**Casnovia Township Regular Board Meeting for January 8, 2018**

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Meeting called to order at 7 PM by Supervisor Kelli Ashbaugh with the Pledge of Allegiance. Those present were Clerk Jennie Powell, Deputy Treasurer Ruth Ann Bull and Trustees Dan Winell and Jason Jorgensen. Treasurer Gayle Brock absent due to sickness. Also attending were Fire Department Captain George Rusco, County Commissioner Gary Foster and his wife, Peggy, Candidate for State Senate Jon Bumstead, STRATA representative James Barr, Gary Nestle from Infrastructure Alternatives, and 6 residents.

Public Comment: Gary Nestle opened public comment with his report from Infrastructure Alternatives. Resident John Follett wished everyone a Happy New Year and the best of 2018 for the township. STRATA representative, James Barr, continued public comment with a presentation on the pros of medical marijuana.

Motion to approve Agenda: Motion by Dan, second by Jason. Passed.

Motion to approve December 11, 2017 minutes of Regular Board meeting: Motion by Dan, second by Jason, passed.

**REPORTS:**

BASD report: The treatment site pump #3 run time is too long. Kennedy Industries to trouble-shoot. Will fall under regular maintenance. Flow data for 2017 was listed in report with a comparison to 2016.

Fire Dept. Report: Fire Dept. Captain George Rusco provided a list of Fire and EMS calls for the 9 incidents that occurred between 12/11 and 1/08. Two firefighters have started FF 1&2 training in January. The new reporting software has not been switched yet. Resignation from Sidney Deems because she has decided to serve the Army as a Combat Medic Airborne. Consolidation of the S.O.P. is coming along well.

Commissioner Gary Foster spoke about the Black Creek Drain issue. Drain Commissioner, Brenda Moore, plans on having an open forum to discuss Black Creek Drain at many townships, beginning with Casnovia Township on Thursday, January 18, from 6-8 pm. Casnovia Township, under the leadership of Ruth Ann Bull, has decided to take advantage of the County Senior Millage and begin a senior program of our own. More information will be available in the coming months.

Treasurer Report: Given by Ruth Ann. Motion to accept report by Dan, second by Jennie, passed.

Clerk Report: Check register reports given to the board. Motion by Jason to pay the bills as presented, second by Dan, passed.

Zoning Admin. Report: One permit issued, one land division/boundary line move/combination, continuing to work with the TWP attorney on Conroy property. Planning Commission meeting is Thursday, January 25, 2018.

Supervisor Report: Still waiting for itemized list for Fuller Road Project. Many permits were issued for 2017. Another reminder that Brenda Moore will be at the township on Thursday, January 18, to discuss Black Creek Drain.

Board Action Items:

1. Motion to set Board of Review Dates:
* Monday, March 12, 2018, 9 to 12 and 1 to 4 (Twp. Board Meeting @ 7)
* Tuesday, March 13, 2018, 9 to 12 and 6 to 9
1. Resolution 2018-01: Poverty Exemption Income Guidelines. Motion to adopt resolution 2018-01 made by Dan, second by Jennie. Roll call vote, “4” yes, “0” no, “1” absent. Passed.

Discussion Items:

1. Board comments: Election training coming up in February and March.
2. Next regular board meeting – February 12, 2018

Motion to adjourn at 8:08 PM – Jennie, second by Dan, passed.

 Jennie Powell, Clerk