

Casco Township Board of Trustees
Minutes of Regular Meeting
November 17, 2014 @ 7:00 pm

Approved 12/15/14

Call to order: Allan called meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Allan Overhiser, Lu Winfrey, Cheri Brenner, Josiah Jessup, Judy Graff and two other interested people.

Absent: none

Public Comment: none

Reports

Clerk: Minutes from 10/20/14 Regular meeting and minutes from Special Meeting 11/7/14 were presented for approval. Judy made motion to approve 10/20/14 and 11/7/14 minutes. Lu seconded.

All votes in favor. Motion carried.

For the Nov. 4, 2014 general election 959 individuals voted, of which 228 were absentee ballots. Cheri also commended all of the election inspectors. They all did such a great job and worked together as a team and were always professional. It was a long day for everyone.

Allan reported that at the 11/7/14 Special Meeting the board awarded the 2014/2015 winter snowplowing contract to Horizon Landscaping.

Treasurer's Report:

Balances in all accounts are as follows:

General Fund	Balance	\$406,981.16
Parks Fund	Balance	\$ 15,281.31
Senior Services Fund	Balance	\$ 17,835.57
Fire Dept. Fund	Balance	\$376,835.57
Road Fund	Balance	\$130,597.85
Cemetery Fund	Balance	\$130,606.69
Collected Tax Acct	Balance	\$ 93,567.53
Lakeview Sewer	Balance	\$ 17,708.93
Lakeview Water	Balance	\$ 17,837.85
Pacific Sewer	Balance	\$ 21,935.80
Orchard Sewer	Balance	\$ 41,683.37

Lu made motion to approve the following bills in the amount of \$422,885.08

General Fund	Orders #22905-22946	in the amount of	\$ 31,210.79
Parks Fund	Orders #549-558	in the amount of	\$ 1,895.34
Seniors Fund	Orders #452-460	in the amount of	\$ 4,310.25
Collected Tax	Orders #2991-2996	in the amount of	\$124,560.23
Fire & Ambulance Fund	Orders #3923-3924	in the amount of	\$ 60,035.14
Road Fund	Orders #1097-1100	in the amount of	\$ 63,582.65
Pacific Sewer	Orders #1005	in the amount of	\$ 5,824.50
Orchard Sewer	Orders #1001	in the amount of	\$131,466.18

Cheri supported. All in favor. Motion carried.

Parks & Recreation:

Bruce Brandon discussed the issue with the board if they have any requests for the Park Guide and does the board have any suggestions for the area surrounding the township hall? It was suggested that maybe something athletic for this area. There was a suggestion for possibly a pickle ball court.

Also discussed was the condition of the stairs at 1st Street. Allan thought that the steps needed new treads instead of new stairs.

Bruce mentioned that Tom Storr's term is up this year as a member of the Park board, he has chosen to not rerun. Tom's position needs to be filled. Allan asked that the minutes reflect the boards appreciation of the service of Tom Storr and David Dobreff for their dedication on the board.

Planning Commission - Barker stated there was discussion at the last PC meeting if the current Zoning Ordinance Book included provisions for a duplex. According to Ellingsen that it did not, except for in the medium density zone. It was suggested to adding the wording to the Ordinances regarding duplexes would be a good idea.

ZBA- There have not been any recent requests.

Water/Sewer Authority - Overhiser reported on the number of mandatory hookups the authority is working with and also the number of new units for October.

SHAES- They will be hiring an additional full time person. Casco's contribution for 2015 is going to increase by 4.68%. The contribution formula for ambulance is based on population and fire is based on taxable value for each of the respective municipalities.

Old Business

Update on North Shore Drive Drain: The engineers are having trouble getting easements and they may have to redesign the project to adjust for changes.

Road Requests

Request to have columbine resealed and also, Teresa Ruppert turned in a petition last

Spring requesting to have 71st Street worked on given the business of Hawkshead and with the additional traffic. Because of the drain problem on 71st St. between 107th and 105th the south end of 71st St. could be repaired between 105th and 103rd.

Drop Box-

For the convenience of the residents of Casco a drop box has been installed in the entryway of the Township Hall. This drop box can be used for tax payments, absentee ballots, zoning/building dept, etc. The township recommends no cash payments in the drop box, they will not be responsible for them.

New business-

Poverty Level Correction-

Overhiser presented the federal poverty guidelines for 2015 for the township board to adopt to be used by the March Board of Review and the Township Supervisor for calculating an applicant's eligibility for a poverty exemption from some or all property taxes. We could stay with the federal guidelines for 2015 which the levels are so low that many that could use some assistance exceed the amounts for eligibility. We can not make the levels lower but we can increase them. Overhiser recommended to raise the poverty guideline to 20%. For an example, a family of four would have to make less than \$28,620 with this 20% increase.

Judy Graff made motion to support the 20% increase of the Poverty Guidelines for 2015. Josiah seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Josiah, yes, Overhiser, yes, Brenner, yes, Winfrey, yes, Graff, yes.

Ayes: Jessup, Overhiser, Brenner, Winfrey, Graff

Nays: 0

Absent: None

Amend Casco Township-First Land Division Amendment Ordinance-

Subsequent to the passing of the Zoning Ordinance in the Spring, Alfred Ellingsen discovered conflicting language in the Land Div. Ordinance in regards to the Width to Depth Ratio. The proposed amendment recognizes the Land Div. Ordinance with the Zoning Ordinance.

Judy made motion to adopt the Land Division Amendment Ordinance #2014-01 (made part of these minutes). Lu seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Graff, Winfrey, Overhiser, Brenner, Jessup

Nays: None

Absent: None

Board of Review-

The Board of Review will hold its December meeting on Tuesday, December 9, 2014 at 1:00 pm for the purpose of correcting mutual mistakes of fact and clerical errors. The meeting will take place at the Casco Township Hall, 7104 107th Ave., at the corner of 71st Street.

Other Business

Judy Graff asked what are we doing with the policy matters and that we should start with our needs. The main thing is to make sure the taxpayers money is protected. The auditors give us suggestions of things that we need to document. David Campbell suggested, from his auditing days, that procedures adopted would make the clerks position easier to have these to fall back on.

Allan made motion to adjourn. Lu seconded.
Meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm

Minutes prepared by Cheri Brenner, Clerk.

Attachments:

Poverty level correction

First Land Division Amendment Ordinance No# 2014-01

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Cheri Brenner
Casco Township Clerk

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