

Casnovia Township Regular Board Meeting for February 8, 2021

"This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer."

Regular Board Meeting called to order at 7 PM by Supervisor Kelli Ashbaugh with the Pledge of Allegiance. Those present via Webex were Trustees Jason Jorgensen and Steven Sower, Clerk Jennie Powell, Treasurer Penny Muma, Fire Chief Dennis Deems. Also in attendance were resident Marge Rusco and District Representative to Senator Jon Bumstead, Susie Rodriguez.

Public Comment: Susie explained that they are representatives for Muskegon, Newaygo and Oceana Counties. Her focus is on Muskegon County and part time in Lansing. She commented that their office is looking for ways to help people. One big way they were helping right now is with unemployment issues. Help in that area can be found on the website: senatorjonbumstead.com.

Motion to approve agenda with a fifth item added in Board Action Items. Motion made by Jennie, second by Jason, passed.

Motion to approve minutes from January 11, 2021 regular board meeting. Motion made by Jason, second by Penny, passed.

REPORTS:

BASD report: No Report

Senior Resources Report: Alicia sent in a report that January's drive through luncheon served 89 seniors. Our next Senior Luncheon is scheduled for Thursday, February 11. Anticipating 88 attendees. March's meal is scheduled for the 11th.

Fire Dept. Report: Fire Chief Dennis Deems shared a list of 10 incidents. The Fire truck is on schedule for July delivery. Looking for trade in value on a couple of old trucks. CPR class at the township hall was successful. The fire chief will have shoulder surgery the end of February. Will be directing people to Andy and George. Cliff started FF training 1 & 2 with a September completion date. Kelli asked about food boxes. No one can commit to the time right now, but will keep looking into help.

Treasurer Report: Presented by Penny. Motion by Jennie to accept treasurer reports, second by Jason, passed. Many tax issues, all going well.

Clerk Report: Reports and bills prepared by Jennie. Motion to accept reports and pay bills by Jason, second by Steve, passed. Filed report for COVID elections grant, was accepted. Awarded complete PAR plan grant for lighting for Twp Hall. Have 6 months to get project completed and will be reimbursed.

Zoning Admin. Report: No zoning permits issued. One land division approved. One zoning enforcement issue. February ZBA meeting scheduled for February 15. Planning commission working on revision to accessory structures ordinance, master plan update and recommending that the Board adopt a moratorium on solar energy applications.

Supervisor Report: Working on updating the website. Applications are now online. Still working on sewer issues. Township clean-up scheduled for April 17th. Hoping to have tire recycling this year.

Board Action Items:

1. Motion to place delinquent sewer bills on taxes if not paid by May 14th. Motion by Jennie, second by Jason, passed.
2. Budget Time Line: Motion to approve by Penny, second by Jennie, passed
 - a. March 8, 2021 budget work shop after regular meeting
 - b. All bills paid by March 15, 2021
 - c. March 29, 2021 Special Budget Public Hearing at 6:30 PM
3. Resolution 2021-02: Wage Increases and Fee Schedule Increases. Motion by Jennie, second by Jason. Roll call vote, passed unanimously.
4. Motion to appoint Andrew Gee to Planning Commission to replace Kim Anderson. Motion made by Jennie, second by Steve, passed. Also need to appoint someone to the ZBA soon.
5. Ordinance 2021-01: Moratorium on solar energy applications and development. Motion by Steve, second by Jason. Roll call vote, passed unanimously.

Discussion Items:

1. Board Comments: None
2. Next Regular Board Meeting – March 8, 2021 at 7 PM with budget workshop after regular meeting.

Motion to adjourn at 7:48 PM by Jason, second by Steve, passed.

Jennie Powell, Clerk