

Casnovia Township Regular Board Meeting

November 8, 2021

7:00pm

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Call to Order- Trustee Steve Sower called the meeting to order at 7:03pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Trustee Steve Sower, Jason Jorgensen, Clerk Rachelle Helmuth, Treasurer Penny Muma and Fire Chief Dennis Deems are in attendance. Supervisor Kelli Ashbaugh is absent. Residents in attendance were Rob Shelley, Paul Black, Cliff Helmuth, Rick Sible, George Rusco, Marge Rusco, John Behler and Natalie Sease. Non-residents in attendance were Jody Hyde.

Agenda Approval-

Rachelle Helmuth requested to amend the agenda to change Board Action #2 from resolution 2121-07 to 2021-07 and add Sewer to agenda.

Motion by Rachelle Helmuth to approve the agenda. Seconded by Jason Jorgensen. Approved.

Minutes Approval-

Motion to approve the Minutes by Jason Jorgensen. Seconded by Penny Muma. Approved.

Public Comment-

Rick Sible Chairperson on Planning Commission talked about the solar Ordinance. Hopes we do some more research on Solar Energy because of the lack of budget for the Planning Commission.

Motion to close Public Comment by Rachelle Helmuth. Seconded by Jason Jorgensen. Approved.

Reports-

1. Infrastructure Alternatives O & M Report: Sewer pumps failed and getting pumped every day. The cost will have to come out of capital outlay. George Rusco asked if it will cost the people not using the sewer? Will residents have to pay for this? Do we have the

money in the sewer fund? Natalie Sease wants to know who we go after for the sewer not working? Treasure Penny Muma would like to know where the old pumps went.

2. Senior Resources Report: Lunch is at the Bailey Christian Church on November 11, 2021. 55 seniors are signed up. Fire Chief Dennis Deems has a guest speaker coming. White Linen Catering is providing turkey and mashed potatoes. Next Senior Lunch is December 9, 2021, at 11:00am.
3. Fire Department Report: Total incidents 13.
 - a. 36 hours continuous fire training for firefighters. Target Solutions has an instructor that does the class for our firefighters. Can do training at the station and at their homes. 2 firefighters are in the MFR. Costing us \$600.00 instead of \$300.00. MFR can't find instructors.
 - b. Waiting 25 to 30 minutes for ProMed to get to our residents. Trying to get Rockford Ambulance to service Casnovia Township.
 - c. Township is going to have an AED and we will have a training for the township board. We can have up to 25 people in the class.
4. Treasurer Report: USDA payment was made on October 1st in the amount of 10,410.62. Continuing to collect summer taxes. All Around Excavating is honoring the original quote for the Senior Snowplow Vouchers. Twenty-six seniors are participating in the program currently. October 27, 2021, we received \$144,756.50 from State of Michigan ARPA Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recover Fund.
5. Clerk Report: Jason Jorgensen motion to pay the bills Penny Muma seconded. Approved.
6. Zoning Administrator Report/PC Update Report: One Zoning Compliance Permits was issued. One land division permit issued.
7. Supervisor Report: None

Board Action Items-

1. Solar Ordinance: Motion to approve Solar Ordinance 2021-04 by Jason Jorgensen. Seconded by Penny Muma. Approved. Roll Call Vote 4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 absent. Unanimous. Passed.
2. Resolution 2021-07 for PA-116 #140, for Justin Kruithoff parcel # 61-13-016-100-0003-10 and 61-13-016-100-0003-20: Motion to approve PA-116 for Justin Kruithoff by Jason Jorgensen seconded by Penny Muma. Roll Call Vote 4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 absent. Approved.
3. All Around Excavating Snowplow bid: Motion to Approve All Around Excavating to Snowplow Township Properties by Rachelle Helmuth. Seconded by Jason Jorgensen. Approved.

Discussion Items-

1. Board Comments: Clerk Rachelle Helmuth brought up cemeteries and how we have been getting numerous complaints on grass on headstones, headstones being tipped over or shifted, trees growing in headstones and headstones sinking and missing footings. Boarded discussed concerns over the Cemetery budget.

Adjournment-

Motion to adjourn at 8:45p.m. by Penny Muma, Seconded by Jason Jorgensen. Next Meeting date December 13, 2021, at 7 p.m.

Rachelle Helmuth, Clerk