement for the 1st quarter 2023 recycling in the amount of \$4,100.71 for Casco. Brenda Katerberg, City of Holland, is recommending all clerks get in touch with their legislator and voice your concerns with Proposal 2. The State is proposing 9 days of early voting from 7:00am to 7:00pm. It will cost Casco Township \$2,952. This is with just one worker and Kathy's wages, and we may have to buy another tabulator which will cost approximately \$5,000.00. The State needs to provide funding to local clerks that is not in the form of reimbursement.

On April 19, 2023, Kathy and I are hosting election Receiving Board training at 1:30. County clerk, Bob Genetsky will be presenting the training.

Cheri read the following email from Bob Genetski-
Casco Township is sending every one of their elections team for Receiving Board Training for the May election. I am so excited about this move that we are piloting a more hands-on & up-close Receiving Board Training at their place next week. Hats off to Clerk Brenner for thinking outside the box!!!

- **Treasurer:**

Allan gave the report in Kennys absence.

Balances of the funds as of March 31, 2023, are as follows:

101	General Fund	\$1,163,704.94
104	Road Fund	\$480,427.31
206	Fire Fund	\$336,349.83
207	Police Fund	\$196,315.77
208	Parks & Recreation	\$122,452.17
209	Cemetery Fund	\$99,593.71
290	Senior Services	\$156,193.34
863	Lakeview Sewer	\$10,022.10
864	Lakeview Water	\$634.30
865	Pacific Sewer Fund	\$12,565.43
866	Pacific water Fund	\$35,414.53
867	Orchard Sewer Fund	\$22,164.91
868	Casco Twp 102 nd Ave Fund	\$70,567.21
869	Beach Dr Fund	\$56,064.23
870	Lakeview Paving Fund	\$60,737.53

Allan made motion to approve bills as of March 31, 2023, in the amount of \$112,777.27:

Checks numbers 28171 thru 28224	\$107,176.96
EFT #40	\$855.34
EFT #50	<u>\$4,744.97</u>
Total	\$112,777.27

Dan supported. All votes in favor. Motion Carried.

- **Parks & Recreation:**

Paul reported that they are getting quotes for things for the pickle ball court in the Township Parking lot, painting the lines, and getting quotes for confinement nets around the court.

Paul Recommended in the form of a motion to have the concrete pads and benches power washed in the amount of \$675.00. Dan supported. No discussion. All votes in favor. Motion carried.

The committee planted 10 lbs. of wildflower seeds. The bulbs that they planted last fall are up and in blossom and look good.

The cost has gone up for the things in the original plan, it is going to cost an additional \$50,000.00.

- **Planning Commission:**

No Meeting, there is one this Wednesday, April 19, 2023 @ 6:00pm

- **ZBA**

There is going to be a meeting this Thursday, April 20, 2023, at 7:00pm.

- **Casco Senior Services**

Mary Campbell gave a report, there are about 100 seniors signed up for the May 3, 2023, Senior Appreciation luncheon. Carol Rice wants some rackets to give some lessons on pickle ball when the lines have been repainted and confining nets available.

- **SHAWSA**

Allan reported that they approved more lead abatement work awarded to Compton's to comply with the Clean Water Act. There isn't any lead in the system but there is galvanized pipes that need to be looked at.

Consumer Power is scheduling a power outage on April 22nd at the southeast corner of Casco along Baseline going towards 60th Street.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Miami Park Erosion**

Debbie Weaver, 7271 Pacific Ave, explained a plan for the erosion litigation which includes the south part of Miami Park south of the stairs. There were several letters of support for the project and several opposed to the project.

Request from Linda Johnston to do some drainage in addition to the revetment project in front of her home at 649 Lakeshore Drive wants to install four drains across the front of her property to the revetment.

Paul made a motion to approve the installation of the four Wick drains. Supported by Dan. No further discussion. All Votes in Favor. Motion Carried.

- **Tire Day & Household Hazardous Waste**

Tire Day on Saturday, June 3, 2023, Community Service people will be there to help load tires. Allegan County Resource Recovery is having a recycling event for hazardous waste at Harding's parking lot in Wayland on May 6th.

NEW BUSINESS.

- **2023/2024 Budget**

Allan distributed the preliminary 2023/2024 budget but were waiting for the 4029 information from Equalization to complete the budget.

- Traffic Logix

Our movable traffic sign for renewal, we have an option to pay for several years at a lesser cost. Paul made a motion to lease the sign for 3 years at \$400.00 per year. Supported by Dan. No further discussion. All Votes in Favor. Motion Carried.

- Speed Limit Request

Allan received an email from Craig Atwood, D.K. Morgan requested the possibility of a speed limit reduction on 72nd St. south of N Shore Drive. Craig explained in his email that the State dictates how speed limits are set, and the process requires a township resolution requesting a traffic study. Allan asked us to look at it.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Allan gave the board a copy of the letter from attorneys, Straub, Seaman, & Allen, P.C. which the mediation occurred on April 10, 2023, and the plaintiff and co-defendant reached a resolution that will lead to dismissal of all claims against the Township and co-defendants. The Township did not need to concede any of its legal positions and no monetary contribution is part of the resolution. Allan attended the mediation per zoom and EMC Claim Representative, Stacy Harrish, on behalf of Casco Township.

Paul made a motion to adjourn. Supported by Cheri.

Meeting adjourned at 8:47pm

Minutes Respectively Submitted by Clerk, Cheryl Brenner