

CASCO TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MINUTES, REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2020 @ 7:00PM

Approved 11/16/2020

Call to Order: Overhiser called meeting to order at 7:04pm.

Present: Overhiser, Brenner, Macyauski, Winfrey, Graff and Scott Beltman & Dan Fleming.

Absent: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

No members of the public present.

Reports:

Police: Kurt was going to zoom in later.

Kurt reported that CO-VID has been pretty rough for the Sheriff Dept. Call volume is up because of CO-VID own but the

Crime has gone up. More breaking and entering, more larceny's, a lot more domestics.

He mentioned that we are approaching winter, he wondered if the board would allow me to purchase tires for the cruiser. Allan felt it was a good idea go ahead and order them. Kurt is running on summer tires right now and they do not have a good grip in the snow.

Clerk

Cheri apologized she didn't get the minutes done, she was sick and election stuff, etc.

She reported that, Kathy, Debbie Wilson and myself went to help with the recount for the office of District Attorney. We left before the recount came out because they were having trouble with some of the township's seal numbers not matching what was written in the poll books. Once that was resolved they could continue with the re-count.

We have all read in the papers that Myrene Koch's vote was a few votes ahead of Villar.

Eight of us from Casco are going this Saturday to Allegan, to the Griswald, for election receiving board training.

Thursday, Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> we are hosting Election Inspector Training from 3:00 to 5:00pm.

Bob wanted a place on the west side of the county.

As of today, we have 785 absentee ballots to mail out. Kathy and I are having people coming in to help us get them ready to be mailed.

1st we have to assign ballot numbers to each application, you have to be accurate in getting the ballot number matched with the application before putting it in the mailing envelope.

Treasurer

The balances of all accounts are as follow:

General Fund	Balance	\$623,627.09
Parks Fund	Balance	\$102,333.66
Senior Services Fund	Balance	\$102,218.86
Fire Dept. Fund	Balance	\$476,064.41
Road Fund	Balance	\$693,225.86
Police Fund	Balance	\$138,354.67
Cemetery Care Fund	Balance	\$115,109.67

Collected Tax Acct.	Balance	\$568,059.43
102 <sup>nd</sup> Ave SAD	Balance	\$49,815.68
Beach Drive	Balance	\$48,464.01
Lakeview Paving	Balance	\$51,990.33
Lakeview Sewer	Balance	\$6,110.47
Lakeview Water	Balance	\$(453.85)
Pacific Sewer	Balance	\$8,167.73
Pacific Water	Balance	\$29,071.34
Orchard Sewer	Balance	\$22,522.30

Lu made motion to approve the following bills in the amount of \$62,944.88

Orders Number 263-26417

General Fund	in the amount of	\$36,446.16
Parks Fund	in the amount of	\$2,031.20
Seniors Fund	in the amount of	\$3,354.41
Police Fund	in the amount of	\$6,613.11
Road Fund	in the amount of	\$14,500.00
Collected Tax Order #3682-3688	\$944,008.39	

Paul supported. No further discussion.

Roll Call Vote: Paul, yes, Allan, yes, Lu, yes, Judy, yes, Cheri yes.

All votes in favor.

### Parks & Recreation

Report from Bruce

1. The park committee met sept. 8<sup>th</sup> and followed the COVID protocols.
2. Input from a Casco resident suggested that a beach condition "Flag System" be implemented for First Street Access. It was pointed out that the township does not have a full time Staff person to do that. However, South Haven beach access points are very close and First Street could be included on a contract basis. The committee would also need an Understanding of liability before recommending this action to the board.
3. Committee members spent the majority of the meeting discussing ideas concerning the development of the Maple Grove property. As beach access maybe a long way off, the committee feels the property could be the site for many recreational opportunities for Casco residents. Improvements such as picnic areas, playgrounds, pavilions and splash pads were discussed. The committee recognizes that the infrastructure needed to support these projects would be a major undertaking.
4. In light of the Maple Grove discussion cited above, the committee would recommend to the board that a consultant, such as Pam Blough be invited to a parks committee meeting in October or November to hear our ideas and give us professional feedback and the type of processes needed.

Paul made motion to contact Pam Blough to attend a Park Meeting to discuss the development of the Maple Grove Property. Lu supported. No further discussion.

Roll Call Vote: Allan, yes, Paul, yes, Lu, yes, Judy, yes, Cheri, yes

Bruce will contact Pam and Allan said he would give Pam a heads up.

Judy complimented Paul and the committee on the maintenance that has been done to the Preserve.

Judy also complimented the good job that Karen O'Shea is doing at the Preserve.

Allan got a request to have a tree removed on Ferndale in Glenn Shores.

Planning Commission:

Public Hearing on rezoning Lighthouse Estates on Blue Star.

The October meeting there will be two different hearings

One is 3.17 Outdoor Storage.

The other one is 3.32 Fences

SHAES

Today SHAES was notified that they are getting \$150,000.00 payroll reimbursement back from the CARES Act and also they are getting back hazardous pay in the amount of \$47,000.00 or \$1,000.00 per employee

SHAWSA

They have been spending a lot of time in the last few months doing a rate study. Bill Hunter, Ross and Allan have met with the consultant a couple times. They met with the entire board explaining what would be needing for a rate increase. They explained that it is driven by two things one is the Clean Waters Act and SHAWSA Finances be in good shape to look like we are a good risk, a good money manager.

