

Casnovia Township Regular Board Meeting for March 8, 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 Trustee Steven Sower, Clerk Jennie Powell, Treasurer Penny Muma, Fire Chief Dennis Deems and Office Administrator/Deputy Clerk Alicia Cole. Trustee Jason Jorgensen was absent. Also in attendance were 9 residents and Philip Croff, the lead librarian for the Ravenna Library.

Public Comment: Resident Laura Carroll gave a presentation requesting the opportunity to pursue a professional cannabis business. Supervisor Ashbaugh explained that the township has opted out of marijuana in the township and it doesn't look like it will be open to that request. PC Chair Rick Sible gave an update on the Planning Commission. After the moratorium adoption for solar, he had been approached by residents asking questions. Will need the board's help with speakers and gathering information. Working on the site plan review at next meeting. PC would like to adopt a section of the highway to clean. Lead librarian for Ravenna branch, Philip Croff, explained that the library is now open for business. He explained the Covid restrictions and encouraged people to call before visiting the library.

Motion to approve agenda made by Jennie, second by Penny, passed.

Motion to approve minutes from February 8, 2021 regular board meeting. Motion made by Penny, second by Steve, passed.

REPORTS:

BASD report: Still over on flows. Will be doing a survey in the near future. Permit fee was cheaper than expected which was a nice surprise.

Senior Resources Report: Alicia reported that February's drive through luncheon served 78 seniors. Our next Senior Luncheon is scheduled for Thursday, March 11. Anticipating 85 attendees. May be looking at in person meals soon, but will be handled by someone new. This will be Alicia's last luncheon as she has given her 2 weeks' notice. She has loved getting to know our senior residents during this time and will miss the interaction with them.

Fire Dept. Report: Fire Chief Dennis Deems is out until mid-April because of surgery, but is still available by phone. He thanked John Behler for taking charge of the food boxes each week. They are available on Thursdays at 9 AM to all residents, regardless of age. The FD has vests that the PC could use once they get their adopt a highway section. Clean up is April 17th, from 8-1. There is one person in fire school. Cliff is doing very well. One new applicant, hoping to get into the next MFR class.

Treasurer Report: Presented by Penny. Motion by Jennie to accept treasurer reports, second by Steve, passed. Collection of taxes is now done at the township level.

Clerk Report: Reports and bills prepared by Jennie. Motion to accept reports and pay bills by Steve, second by Penny, passed.

Zoning Admin. Report: No report, but Kelli mentioned the PC public hearing and the building permits that have been started.

Supervisor Report: IMS introduced the new inspectors in a letter. Working on getting the internet figured out for future meetings. Helped post office deal with a snow issue.

Board Action Items:

1. 2021 Brine program \$34,446.85 for 42.2 miles of gravel roads. Motion to accept the county's brine program made by Jennie, second by Steve, passed.
2. Clerk Powell's resignation, relocating to another state. Motion by Penny to accept resignation and timeline for applications for clerk and office administrator. Second by Kelli, passed. Motion to approve Julia Cole as continued Deputy Clerk and authorize to sign checks. Motion made by Kelli, second by Steve, passed. Sent in Risk Reduction Grant Program Agreement. Someone will have to follow up on this to make sure it gets done by August 2, 2021, to be reimbursed.
 - a. March 25, 2021 Deadline for applications
 - b. March 29, 2021 Budget meeting at 6:30 PM
 - c. March 29, 2021 Interviews for clerk and office administrator at 7 PM
3. Alicia's resignation, last day of work March 18, 2021.
4. Volunteers needed for tire recycling at township cleanup, April 17, 2021 from 8-1
5. Budget Review

Discussion Items:

1. Board Comments: None
2. Next Regular Board Meeting – March 29, 2021 at 7 PM with special budget hearing at 6:30 PM

Motion to adjourn at 9:07 PM by Jennie, second by Steve, passed.

Jennie Powell, Clerk