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Casco Township Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting of April 15, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.
At the Casco Township Hall, 7104 107th Ave.

Present: Allan Overhiser, Lu Winfrey, Josiah Jessup, Cheryl Brenner,,: there were 7 people present.
Also present, Bob Genetski, State Representative.
Allan Called meeting to order @ 7:06 p.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Allan introduced Bob Genetski, our State Representative.

Bob Genetski did a presentation about what is going on at the State level. He also discussed the State Trooper training for new troopers.

He also mentioned that he had a victory along the lakeshore concerning dredging. He also mentioned that Allegan County is having to pay sales tax on building materials for the new jail. There are two Senate Bills mirroring a House effort to create the tax exemption for county jail building materials. Both versions of the bill retroactively create the tax exception to January 2012. Bob Sherwood asked about the road bill and does the money go to the east side of the State? Genetski answered yes to that question.

Cheryl Brenner asked about the Senate Bill regarding adverse possession stating that you can't claim property if you haven't been paying the property taxes on a particular parcel of land. Genetski responded that this bill is still in committee. Brenner asked when was this bill submitted to the Senate? Genetski said in 2012.

Public Comment

Will Hart asked if we would take a request? Will asked for about 12 small pine trees from the dump area. Allan agreed on this and that he would work with Will. The board approved.

Clerk's Report

Minutes of Feb. 18, 2013 and March 18, 2013 were presented and approved. Lu Winfrey made a motion to accept both dates of minutes. J. Jessup seconded motion. Motion carried.
Brenner reported there is going to be a Fennville School election on May 7, 2013.

Treasurer's Report

Lu Winfrey reported that the

General Fund	Balance	\$641,771.86
Parks Fund	"	\$ 47,852.08
Senior Services	"	\$ 36,818.48
Fire Dept	"	\$565,426.83
Road Fund	"	\$281,343.33
Cemetery Fund	"	\$133,199.73
Collected Tax Acct.	"	\$ 995.49

Lu Winfrey made the motion to approve the following

General Fund	ORDER#21988-22039...IN THE AMOUNT OF....\$	26,274.96
Collected Tax	ORDER#2831-2844.....IN THE AMOUNT OF....\$	265,491.40
Parks Fund	ORDER#352-363.....IN THE AMOUNT OF....\$	10,827.60
Seniors Fund	ORDER#361-363.....IN THE AMOUNT OF....\$	3,664.33

Brenner seconded Lu's motion. All in favor. Overhiser asked what the delinquent tax percentage is. Winfrey reported that the summer taxes are at 5% and the winter taxes are at 9%. Winfrey announced that she is resigning from the Al-Van Board.

Parks and Recreation

Bruce Brandon and Pam Blough handed out the Special Events Policy for the Nature Preserve.

There is some concern about families using the Preserve for parties. There was evidence of an Easter Egg at the Preserve there was colored chalk drawings on the pavement.

Also, there will be a special meeting for Friends of the Casco Preserve @ 6:00 p.m. May 7, 2013 and the regular monthly Park & Rec meeting will follow at 7:00 p.m.

There will be a special meeting with the Planning Commission to get approval for the stairs on April 17, 2013.

Pam mentioned that the grant application was submitted on April 1, 2013.

Allan suggested that a sign should be put up explaining about what is going on.

Motion made by Brenner and seconded by Josiah to approve The Special Events Policy for the Casco Township Nature Preserve. All in favor. Motion carried.

Pam asked about the contractors retainers, if they could be paid? The board agreed that they should be paid.

Senior Report

Rachel Brenner was present to give a report. On Wednesday, May 15, 2013, there will be a semi-annual Senior Appreciation Luncheon at the Casco UM Church. Lunch will be provided by the United Methodist Women. On May 22, 2013 there will be a presentation at 12:00 noon at the township hall by a Hearing Technology Resource Specialist.

Also, Susan is currently working on a grant from Entergy to be used for volunteer transportation.

Allan discussed different grant options.

Library Report

Bob Sherwood was present but he didn't have anything to report.

Old Business

Planning Commission will have a meeting on May 15, 2013 on the Wind Ordinance status.

