

Casnovia Township Regular Board Meeting for February 14, 2022

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Regular Board Meeting called to order at 7:03PM by Supervisor Kelli Ashbaugh with the Pledge of Allegiance. Those present was Trustee Jason Jorgensen, Clerk Jodie Railling, and Treasurer Penny Muma. Also in attendance were residents John Behler and John Follett. Trustee Steve Sower was tardy.

Public Comment: John Behler commented on the low-income food bags. John Follett requested a public park in Bailey to be considered in the budget planning for 2022-2023. No further public comment.

Motion to approve agenda made by Jorgensen, Seconded by Muma.

One change to January 10, 2022 minutes. Ralph Ford's name replaced Keith Ford's name in the Senior Resources report. Motion made by Jorgensen to approve the January 10, 2022 minutes, seconded by Ashbaugh, passed unanimously.

REPORTS:

1. INFRASTRUCTURE ALTERNATIVES O & M:

Received a 7-day notice from Infrastructure; they will no longer service the township. Amanda from Michigan Rural Waterworks consulted with Ashbaugh and Dupras on Miss Dig. Need to hire someone for day-to-day operations to replace Infrastructure.

2. SENIOR RESOURCES:

Penny Muma reported on MOCAP (Muskegon Oceana Community Action Partnership). Program is for low income, not just 60+, must live in the township and have an income \$2900/month or less. 58 seniors attended the senior dinner. Special thanks to Kelli Ashbaugh, Judy Behler, Dennis Deems, Jewel Stark, and Deb Vanderhoff for all their help.

3. FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Kelli Ashbaugh reported for the absent Fire Chief Dennis Deems .

- Sold old radios for \$2000.
- Andy Morey is retiring after 30+ years of service to the department. A special thanks to Andy and his wife Marla for their dedication to the township.
- Incident log presented for review dated January 10-February 15 2022.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Presented by Penny Muma. February 14th was the last day to pay taxes without late fees. Still discussing how to allocate funds from ARPA. Audit is scheduled.

5. CLERK'S REPORT:

Railling inquired as to which board member terms will be up for the November election. 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:

PC meeting scheduled for February 28, 2022. Farm Bureau will be presenting.

7. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

- Actively canvassing Bailey to complete the sewer surveys for the low-income grant. Need at least 15 more surveys to apply.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS:

1. Motion to approve amended fire operating procedures by Jorgensen, seconded by Sower, unanimously approved.
2. Motion to add delinquent sewer bills (totaling \$8933.05) to summer taxes made by Jorgensen, seconded by Sower, unanimously approved.
3. Motion to set budget time line by Muma, seconded by Jorgensen, unanimously approved. Time line is as follows:
 - a. March 14, 2022 budget work shop after regular meeting. Mikula.
 - b. All bills paid by March 14, 2022.
 - c. March 28th, 2022 Special Budget Public Hearing at 6:30 p.m.
4. Motion to approve Wage Increase Resolution #2022-02, including sewer charge increases made by Sower, seconded by Jorgensen, unanimously approved.
5. Motion to approve Resolution 2022-03 Regarding Sale of Township Property made by Jorgensen, supported by Sower, motion passed unanimously.
6. Motion made to approve RC Mowing's contract with new extras made by Sower, supported by Jorgensen, passed unanimously.
7. Discussed Fire Department Equipment Millage to be renewed in 2022. Clerk Railling will contact the County Clerk about which election the township can add the ballot to.

Discussion Items:

1. Board Comments: None.
2. Next Regular Board Meeting – March 14, 2022 at 7 PM. Special workshop to follow.

Motion to adjourn at 8:43PM by Sower, seconded by Jorgensen, passed unanimously.

Jodie Railling, Clerk