

Casco Township Board of Trustees
Minutes Regular Meeting
May 15, 2017 at 7:00pm

Call to Order: Overhiser called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Overhiser, Macyauski, Brenner, Winfrey, Judge William A. Baillargeon, Deputy Kurt Katje & 16 other interested people.

Absent: Graff

Judge William A. Baillargeon was present he thanked us for having him and he handed out the 2016 Annual Report of the 57th District Court and he discussed some of the other aspects they are doing at 57th District Court. This is his fourth year as the Chief District Court Judge and glad to be able to share with us the Annual Report. One of the main things that he likes about this, it does provide a lot of the information as to how many OWY intoxicated cases, domestic violence's, and things like that and things like trying to intervene with first offenders giving them the tools to work with. One thing he would like to point out certain individuals who really make the court operate accurately and efficiently are the clerks that are behind the scene. They are the individuals that you need to check in with and they work with a great deal of professionalism and courtesy. The clerks are to be commended for their excellent work. The supreme court demands certain measures of things that need to be recorded to Lansing and our courts are always rated right at the very top and it is consistent. He gives a lot of the credit to our Court Administrator, Linda Lenahan, she actually use to work for the Supreme Court office, she does an excellent job.

Bob Sherwood recommended that the court send to the Fennville Library a copy of the Annual Report.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Michelle Woodhams stated that her and her husband have been residents in Casco since 1986 and have concerns about the activity going on in their neck of the woods and you probably wonder why we are concerned because this isn't their property but she believes there is a way to plan for things to happen development to take place and choosing what is convenient for whoever is doing the developing. She stated that it is a little lack of concern for the surrounding area, environment for the recent sale of the Winkel property. Michelle asked how to find out what their rights are and just because we don't have the money to buy the property to protect it she doesn't think that if someone has the money they can do whatever they want. Allan stated that the only thing that regulates what they are doing is the Michigan Rights to Farm Act which is administered by the Michigan Dept. of Agriculture, this will cover what they are doing now and what they will do in the future. Michelle said they are cutting all the trees up and down the street, she said they can barely get out of their driveway to the north. We can't get out of our house and the firetrucks can't come down there. The Right to Farm Act gives the farmers the right to do what they need to do to farm.

Reports:

Police-Deputy Kurt Katje agrees with what the courts do with their programs and they are very successful. Monthly stats are coming back, he will email them to Kathy. He also reported that the next monthly meeting, he will be in Grand Rapids all week getting instructions on installing children's car

seats properly.

Kurt also reported that the individuals that he did property checks for during the winter, there were not any break-ins at these addresses.

This Thursday Allan, Kurt, and Kathy will work on the stats together.

Clerk-

Resource Recovery Reimbursement Request- The township will receive \$950 which is 50% of the Snowplowing work and Fleming tree trimming along the drive of the transfer station.

Cheri reported on the May 2, 2017 election that Elaine Norton, Mary Tobin, myself, & Kathy Stanton. worked the election to help the Ganges Clerk out since she was handling Casco's - Fennville School District voters.

Cheri read from the brochure of the Cedar Bluff Resort that was her great grandfathers resort which burnt around 1935. This resort was located on Adams Road. A copy of this brochure will be a part of these minutes.

Treasurer

Balances of the accounts is as follows:

General Fund	Balance	\$532,724.23
Parks Fund	Balance	\$ 43,348.13
Senior Services Fund	Balance	\$ 48,805.33
Fire Dept. Fund	Balance	\$685,207.81
Road Fund	Balance	\$315,861.23
Police Fund	Balance	\$147,655.62
Cemetery Fund	Balance	\$115,710.27
Collected Tax Acct	Balance	\$ 53,221.51
Lakeview Sewer	Balance	\$ 17,928.59
Lakeview Water	Balance	\$ 4,551.18
Lakeview Paving	Balance	\$ 55,343.50
Pacific Sewer	Balance	\$ 18,846.31
Pacific Water	Balance	\$ 50,192.58
Orchard Sewer	Balance	\$ 29,940.26
102 nd Ave. SAD	Balance	\$ 63,472.69

Lu made motion to approve the following

General Fund	Orders#24362-24401	in the amount of	\$ 31,669.10
Parks Fund	Orders#897-906	in the amount of	\$ 2,383.76
Seniors Fund	Orders#617-623	in the amount of	\$ 3,941.84
Police Fund	Orders#174-175	in the amount of	\$ 6,651.72
Fire Fund	Orders#3947	in the amount of	\$110,010.75

Paul supported. All votes in favor. Motion carried.

Library

Bob Sherwood reported that the library continues to do what it is supposed to be doing providing information service to the public. They completed an employee classification which included job descriptions. Theresa will be taking on an intern-probably from Wayne State, the intern will be working with the director going to meetings, etc.

