

CASCO TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES, REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 15, 2020 @ 6:51 PM

Approved 7/20/2020

Call to Order: Allan called the meeting to order at 6:51pm.

Present: Overhiser, Macyauski, Brenner, Winfrey, Graff & Linda Teeter, Director of the Allegan County Legal Assistance Program.

Absent: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Reports:

- Police: Deputy Katje reported that a lot of the restrictions have come off, they are now given the green light to go back to our regular duties and functions.
- Clerk: Clerk Cheri presented the minutes from the Regular Meeting on May 18, 2020. Lu made motion to approve the May 18, 2020 Regular Meeting minutes. Judy supported. No discussion or corrections. Cheri reported that we are getting a lot of applications back for absentee voting. We are planning don't know yet if we are going to have a big election or not, we are planning on it. We have a new election inspector so he needs to get certified.
Roll Call Vote: Overhiser, Macyauski, Brenner, Winfrey, & Graff
Yahs: five
Nays: None
- Treasurer:

Balances as of 5/31/2020 for all accounts are as follows:

General Fund	Balance	\$689,628.28
Parks & Recreation Fund	Balance	\$108,805.39
Senior Services Fund	Balance	\$111,598.96
Fire Dept. Fund	Balance	\$650,308.02
Road Fund	Balance	\$722,165.47
Police Fund	Balance	\$172,609.10
Cemetery Fund	Balance	\$112,495.08
Collected Tax	Balance	\$2,242.29
102 nd Ave.	Balance	\$49,810.91
Beach Dr.	Balance	\$48,452.01
Lakeview Paving	Balance	\$51,984.63
Lakeview Sewer	Balance	\$6,109.64
Lakeview Water	Balance	\$(453.87)
Pacific Sewer	Balance	\$23,460.34
Pacific Water	Balance	\$29,068.05
Orchard Sewer	Balance	\$22,521.63

Lu made motion to approve the following bills in the amount of \$104,355.43

ORDERS NUMBER 26175-26239

General Fund	\$86,556.25
Parks Fund	\$2,581.78
Fire Dept Fund	\$554.06
Senior Service Fund	\$4,178.44

Road Fund	\$574.40
Cemetery Fund	\$212.77
102 nd Ave. Fund	\$34,909.62
Beach Dr	\$32,051.35
Lakeview Paving	\$21,755.06
Lakeview Sewer	\$14,287.19
Lakeview Water	\$6,758.36
Orchard Sewer	\$14,281.98
Pacific Water	\$19,364.94

Cheri supported.

Roll Call Vote: Allen, yes, Lu, yes, Judy, yes, Cheri, yes, Paul, yes

Nays: None

Parks & Recreation:

Bruce Brandan submitted a report which is as follows:

1. The renovation construction of the stairs at First Street as well as refurbished landscaping plantings are coming along nicely and should be nearly finished by the receipt of this report. Beach demarcation signs will also be placed by committee members.
2. Committee members will be meeting with Davis Landscaping to ensure timely completion of project started last fall at the Preserve.
3. Parks sub-committee met with maintenance person Karen, to get input on maintenance issues and procedures.
4. Parks is forwarding to the board for approval a bid from Davis Landscaping to mow the Maple Grove property. Initial cutting would be \$2,100 with follow up cutting in the fall of \$900.00.
5. Parks is also forwarding a bid for approval from Fleming Tree Service. For 12 trees, it will be \$2,875.00. A 13th "clump of tree" on the south side would be \$950.00 if done at the same time as the previously mentioned 12". That would be a total of \$3,825.00.
6. The parks committee's July meeting will be walking review of parks property to gain insights for future parks initiatives as well as current maintenance concerns.

Cheri made motion for Davis Landscaping to mow the Maple Grove Property in the amount of \$3,000.00. Paul supported. No discussion.

Roll Call Vote:

Yahs: Lu, Paul, Allan, Judy, Cheri

Nays: None

Paul also made motion for approval of a bid from Fleming Tree Service in the amount of \$3,825.00.

Judy supported. No discussion.

Roll Call Vote:

Yays: Lu, Allan, Paul, Cheri, Judy

Nays: None

OLD BUSINESS:

- 2020/2021 Budget:

Allan stated that we talked about the budget at the previous meeting. At this point we need to approve the budget. Paul made motion to approve the 2020/2021 Budget. Judy supported.

No discussion or questions, hearing none a roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote: Yays: Allan, yes, Judy, yes, Lu, yes, Paul, yes, Cheri, yes.

Nays: none

- **Appraisals Plus Group LLC:**
The board was given a copy of this contract at the May meeting. Allan continued to say that the contract is straight forward. The contract has been evolving, the state has put in new regulations, there will probably more changes this year. Allan feels confident that were in good contact with Nate and Ben, were getting in tune with the activity's that are going on, Michigan Tax Tribunal and some of the split activity that is going on. Allan recommended to approve the contract as presented. Paul supported. No discussion.

Roll Call Vote:

Yays: Judy, Allan, Paul, Cheri, Lu

Nays: None

- **Allegan County Legal Assistance Center:**
Legal Assistance contract between Casco Township and Allegan County Legal Assistance center
The board all had a chance to see this contract, Linda Teeter is Director and if any of us have any questions, we have increased our contribution to \$3,000.00.

Judy asked that she understands that the services are free to Casco residents, but she doesn't see that this is clear in the contract. Linda responded that it is on all of their materials that their service is free.

Cheri made motion to approve said contract. Judy supported. No discussion.

Roll Call Vote:

Yays: Lu, Judy, Paul, Allan, Cheri

Nays: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- **U.S. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT SUBMITTAL RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT:**
SHAWSA has an opportunity to apply for a grant for the replacement of the old standpipe, the old one was built in 1926. The City of South Haven and the Area Sewer and Water Authority intend to apply to the Economic Development Administration for a grant up to \$5.5 million to assist in the financing of the necessary rehabilitation of the standpipe.
The Township of Casco Board of Trustees pledges full support of the application and urges the Economic Development Administration to consider the extreme challenges our region faces, and to fund the project in order that the region rebuild and become more resilient.
Resolution No.06152020-5 took effect of the passage of the Township Board, June 15, 2020.

Lu made motion to approve Resolution No. 06152020-5 in support of the City applying for the said grant.

No Further discussion.

Roll Call Vote:

Yays: Allan, Lu, Judy, Paul, Cheri

Nays: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Judy made motion to adjourn. Paul supported.

Meeting adjourned at 7:26pm

Minutes Respectively Submitted by, Cheryl Brenner, Township Clerk