

Casco Township Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting of December 17, 2012

Allan Overhiser called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm and led in the pledge of allegiance. A moment of silence was held for Judy Graff for the loss of her father. Approximately 16 people were present, along with Josiah Jessup, Trustee; Judy Graff, Trustee; Cheri Brenner, Clerk; Lu Winfrey, Treasurer; and Allan Overhiser, Supervisor.

Public Comment: David Diny questioned about the South Haven Hospital sending to many things out to the public and doesn't use recycled paper.

Judy Graff stated that this comment has not been brought up at any of the meetings.

Cheri Brenner read thank you note from Julie Cowie.

Regular minutes of Oct. 15, 2012 were presented; Winfrey moved approval, seconded by Overhiser; MSC.

Regular minutes of November 19, 2012 were presented; Graff moved approval, seconded by Winfrey; MSC.

Reports:

Treasurer's report:

General Fund	\$449,466.31
Parks Fund	\$ 3,306.23
Senior Services Fund	\$ 6,841.91
Fire Dept. Fund	\$520,954.52
Road Fund	\$ 26,519.35
Cemetery Care Fund	\$133,155.99
Collected Tax Acct	\$ 82,083.41

Winfrey moved to approve the following: General Fund orders#21778-21844 in the amount of \$63,343.26; Collected Tax orders #2775-2780 in the amount of \$34,853.60; Parks Fund orders #321-329 in the amount of \$5,395.83; Seniors Fund orders #343-347 in the amount of \$4,096.54. seconded by Graff.

Al-Van Humane society:

Winfrey reported on the Al-Van meeting. There is an abundance of cats at the shelter right now.

Seniors:

Susan Katt reported that they will be moving into new office at the township hall at the first of the year. Also, Susan expressed their gratitude for the space and for the beautiful craftsmanship that went into this project.

Lakeshore technology will do a presentation to the seniors Jan. 16, 2013 1:00 to 3:00 at the hall.

David Diny asked about what crafts are being done and who selects the crafts. David also

asked about writing grants for the outreach programs. He also stated again about his disappointment about transportation.

The township always welcomes suggestions for programs.

Judy Graff stated that when a move in date is established we will have a new opportunity to grow with more seniors.

Parks and Recreation:

Bruce Brandon mentioned that the site plan for the stair project ~~for~~ on the maple grove property will be presented to the Township. It was mentioned that the preserve needs No No Dogs signs.

Library:

Bob Sherwood didn't have anything to report. Although he did mention on how to access material.

County Commissioner:

Tom Jessup said he will not be on the ACRDC board after this month. He said that the ACRDC board meets at noon on the 3rd Monday of the month. He also reported that the senior meals are being looked into for improvement. It was requested by Rachel Brenner to put transportation on our agenda for January. There are places that give grants for senior transportation. Bob Sherwood mentioned one.

Hospital:

Judy Graff didn't have anything to report. There was not a meeting in December.

Planning Commission:Judy Graff reported that there will be a Special Meeting Jan. 16, 2013 at 6:00 pm on Wind Energy. The regular meeting will be Jan. 9, 2013.

Old Business:

North Shore Drain Update:

An Engineering review of the North Shore ~~new~~ drain will take place the 1st of the year ~~with~~ by the new Drain Commissioner.

Parks Fund resolution:

Allan Overhiser presented Resolution 121217 authorizing of loans to Parks & Recreation Fund and a repayment schedule. Graff moved approval; Josiah Jessup seconded. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Graff, Winfrey, Overhiser, Brenner, & Jessup. MTC

New Business:

Establish poverty guidelines:

A Hardship Exemption Application was presented. Overhiser moved to approve; Winfrey seconded. MTC

Water Sewer Financial Issues:

A draft audit needs to be reviewed which will be relying on debt requirements.

Casco has been sufficient in developing residential but the city is behind on theirs.

There will be a joint meeting in March 2013 to discuss South Haven Chartered Township raise their debt amount. The authority will probably set an administrative fee, there hasn't been a charge before. Judy Graff asked what the mandatory hookup would be in 5yrs.

Judy also mentioned that there should be a 5yr spread sheet to see where we are at right now and will be.

Other Business:

Bike Trail: It was concluded that we support the Bike Trail but we are not in the position to fund or maintain it. We already have 10 years of work to complete our projects going already.

Judy Graff read email from residents in Casco in support of the bike trail. This letter will be reference as part of the minutes.

Friends of Nature Park:

Bruce Brandon mentioned that there are people whom want to be involved but at this time there isn't any structure.

Approve 2013 meeting dates:

Overhiser presented a schedule for the trustees annual meeting for 2013. Brenner moved to approve; Winfrey seconded. MTC

Appointments:

Motion made by Overhiser to reappoint Bruce Brandon for chairman for parks, Sam Fleming, member, and Tom Storr, member. to reappoint Bruce Barker, chairperson, Planning Comm, David Campbell, member and re appoint Ren Wright for Airport authority. an amended motion to strike Tom Storr; Graff moved approval. MTC

Road Commission:

There will be a one mill resurfacing meeting.

David Diny stated that the road commission grades his road to soon after the road has been treated for dust.

Allan Overhiser recommended that Julie Cowie be available for support for new clerk. Overhiser made motion to utilize Julie Cowie to help Cheri, new clerk, at the amount of \$20 per hour. Brenner moved to approve. MTC

Allan Overhiser made motion to Public Act 256 of 2011 to have SHAES resolution to inspect fireworks sales; Winfrey moved to approve. All in favor.

Winfrey moved to adjourn at 9:15pm; supported by Brenner.

Minutes prepared by Cheri Brenner, Clerk

Attachments:

Resolution Public Act 256 of 2011.

Hardship Exemption Application

Resolution 121217

Email from resident regarding Bike Trail