

Casnovia Township Regular Board Meeting for January 10, 2022

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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 were residents Marge Rusco and Rob Shelly.

Public Comment: Marge Rusco mentioned the "Township 40" is for sale by private owner. Kelli Ashbaugh announced the township has 3 acres for sale. No further public comment.

Kelli Ashbaugh added Website Design on Board Action Items.

Motion to approve minutes from December 13, 2021 regular board meeting. Motion made by Jorgensen, supported by Sower, passed unanimously.

REPORTS:

1. INFRASTRUCTURE ALTERNATIVES O & M:

Miss Dig updated their system; due to glitches in the system it flagged Casnovia Township for a Peach Ridge ticket. Handing out surveys for the Sewer survey as they come in to pay for their sewer bill. Need more participation to qualify for the sewer grant.

2. SENIOR RESOURCES:

Penny Muma reported on MOCAP (Muskegon Oceana Community Action Partnership). Picked up on December 14, 2021. Program is for seniors 60+, must live in the township and have an income \$2900/month or less. Muma thanked Dennis Deems, John and Carol Behler, Mindy Dupras, and Ralph Ford for picking up and packing the food bags. The Township purchased a small freezer to store perishables for the bags. Senior dinner is January 13, 2022.

3. FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Fire Chief Dennis Deems reported.

- Consumers Energy and DTE will be providing free natural 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. In progress with 100% participation.
- Total of 189 calls for 2021, Deems also presented incident run log for 2021. Mostly medical calls.
- Firetruck warranty work completed, truck is back in service.
- AED/CPR township training to be determined by instructor's availability.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Presented by Penny Muma. Continue to post tax payments and make disbursements. Chart of Account changes on December 8th, 2021. Proving difficult to allocate funds for ARPA where townships need it. Renewed CD for 6 months.

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 did not meet in December, January meeting on 27th. Finished reading Master Plan, focus on Future Land Use and Zoning Maps. Began discussion on Agricultural Housing.

7. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

- Looking to upgrade printer, reviewing an estimate from Nordyk.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS:

1. Motion to set Board of Review dates: March 14, 2022 (9am-12 & 1-4pm); March 16, 2022 (9am-12 & 6pm-9pm). Motion made by Railling, supported by Jorgensen, passed unanimously.
2. Motion to set 2022 Poverty Exemption Income Guidelines-Resolution 2022-01. Motion made by Jorgensen, supported by Muma, passed unanimously.
3. Discussed Resolution 2022-02 regarding sale of township property to Andy Mikula. Ashbaugh tabled until more information is available.
4. Presented cemetery contract for mowing. Reviewed RC Lawn & Snowplow contract.
5. Need to hire person to update cemetery maps. County GIS is not accurate. Office manager Mindy Dupras can do this on her off hours. Motion made by Jorgensen, supported by Muma, motion passed unanimously.
6. Discussed new website design with Shumaker Technology Group. Need site that is more user friendly. Motion made by Jorgensen, supported by Railling, passed unanimously.

Discussion Items:

1. Board Comments: Steve Sower moving out of the township. Will need to replace a trustee position as well as PC member position.
2. Next Regular Board Meeting – February 14, 2022 at 7 PM.

Motion to adjourn at 8:30PM by Jason Jorgensen, seconded by Penny Muma, passed unanimously.

Jodie Railling, Clerk