

Casnovia Township Regular Board Meeting for October 19, 2020

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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 Jennie Powell, Treasurer Penny Muma and Fire Chief Dennis Deems, Fire Department Captain George Rusco. Also in attendance were Commissioner Gary Foster, Senior Millage representative Peggy Foster, Deputy Treasurer/Office Admin. Alicia Cole along with 2 residents.

Motion to approve Agenda: Motion by Jennie to approve, second by Penny. Passed.

Motion to approve Minutes from September 14th regular board meeting. Motion made by Jason, second by Steve, passed.

Public Comment: Marge Rusco asked about the NCATS internet tower at the FD. The internet is available to the community, but there is a cost.

REPORTS:

BASD report: Starting to see an accumulation of rags and grease in Gas station Lift station. Treatment site still over flowing on south end. Options to correct continue to be explored. Average flow has come down, but still only slightly below design.

Commissioner Gary Foster: Black Creek drain residents are starting to get assessments. COVID is higher at the 20-29 age group, but still not bad. Senior Millage Grant has been approved, but only through the end of 2020. Not sure what will happen after that. Tire collection will resume next year, but possibly only for one year.

Senior Resources Report: Alicia shared that our last drive-thru meal was on October 8th with 86 participants, 5 of which were new. Next meal will be November 12th. The grant has only been approved through December 2020.

Fire Dept. Report: Fire Chief Dennis Deems provided a list of 11 incidents. FD has 2 guys going through MFR training. Ham supper was a success, had more people than they anticipated, 468 meals, ran out of food. Received a Senior Millage Passthrough which needs to be used by the end of the year. The applications for the Senior Millage Program are on the township's website. One of the tanker trucks has a leak. The tank is fiberglass and will get worse if not repaired. Waiting on estimates.

Treasurer Report: Penny presented the treasurer reports. The bank transition went as smoothly as possible.

Clerk Report: Reports and bills prepared by Jennie. Motion to accept reports and pay bills with additional amount to be given to the deputy clerk for extra election duties by Steve, second by Jennie, passed. Will have to amend budget at end of fiscal year. Kelli suggested we pay a bill related to the Hall Road project. With much discussion, Steve made a motion to approve payment. Jason seconded, passed. November election is coming up and all is going well with the election so far. Explained the election grant that we received and how the money will be split up. Also working on our insurance PAR Plan Risk Reduction Grant.

Zoning Admin. Report: Sent in by Zoning Admin. Emma Posillico (This is Emma's last report as she has since moved). Zero Zoning compliance permits issued. Zero land divisions or combinations. Zero property line adjustment. One land combination. One new zoning enforcement issue. Four updated zoning enforcement issues. ZBA meeting October 12th, one application for variance. Planning Commission met September 24th to consider a request to rezone 355 Canada from A-1 to I-1. Also discussed proposed amendments to the Township Master Plan. Next meeting is October 22nd.

Supervisor Report: Dealing with different farming practices. PC continues to look into shipping containers on properties. Waiting for replacement for Zoning Administrator. Kelli will fill in for Emma to a point until we get a new replacement.

Board Action Items:

1. Total bill presented for clean up to 500 Peters Road. It took over 2 years to get this residence cleaned up and over \$6000. Motion to send bill to resident with a December deadline to respond to payment request by Jason, second by Jennie, passed.
2. Rezoning Ordinance 2020-02 for 355 Canada road. Motion by Steve, second by Penny, roll call vote, passed.
3. All Around Excavating Snow Plow contract presented by Jennie. Motion to accept by Jennie, second by Jason, passed.
4. Master Plan amendment. PC authorized sending the proposed amendments to the Master Plan to the Township Board. After discussion, Jennie made a motion to authorize the changes for the 42-day public comment period, second by Penny, passed.

Discussion Items:

1. Board Comments: None, but resident asked a question about shipping containers. FD Chief spoke of a COVID grant for the FD. Gary Foster suggested that we have a resolution to accept this grant. Jennie made a motion to accept Resolution 2020-13 for the Cares Act grant, second by Steve, passed by roll call.
2. Next Regular Board Meeting – November 9, 2020 at 7PM.

Motion to adjourn at 8:40 PM by Jennie, second by Jason, passed.

Jennie Powell, Clerk