

CASCO TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES, REGULAR MEETING'
AUGUST 21, 2023, MONDAY @ 7:00PM

Approved 9/18/2023.

Call to Order: Overhiser called meeting to order @ 7:00pm and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Overhiser, Brenner, Clevenger, Fleming, Macyauski, and 9 interested citizens.

Absent: None

PUBLIC COMMENT Chris Machiela, with the Allegan County Drain Commission, introduced himself and said that he will be running for Drain Commissioner in November 2024. He gave a brief report, he is presently the Drain Maintenance Specialist for the commission.

Reports:

- Fennville District Library:

Bob Sherwood, board member of the library, was present to give a report.

- SHAES:

Ron Ridley, with SHAES, presented a new picture of the current staff and officials of SHAES. He reported that calls so far this year are 1,559 as of July, 1,106 ambulance calls 453 were fire calls. Casco's share of that total was 38 calls, 27 ambulance and 11 fire.

- Casco Senior Services:

Mary Campbell gave a report on Adult Day Care through Allegan County and other things offered throughout the County for seniors.

Allan mentioned that he met with Diane Rigozzi, Director of the Van Buren County Senior Center in South Haven. She gave him a tour of the facility; she explained that municipalities pay 100% of their mileage funds to be a part of the center. Allan continued to say that there is a lot more to be looked at before there is any decision made. He also said that he wants to put together a committee to help him go thru the surveys that have come back so far.

- Clerk:

Cheri presented the minutes for the Regular Meeting July 17, 2023. Kenny made a motion to approve the minutes. Paul supported. No discussion or changes. All votes in favor. Motion Carried.

Cheri made a motion to amend the following budget items:

General Fund

101-265-709.000	Building Dept FICA/MEDICARE	\$21.98
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Cemetery Fund

209-567-709.000	FICA/MEDICARE	\$1.19
209-567-930.000	Well Maintenance	\$35.60

Kenny supported. No further discussion or changes. All Votes in Favor. Motion Carried.

Cheri reported that the August 8, 2023 Election there were 345 voters, 52 in-person and 293 Absentee. The following expenses for the August 8 election for reimbursement is \$3,238.09. Cheri discussed information about Early Voting, Cheri and Kathy went to a meeting on Monday 8/21/2023 at Fennville City Hall with other Allegan County Clerk's to discuss the option of combining townships for the 9 days of

required voting, to share expenses, etc. There is a lot more information that we need to have answers for before Casco decides on how they will handle the early voting.

- Treasurer:

The balances of all the funds as of July 31, 2023 are as follows:

General Fund	Balance	\$1,413,814.91
Road Fund Balance	Balance	\$999,027.42
Fire Fund	Balance	\$526,926.35
Police Fund	Balance	\$281,930.16
Parks & Recreation	Balance	\$160,971.92
Cemetery Fund	Balance	\$92,888.42
Senior Services Fund	Balance	\$196,615.73
Tax Collection Fund	Balance	\$814,217.31
Lakeview Sewer Fund	Balance	\$4,369.19
Lakeview Water Fund	Balance	(1,358.20)
Pacific Sewer Fund	Balance	\$9,854.99
Pacific Water Fund	Balance	\$33,810.70
Orchard Sewer Fund	Balance	\$16,192.15
102 nd Ave Fund	Balance	\$63,077.59
Beach Dr Fund	Balance	\$55,034.70
Lakeview Paving Fund	Balance	\$59,623.24

Kenny made a motion to approve the following charges and EFT's in the amount of \$225,426.83 as of July 31, 2023.

EFT 62	\$87.50
EFT 63	\$24.31
EFT 64	\$538.29
EFT 65	\$6,296.33
EFT 66	<u>\$1,150.15</u>
Sub totals EFT	\$8,096.58

Check #'s 28438 thru 28517	<u>\$217,330.25</u>
Total Expenses	\$225,426.83

Supported by Paul. No Discussion or Questions. All Votes in Favor. Motion Carried.