OLD BUSINESS

- Off Road Vehicles Resolution

**OFF ROAD VEHICLE RESOLUTION NO# 92120-14**

**Whereas,** On July 23,2020, at the request of interested citizens, the Allegan County Board of Commissioners (County Board) discussed the concept of a county-wide, Off Road Vehicle Ordinance.

**Whereas,** A county-wide ORV Ordinance was considered in 2014 resulting in the decision of the County Board to take no action regarding the development of an ordinance to allow ORV's to travel on county roads.

**Whereas,** The County Board believes an ORV Ordinance remains best considered at the local level Considering the geographical, roadway and philosophical differences that may exist across the County.

**Whereas,** Creating a patchwork of interconnecting local ORV Ordinances presents challenges with consistency and uniformity of enforcement.

**Whereas,** the County has indicated that the Allegan County Road Commission, Sheriff, and Prosecutor's office are offering assistance to any local unit or group of local units that may consider developing an ORV ordinance.

**Whereas,** historically local units bear the burden of enforcing, ticketing, and prosecuting the local unit's ordinances.

**Whereas,** questions remain as to who the County Board, the Sheriff, and Prosecutor's office intends to write tickets, prosecute ordinance violators, and divide ticket revenue.

**Whereas,** According to the County Board's own approved communique of August 13, 2020, During the July 23 Meeting, the County Board reaffirmed the 2014 decision *\* largely due to the absence of a unified position being represented by all, or even the majority of, local units in the County. \*emphasis adde*

**Therefore, be it resolved,** that The Board of the Township of **Casco** expresses its support of an Allegan County-wide, ORV ordinance.

**Therefore, be it further resolved,** that the creation of a County-Wide ORV ordinance is the best way to ensure that there is consistency from local unit to local unit and uniform enforcement.

Judy felt that this was not a good idea because each township is different.

Motion by Allan Overhiser, Supported by Paul Macyauski.

Roll Call Vote: Allan, yes, Paul, yes, Judy, no, Cheri, yes, Lu, yes

Ayes 4

Nays 1

- **Medical Marijuana Ordinance discussion:**

At our last meeting we had our attorney, Ron Bultje, via-zoom, we reviewed the Regulatory Ordinance and also the Zoning Text Amendment Ordinance.

It was the intent of the board to limit it to Agriculture only, the board also wanted to have a local person transport their own crop.

You would have to be a successful grow applicant and then apply for a license to transport.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Zoning Amendments.

Paul started with section 4. Bed & Breakfast

The Bed & Breakfast had to have 9 bedrooms not 10.

Judy didn't have the information so the zoning amendments were tabled until a later time.

- New Lawnmower Quote:

We received a quote from Green Mark Equipment, Holland in the amount of \$9,845.91, to replace the X-Mark mower Joe recommended the John Deere Zero Turn mower. that was stolen from the townships pole building.

Cheri made motion to accept the quote from Green Mark Equipment in the amount of \$9,845.91 for the new John Deere mower.

Lu supported. No further discussion.

Roll Call Vote: Allan, Judy, Paul, Lu, & Cheri all Yes.

Yays: 5

Nays: 0

- Stephenson Cemetery Well Quote

The township received a quote from Koop's Well Service in the amount of \$4,500.00. We had to get a variance from the Health Dept.

Paul made motion to accept the quote from Koop's Well Service. Lu supported.

Roll Call Vote: Allan, Paul, Lu, Cheri, & Judy all yes.

Yays: 5

Nays: 0

- Miami Park Access Request

Miami Park is getting bids from contractors to do additional work to the revetment which was constructed in 2019.

Paul made motion to grant permission to Miami Park to utilize the portion of road/access to do additional work to the revetment. Lu supported. No questions.

Roll Call Vote: Judy, Allan, Paul, Lu, & Cheri. All yes

Yays: 5

Nays: 0

- Millage Rate Resolution

Rates are for to use the Budget we passed in June, the rates are as follow:

CASCO TOWNSHIP MILLGE RATE RESOLUTION

NO. 92120-12

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

WHEREAS, the fiscal 2020/2021 budget was reviewed at a public meeting.

WHEREAS, said budget was approved at a subsequent public meeting.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following millage rates be levied on the 2020 Winter Tax Bill.

OPERATING	0.4445
ROADS	1.4035
ROADS additional	0.9691
FIRE	1.7500
AMBULANCE	0.5500
PARKS & REC	0.2422
SENIOR SERVICES	0.2450
POLICE	0.4800

Macyauski made motion to adopt Resolution NO 092120-12

Lu Winfrey Supported.

Roll Call Vote. Overhiser, Brenner, Graff, Macyauski, & Winfrey. All yes.

Yays: 5

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

All in Favor. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Adjourned

Meeting adjourned at 8:47pm

Minutes respectively submitted by,  
Cheryl Brenner, Casco Township Clerk