

Casnovia Township Regular Board Meeting for August 10, 2020

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Regular Board Meeting called to order at 7 PM by Supervisor Kelli Ashbaugh with the Pledge of Allegiance. Those present were Trustees Jason Jorgensen and Steven Sower, Clerk Jennie Powell, Treasurer Penny Muma and Fire Department Captain George Rusco. Also in attendance were Deputy Treasurer/Office Admin. Alicia Cole and resident Marge Rusco.

At this time, Steven Sower, newly appointed Trustee, was sworn in by Clerk Jennie Powell.

Motion to approve Agenda with addition of Steven Sower’s oath. Motion by Jennie to approve, second by Jason. Passed.

Motion to approve Minutes from July 13th regular board meeting. Motion made by Jason, second by Penny, passed.

Public Comment: None

REPORTS:

BASD report: Flows are down, back where we should be. Performed smoke test. Didn’t find anything substantial. New samples taken, shows a lot of infiltration coming from the outside of the system.

Commissioner Gary Foster: No report, available by phone if needed.

Senior Resources Report: Alicia shared that we have another take-out meal for our seniors this Thursday. She is expecting 86 people. Will continue with take-out meals while we are waiting on regulation rules, but hoping for an open house style meal soon. Also waiting on information about the grant.

Fire Dept. Report: Fire Captain George Rusco provided a list of 5 incidents. Concrete has been poured by the station. The NCATS tower should go up this week and the new sign is in the process of being put up. Dispatch fees are going up 3%. Issues with new 800 system, but working through them. The board was given a commitment statement to go over for new FD volunteers. There are 3 people going through training right now.

Treasurer Report: Taxes are coming in. Still working with Choice one bank on their merger. All other areas going well. Motion to approve treasurer’s report by Jason, second by Steven, passed.

Clerk Report: Reports and bills prepared by Jennie. Motion to accept reports and pay bills by Penny, second by Jason, passed. Election day was a long one, but all went well. Hopefully will have pictures on website of how the township hall was transformed for election day. Could use more workers on election day. If interested, please contact Clerk Powell or Deputy Clerk Julia Cole for an application.

Zoning Admin. Report: Sent in by Zoning Admin. Emma Posillico. Two Zoning compliance permits issued. Zero land divisions or combinations. One property line adjustment. New zoning enforcement issues included junk vehicles, resident complaint regarding the state of a residence and Supervisor Ashbaugh noticed that there is a semi-trailer on a property being used for storage. It is not currently in the Zoning Ordinance that this is not allowed, but it is Supervisor Ashbaugh's intention to include provisions banning semi-trailers for storage in the new Accessory Buildings Ordinance (public hearing held in August). Three updated zoning enforcement issues. No ZBA meetings, currently no applications for variance(s). Planning Commission met July 23rd. With 3 members missing, the PC made minimal changes to the bylaws and adopted the updates. PC continued to discuss the draft accessory structure ordinance. The PC conducted their annual review of three mining operations in the Township and renewed the Special Use Permit for each mining operation for another year. PC also had discussion with Andrew Vandenberg and his building plans. No discussion on the Master Plan. Will cover that in August.

Supervisor Report: AMAR review scheduled for September. New copier ordered for office. Should be \$50 less each month. Resident property clean up awarded to American Classic. East Hall Road is looking good after repairs. Jennie looking into ordering signs and boards for the three cemeteries.

Board Action Items:

1. Ordinance #2020- ____ Regulation of Storage containers as Accessory Structures. Board shared ideas, but will be discussed more by the PC at their August meeting.

Discussion Items:

1. Board Comments: October's Board Meeting changed to Monday, October 19th because of Columbus Day on the 12th and the office is closed.
2. Next Regular Board Meeting – September 14, 2020 at 7PM.

Motion to adjourn at 8:06 PM by Jennie, second by Jason, passed.

Jennie Powell, Clerk