Senior Care-No report

Parks

Bruce reported that there will be a clean-up at the preserve this Friday, May 21, 2017 from 9:00am to 12:00. Last fall the board gave the Parks Committee the guidance again to update the Five-Year Community Recreation Plan so from October 2016 thru May 2017 this year the committee has been working on updating the Recreation 5-year plan 2017/2021. The board said they wanted an update not a complete re-write so a lot of information and formatting stayed the same. Bruce said he would like to commend the Park & Recreation Committee for all their hard work. He would also like to commend Pam for her guidance thru this process.

Bruce presented the 5-Year Plan draft, he stated we need to get this publicized so we have time for a 30-day input from the community.

On June 13, 2017 at the regular meeting of the Parks Committee we will have a public input meeting where we will take comments, you can comment by email or writing, you do not have to be present, we do need to have at least one public meeting and a 30-day comment period. These recommendations will be given to the Township Board and after the 30 days the plan will be either accepted or not.

Pam Blough presented a draft document with the major changes summarized. Pam explained the different areas.

The board agreed to publish the Public Review and Public Hearing for the Updated Community Recreation Plan 2017-2021.

Pam said she would get the publication language to Cheri for the paper.

Paul commented on the diversity of the Park Committee also and how hard they work.

County- no report

Planning Commission-No report

ZBA-

Paul reported they had one applicant, Martin Detmer, from Glenn Shores whom was granted a 25 feet front yard setback so he could construct an addition. The parcel is located at 1118 Edgewater Terrace, South Haven, Mi 49090.

SHAES-Creating an ordinance for carbon monoxide alarms to be basically for businesses, for rentals, public space, etc., currently the State Fire Code doesn't require it.

Water/Sewer Authority-

Allan reported that he had two documents that they will be looking at in the next short term. As you remember the SHAWSA Agreement had several things that we will need to do which one of those things were a Quit Claim Bill of Sale of the assets, of the Township's pipes, with a draft copy for your review.

HOSPITAL- OPEN HOUSE FOR JOANNE IS MONDAY 5/22, AT THE WELLNESS CENTER.

OLD BUSINESS

Rental letters have gone out with the Good Neighbor Policy and the Rental Registrations. Allan reported that we have gotten some of the registrations back already.

Kathy Stanton is recording Rental Registrations she is also going to work with Kurt to get data on Any complaints that might have happened.

NEW BUSINESS

Budget Discussion-

Allan reported that we do not have the budget yet we have not received the 4029's yet from Equilization, if anyone has anything that we need to focus on for the next year let us know. Cheri mentioned the basketball hoop for the park was around \$2500, security system for \$3500.

New Voting Equipment Resolution-

There shouldn't be any expense for approximately 5 yrs. Because We purchased from the same company as before.

Casco Township Board
Resolution No. 51517-6
New Voting Equipment

WHEREAS, the **CASCO** Township Board wishes to apply to the Secretary of State for a Grant to purchase a new voting system, which includes precinct tabulators, Absent Voter Counting Board (AVCB) tabulators (If Applicable), accessible voting devices for use by Individuals with disabilities, and related Election Management System (EMS) software.

WHEREAS, partial funding for the new voting system will be provided by the State, and will include a combination of Federal Help America Vote Act and State-appropriated funds. Local funding obligations are detailed in the attached **Dominion Voting** quote.

WHEREAS, the **CASCO** Township plans to begin implementation of the new voting system in 2017.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the **CASCO** Township Clerk is authorized to submit this Grant Application on behalf of **CASCO** Township.
This foregoing resolution offered by Board Member **LU WINFREY**.

Second offered by Board Member **PAUL MACYAUSKI.**

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Roll Call Vote:

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

Aye: Macyauski, Brenner, Overhiser, Winfrey

Nay: None

Motion Carried with one Absent

Purchase Property of Tax Foreclosed Property - (Public Purpose)

Letter from Sally Brooks, Allegan County Treasury, property that was foreclosed on March 31, there are Lots in Miami Park, Black river park, Al Pertelle Beach, & Scotsonia Park. Allan didn't feel there was any purpose to purchase any of these lots. There was some discussion on considering the Miami Park lots. The board said they would get a map and locate the different lots.

Law enforcement meeting at the county-

Allan went to a Law Enforcement Meeting at the County and they had breakout sessions to create some comments and ideas. The Sheriff is struggling with the budget to increase road patrols. There is talk about a millage to help with this shortage. Allan spoke on how our contract with the Sheriff's Dept. is working for Casco. There will be a follow up meeting. Allan mentioned that Cheri was going to go but she got sick and couldn't attend.

Allan, Rachel & Susan met with Jennifer Carver, Director of Senior Services of Van Buren County, and a few of the Casco residents that use the Senior Services of Van Buren County and they talked about what they do and what Casco Senior Services does and the two services will continue to talk.

Allan mentioned that the Casco Band has moved out of the Township hall and are now practicing at the Lutheran Church.

Public Comment:

Lu made motion to adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm

Minutes prepared by Cheryl Brenner
Township Clerk