

Casco Township Board of Trustees
Minutes, Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 20, 2026, 7:00 PM

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

Present: Overhiser, Ridley, Campbell & Fleming, along with 8 guests.

Absent: Clevenger

Public Comment:

SHAES: Chief, Brandon Hinz reported that for

Library: Bob Sherwood reported that the Fennville Library Board

Clerk: Clerk Ridley presented the meeting minutes from the

Treasurer: Treasurer Clevenger presented the balances of the funds as follows:

- 101 General Fund \$1,021,963.93
- General Fund CD \$200,000.00
- 204 Road Fund \$490,868.31
- Road Fund CD \$200,000.00
- 206 Fire Fund \$197,198.96
- Fire Fund CD \$200,000.00
- 207 Police Fund \$66,472.02
- 208 Parks Fund \$117,450.65
- 209 Cemetery Fund \$96,467.05
- 290 Senior Fund \$84,594.40
- 703 Tax Fund \$1,624,013.47

Leaving a total balance of \$4,299,028.79. Clevenger made a motion to approve check #'s 30068-30100 in the amount of \$153,807.28 to pay the bills for the month of December.

Supported by Ridley. All votes in favor.

Planning Commission: Trustee Fleming reported

Parks & Recreation: Trustee Campbell reported

ZBA: No Report.

Senior Advisory Committee: Committee Member, Linda Teeter

Short Term Rentals (STR): No Report.

SHAWSA: No Report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Senior & Road Millage Resolutions: Last month the Board voted to include a Senior and Road Millage on the ballot for August 2026. Clevenger presented the Board with the Senior Millage Resolution. Trustee Fleming made a motion to table the Senior resolution so that we have more time to discuss it, fully as a Board when Supervisor Overhiser is also available. Discussion was had on the timeline for having this approved. Resident, L. Teeter questioned if this was already approved, why would we delay the resolution? Clerk Ridley explained the timeline for making sure this is meeting the deadlines. Teeter inquired again about why the Board would wait. Clerk Ridley asked Fleming about his reasoning for wanting to table this matter. Trustee Fleming explained his concerns with wording on the ballot. He compared it to the Road Resolution that includes good details on what the

taxpayer's money is going for. He would like to see the same for the Senior Resolution and feels like since we have the extra time, there is no reason not to provide those extra details. He reiterated the fact that we are charged far more per Senior than what Van Buren Senior Services says they charge on their website and Fleming would like clarity on this. Campbell and Ridley reiterated to the public the fact that we have already committed to making sure this goes on the ballot so taking time to go over the details for the resolution would not affect the public's ability to vote on this in August. The board discussed that it would be best to have Supervisor Overhiser here for the discussion and questions that arise. It was agreed that out of respect for Trustee Fleming and the fact that there is time, the Board felt comfortable in waiting. Ridley supported Fleming's motion to table until the February meeting. All votes in favor.

Next, Clevenger presented the Road Millage Resolution to the Board for review. A motion was made by Ridley to approve. Support by Campbell. Roll call vote: Fleming, yes. Clevenger, yes. Ridley, yes. Campbell, yes. All votes in favor. Resolution passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Granicus Renewal: Our Granicus contract is up for renewal. The Board noted that Granicus is the company that we partner with for Short Term Rental management in the Township. The total for the year 2026 would be \$12,891.80, increasing from last year slightly. A motion was made by Campbell to approve. Support by Ridley. Trustee Fleming noted his continued stance that he does not feel the Township should be in the short-term rental business. The Board voted, and the motion passed with a 3 to 1 vote.

2026 Poverty Exemption Guidelines: In the past, the Casco board has set poverty guidelines at 100% of the federal poverty rate. This resolution would do the same for 2026, keeping the guideline at 100%. A motion was made by Campbell, supported by Fleming. Roll call vote: Campbell, yes. Ridley, yes, Clevenger, yes. Fleming, yes. All votes in favor. Motion passed.

Board of Review Alternative Start Date Resolutions: Clevenger presented the Board with two resolutions for the Board of Review. The first resolution is to allow written appeals for the Board of Review. The motion was made by Fleming, Support by Campbell. Roll call vote: Clevenger, yes. Fleming, yes. Ridley, yes. Campbell, yes. All votes in favor. Resolution passed. The second resolution is to set an alternative start date for Board of Review, March 11th at 9:00AM. The motion was made by Fleming, supported by Campbell. All votes in favor. Roll call vote: Campbell, yes. Fleming, yes. Ridley, yes. Clevenger, yes. All votes in favor. Resolution passed.

Hall Builders Change Orders: Work continues on the Township Hall Renovation Project. We have two change orders from Hall Builders that need approval. The first is for the addition of an additional sewage pump for \$12,403.00 A motion was made by Campbell to approve, support by Ridley. All votes in favor.

The second change order is for cleaning, prep and painting of the exposed ceiling for \$4,265.00. A motion was made by Campbell to approve, support by Fleming. All votes in favor.

South Haven Public School Tax Resolution: Again, the South Haven Public Schools is informing the Casco Board of their intent to collect 100% of its 2026 taxes during the summer tax collection period. They do pay a fee to the Township for that collection. There

have been no changes to the fee. A motion was made by Fleming to approve, support by Campbell. Roll call vote: Campbell, yes. Clevenger, yes. Fleming, yes. Ridley, yes. All votes in favor. Motion passed.

Short Term Rental Fees: With Supervisor Overhiser unavailable due to illness this meeting, we didn't have a lot of information to present in regards to short term rental fees but Overhiser met with our Short Term Rental coordinators, Kathy Stanton and Paul Macyausji last week and it is their recommendation that the Board raise our rental fees from \$325 to \$375 going forward in 2026. A brief discussion was held about a higher rate for those who do not pay on time. Clevenger and Campbell would both like to see a tiered fee schedule. It was also noted that this fee has not been increased since our Short-Term Rental program began. A motion was made to approve by Campbell, supported by Ridley. The Board voted 2 to 2. Motion did not pass.

2026 Dust Control Proposal: Ridley presented the 2026 Dust Control Proposal for the year for three applications, each totaling \$14,500. The price has not increased since last year. A motion was made by Fleming to approve, support by Campbell. Discussion was had on whether 68th St was included in last year's estimate for dust control. Ridley stated she did not believe so but was not sure. The Board voted 3 to 1, motion passed.

Public Comment:

- New Casco Resident; inquired about ADU (Autonomous Dwelling Units) in Casco Township. Trustee Fleming stated that the Planning Commission has been trying to move this forward, but it was his thought that there was already something stating that additional dwellings for family members were allowed but he encouraged her to speak with Tasha at MTS for clarification.
- L. Teeter reminded the Board and public of the National Night Out being planned for August 4th, 2026, in Casco Township. More information to come as planning continues.
- D. Campbell commented on the Senior millage and mentioned that he didn't think the rate on the Senior Servies website was still an option so we may want to investigate if that is still an option.

Adjournment A motion was made to adjourn by Ridley at 8:45 PM. Support by Campbell. All votes in favor.

Rachel Ridley
Casco Township Clerk