

Casnovia Township Regular Board Meeting for December 13, 2021

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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 Jodie Railling, Treasurer Penny Muma, Fire Chief Dennis Deems. Also in attendance was resident John Follett.

Public Comment: John Follett presented proof of insurance for vehicles that were ticketed. Kelli Ashbaugh announced the township position of deputy clerk is open.

Motion to approve agenda. Kelli Ashbaugh deleted Board Action Items. Motion made by Penny Muma, supported by Jason Jorgensen, was carried unanimously.

Motion to approve minutes from November 8 regular board meeting and November 29, 2021 special board meeting. Motion made by Jodie Railling, supported by Jason Jorgensen, passed unanimously.

REPORTS:

1. INFRASTRUCTURE ALTERNATIVES O & M:

Bailey Sewer-Need 30 more people for low-income survey. Currently have 2 participants. Survey needed for sewer grant. Needs 90% of residents to participate.

2. SENIOR RESOURCES:

Penny Muma reported regarding the November and December luncheons. Both were served at the Bailey Christian Church, there was no Mobile Library at either. November luncheon was provided by White Linen, 55 Seniors attended, and Pauline Meyers spoke. December luncheon was provided by Red Rock Grill and 54 Seniors attended (19 take-out). Dennis Deems and Penny Muma helped set up both luncheons. Mindy Dupras and Kelli Ashbaugh also served at the December luncheon.

3. FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Fire Chief Dennis Deems reported.

- Consumers Energy will be providing free gas and electric safety training on January 25, 2022. Surrounding townships to join.
- Continuing Education: 3 years to earn 36 credits. Using Target Solutions and a combination of videos and practical sessions to accomplish.
- Calls are up from this time last year. Mostly medical calls.
- Purchased a Fleer camera for the Fire truck.
- Reinstated former firefighter, looking to hire 5 more.

- Reported on the County Commissioner's meeting. Subject of disbanding the HazMat team was brought up for a vote. Vote failed. Equipment was purchased with grant money from the state and cannot be sold. Hazmat team in Muskegon County is valuable and a necessity.
- Township Board needs CPR certification.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Presented by Penny Muma. Winter Taxes mailed out. Phase 8 of BS&A changes. ARPA: proving difficult to allocate funds. Communicating with area townships regarding use of funds. MOCAP: 50 bags available. Available to seniors 60 and older. First pick up date December 14, 2021. Treasurer's Meeting: BS&A gave a helpful presentation.

5. CLERK'S REPORT:

Reports and bills prepared by Jodie Railling. Motion to accept reports and pay bills by Jason Jorgensen, seconded by Steve Sower, passed unanimously.

6. ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Zoning Report reviewed. PC has completed reading Master Plan and will focus on Future Land Use and Zoning Maps. Began discussion on Agricultural Housing.

7. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

- Adopt a family; member of community wants to help a family year-round.
- Need posts for cemetery signs and new road signs.
- Considering hiring Vanderhoff to complete handyman miscellaneous tasks around the township.
- Need insulation in township ceiling. Need to locate attic access.
- RJ's Lawncare-new lawncare bid for upcoming year. Would include all lawncare and cleanup for the cemeteries and park.

Discussion Items:

1. Board Comments: Steve Sower asked about using ARPA funds to help with Bailey Sewer. Township needs to show a loss and that it is sustainable.
2. Next Regular Board Meeting – January 10, 2022 at 7 PM.

Motion to adjourn at 8:05 PM by Jason Jorgensen, seconded by Steve Sower, passed unanimously.

Jodie Railling, Clerk