

Casnovia Township Budget & Regular Board Meeting for March 29, 2021

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Budget Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM by Supervisor Kelli Ashbaugh with the Pledge of Allegiance. Those present were Trustee Steven Sower, Treasurer Penny Muma, Fire Chief Dennis Deems and Trustee Jason Jorgensen via Webex. Also in attendance were 1 residents and Clerk in training Rachele Helmuth, Deputy Treasurer in training Jody Hyde and future Assessor Sheryl Moss.

Open Public Hearing

1. Motion to approve 2020-2021 Budget Amendments: Motion by Steve to approve, second by Penny. Approved.
2. Proposed FY 2021-2022 Budget Discussion
3. Proposed Tax Millage rates to support proposed Budget (March 2020)
 - a. Casnovia Twp. - 1.0369
 - b. Fire Equipment - 0.9927
 - c. Fire Operating – 0.9827
4. Public Comment: None
5. Board Comment: None
6. Resolution to approve FY 2021-2022 Budget. Motion made by Steve to accept Resolution 2021-04 to approve FY 2021-2022, second by Jason, roll call vote all in attendance approved.
7. Motion to adjourn the budget meeting at 6:58pm by Jason and second by Penny

Regular Board Meeting called to order at 7:00pm by Kelli.

Motion to approve Agenda: Motion by Steve to approve, second by Jason. Approved.

Public Comment: None

REPORTS:

Fire Department: Fire Chief Dennis Deems talked about multiple fires due to dry, windy conditions. Reminder to check DNR website prior to burning. New tank for 380 on back order for 4 weeks. FD helped at the Kent City's Ridge Run. Dispatch went down for about 2 hours he discussed the need to switch to 800 dispatch. Talked about up in coming FD Breakfast in May.

Senior Resource Report: Lee's Chicken will be providing boxed meals. Talked about limiting the pick-up window to 1 hour instead of 2 hours.

Treasurer Report: Renewed 2 Certificates of Deposit for one year. Seeking proposals to start accepting Credit and Debit cards for paying taxes and utility bills.

Zoning Admin. Report: ZBA: No applications, **PC:** 1177 Newaygo – site plan review, **Land Division:** 435 Brown Rd. and 770 N Canada Rd. **Zoning Enforcement:** Michael Corrigan – Ongoing **Zoning Permits:** 2 zoning permits approved.

Supervisor Report: Comcast Metro Act needs to be signed in 45 days. We will be open on Veteran's day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day and Presidents Day. Discussed moving board meetings to another day of the month. There will be no change to board meeting day for 2021.

Board Action Items:

1. Discussed moving board meetings to another day of the month. There will be no change to board meeting day for 2021.
2. Banking Institution for FY 2021-2022 will remain ChoiceOne Bank.
3. Clerk Position – Motion by Kelli to appoint Rachelle Helmuth to Clerk Position. Second by Jason. Approved.
4. Assessor Position – Sheryl Moss introduced herself to the board and will be starting April 14th, 2021 Motion by Kelli to appoint as Assessor. Second by Jason. Approved.
5. Deputy Treasurer/ Office Manager – Motion by Kelli to appoint Jody Hyde. Second by Penny. Approved.
6. Planning Commission – Nels Nyblad appoint to Planning Commission. Motion by Steve to appoint. Second by Jason. Approved.
7. Resolution for PA-116 #139 application for Hunter Bull. Hunter Bull as he has met all of the eligibility requirements. Motion by Steve. Second by Jason. Roll Call Vote Resolution 2021-03 passed 4 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Discussion Items:

1. Board Comments: Township cleanup April 17th at 8:00am to 1:00pm at Icon Industries. Volunteers needed and community service can be earned.
2. Next Regular Board Meeting – May 10, 2021.

Motion to adjourn at 8:00 PM by Jason, second by Penny

Rachelle Helmuth, Clerk