- Parks & Recreation:

Paul reported that the committee met at the Preserve for their last meeting and the committee commented on how well the wildflowers look that they planted last fall. The main subject of the meeting is the MNRTF Grant In the amount of

	\$291,000.00
Township match amount required is	<u>\$97,000.00</u>
Total Grant Project Funds	\$388,000.00
Design & Admin Budget	<u>(\$35,200.00)</u>
Amount Available for construction	\$352,800.00

Summary of additional funds if Low bid is accepted.

Low Bid	\$509,337.50
Grant project amt for construction	<u>(\$352,800.00)</u>

Total additional funds required \$156,537.50

Summary of Township Funds Amounts based on Low Bid:

Total required funds from Township:	\$97,000.00 Match
Total additional Funds Required	<u>\$156,537.50 Additional Twp</u>
Total Township Funds Required	\$253,537.50

The Three bids received were.

David Landscape & Home Improvement	\$509,337.50
Compton, Inc.	\$546,281.50
Katerberg VerHage	\$716,010.00

Paul made a motion to appoint Davis Landscape & Home Improvement for the project at the Preserve and to pay the additional funds needed, which is approximately \$126,000.00, with ARPA money which is in the General Fund. Supported by Cheri.

Roll Call Vote: Paul, yes, Cheri, yes, Allan, yes, Kenny, No & Dan, no.

YEAS: 3

NAYS: 2

- Planning Commission

Dan reported that the PC approved Cisco Sand Mining. Allan commented on the Pool Case lawsuit, last Thursday he sat in a mediation for about 4 hr, ended up with no resolution for anything, there is going to be a trial. There are three parties involved, the neighbors who disagreed about the pool, the Township, and the Pool Association in this suit and there was an attempt to settle with some considerations that we admitted to, the pool association didn't want any part of that. The pool Association is demanding money damages from the township for \$195,000.00.

- ZBA:

There was no meeting in July 2023.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Resolution No.20230821

RESOLUTION NO# 20230821

Request to review and revise EGLE permitting process to preserve and protect Michigan's shoreline.

Whereas the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) is a primary permit-granting entity for shoreline protection across Michigan and

Whereas the current EGLE permitting process precludes EGLE staff from advising property owners on best practices regarding permit submissions and

Whereas local municipalities including Townships have no jurisdiction over shoreline protection installed by property owners;

Therefore, be it resolved that the permitting process entrusted to EGLE be reviewed and updated by the Michigan State Legislature so that permitted projects implement best practices for shoreline protection; riparian rights are considered for Great Lakes permit requests; and EGLE is funded and staffed so that adherence to permit requirements by property owners and construction contractors can be ensured.

Moved By Kenny Clevenger

Supported By Paul Macyauski

Roll Call Vote: Paul, yes, Cheri, yes, Allan, yes, Kenny, yes, Dan, no.

YEAS: 4

NAYS: 1

- MICHIGAN GAS UTILITIES-30 YEAR FRANCHISE RENEWAL:

ORDINANCE NO. 08212023 30 YEAR FRANCHISE RENEWAL

Paul made a motion to approve Ordinance No 08212023 30-year Franchise Renewal. with Michigan Gas Utilities. Supported by Dan.

Roll Call Vote: Paul, yes, Cheri, yes, Allan, yes, Kenny, yes Paul, yes.

YEAS: 5

NAYS: 0

NEW BUSINESS

- Ratification of Rich & Laura Barden Easement

The Board approved this easement agreement several months ago and for some reason we couldn't find it in the minutes, so this is to ratify the Easement.

Dan made a motion to approve the Easement Agreement on V/L on 358 69th Street, parcel No. 03-02-029-017-10 between R & L Properties, LLC and Casco Township. Supported by Kenny.

Roll Call Vote: Dan, yes, Kenny, yes, Allan, yes, Cheri, yes, Paul, yes.

YEAS: 5

NAYS; 0

- Helping Hands-October -Soup Collection

Sponsored by Allegan County Community Foundation, there will be a soup collection for the month of October for the Food Pantry in Pullman. There will be a box just inside the Township Hall main door for donations of cans of soup. Cheri said if you have an extra can or two of soup in your cupboard bring it to the Township Hall in October and help make sure children do not go hungry.

Paul made a motion to adjourn. Kenny supported. All Votes in Favor. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20pm

Minutes Respectively Submitted by Cheryl Brenner
Casco Township Clerk

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