There will be a hearing on the North Shore Drain improvement.

There was a request last winter about possibly paving the Township Hall parking lot. Allan has contacted Klett to give us a quote.

Allan Overhiser received letter from the Health Dept. stating that there will not be any more building permits issued on Lakeview & Pacific because of the nitrate found in these areas.

Allan explained to David Campbell that issues of deep sand and agriculture spraying from years ago has settled into the soil.

Allan did an update on the Water/Sewer meeting in what was discussed. The debt is going to go up in the next few years and the need for an administrative fee is needed. There needs to be an added administrative fee of about \$3.00 per customer.

Meyers coming in will help South Haven Charter Township and will come into Casco.

New Business

Special Assessment District for Lakeview and Pacific.

There will be a hearing of necessity at 6:30 pm on May 20, 2013 to establish the project.

Allan Overhiser advised the Township Board to consider the commencement of special assessment district for construction of certain sanitary sewer improvements to be located on **Pacific Avenue**, Miami Park and Read Resolution #1 (made part of these minutes) to be included in this assessment. Winfrey made motion to accept Pacific southern most road in Miami Park sewer Resolution #1. Josiah Jessup supported. All in favor.

Roll call vote: Overhiser, Winfrey, Brenner, Jessup, Graff absent. All in favor. Motion carried.

Allan presented Resolution #2 (made part of these minutes) to be included in this assessment.

Winfrey made motion to accept Res. #2 requesting that the Township acquire and construct sanitary sewer improvements in the Township on Pacific Ave., Miami Park.

Jessup supported.

Roll Call Vote: Brenner, Jessup, Overhiser, Winfrey, Graff Absent. All in favor. Motion carried.

Allan mentioned that next year road budget for Pacific road repair would be approximately \$39,720.00.

Allan read Resolution #1 regarding extension of an eight inch water main along Lakeview Ave., Miami Park Subdivision as explained in the March 2013 diagram prepared by Midwest Engineers, Inc. (made part of these minutes) to be included in this assessment.

Resolution to hold the hearing of necessity to establish the project.

Allan asked for a motion to accept Resolution #1 for Lakeview Ave. special assessments to extend water improvements;

Winfrey made motion to accept Resolution #1 for Lakeview water improvement Jessup supported.

All in favor.

Roll Call Vote: Overhiser, Winfrey, Jessup, Brenner, Graff absent. All in favor. Motion carried.

Allan read Resolution #2 (made part of these minutes) to be included in this assessment.

Winfrey made motion to accept Resolution #2 regarding water special assessment on Lakeview Ave., Miami Park Jessup supported. All in favor.

Roll call vote: Brenner, Jessup, Winfrey, Overhiser, Graff absent. All in favor. Motion carried.

Cemetery software:

Allan mentioned that Lu has been working with BS&A software regarding their cemetery software. BS&A gave a quote of \$4,910.00 and that would include two days of training and one year of support and the software. There should be an hourly rate determined in doing this extra work of inputting the information.

Alfred Ellingsen asked the board of trustees to vote on a boundary line adjustment for Daniel King whom has property in Sunset Shores parcels 03-02-760-049-00, 03-02-760-050-00, & 03-02-760-051-00. King's have three 50' wide lots and if you have 3 sites you can split them and make a building site.

Allan asked for motion that we approve the boundary line adjustment.

Roll Call Vote: Josiah, yes, Brenner, yes, Allan, yes, Lu, Yes. Graff absent.

All in favor. Motion carried.

Other business

Allan discussed the budget and the goal is to have a tentative budget next month at the regular meeting on May 20, 2013.

He mentioned the Cemetery Sexton needs an adjustment which hasn't been done since the present Sexton has had the position. Also, the contract with the present Assessor needs to be looked at.

Allan also mentioned that the township needs another laptop for the Board of Review. Allan receives a lot of calls during that time at home so he would be able to take this home to have information available to him.

He said he would get some numbers together on prices of laptops.

The Airport Authority is operating very economically according to Overhiser.

Winfrey made motion to adjourn, Josiah seconded.

Adjourned at 8:45pm.

Attachments