

Casnovia Township Regular Board Meeting for January 13, 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 Clerk Jennie Powell and Trustees Jason Jorgensen and Dan Winell. Also attending were Deputy Treasurer/Office Administrator Alicia Cole, Treasurer in Training Penny Muma, Commissioner Gary Foster and his wife, Peggy, Infrastructure representative Amanda White and 9 residents.

Public Comment: Paul Black commented that the Kenowa Ridge Wind legal complaints have been dismissed. Kelli and Jennie corrected him in saying that they have been turned over to the judge and are still waiting on his dismissal. Rick Sible suggested that we look at changing our special use permits to just permits. Deb VanderHoff agreed with Sible and added that anything that ruffles feathers should be brought to a vote as a township.

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

Motion to approve minutes of December 9,2019 made by Dan, second by Jason, passed.

REPORTS:

BASD report: Amanda gave a report that the sewer system has gotten worse. There was more work up and bacteria added, but no change. The drain field is being overused. Kelli is looking at a different system, a "lagoon" system, and also at government funding for help. We received an estimate from Sledgehammer for help. The board agreed that we should hire them.

Commissioner Gary Foster: Focus will be placed on Moore County Park in March. Also, ORV info will be coming soon.

Senior Resources Report: Alicia reported that the January luncheon had a nice turnout. February will bring the Valentine's Day meal and March will welcome a representative for Medicare Assistance Program.

Fire Dept. Report: Fire Chief Dennis Deems provided a list of 16 runs for the last month. Two new applicants will be working with the FD and hopefully be starting classes in September. The Health and Safety Officer resigned from the department, so they are looking to appoint a new one. Also looking at a replacement truck. Will have more info in the coming months. Just a reminder, there is "No open burning in Muskegon County".

Treasurer Report: None

Clerk Report: Presented by Jennie. Motion to accept report by Dan, second by Jason, passed.

Zoning Admin. Report: Written by ZA Emma Posillico from Fresh Coast Planning. Three zoning permits were issued. Zero property line adjustments, zero land combinations, zero land divisions applied for in December 2019. No new zoning enforcement for December 2019, two updated enforcement issues and 11 ongoing enforcement issues. No ZBA meeting in December. Meeting scheduled for January 21, 2020 to hear application to replace mobile home with mobile home. Planning Commission meeting scheduled for January 23, 2020 will continue to discuss process for updating Master Plan. Will also consider updates to Zoning Ordinance to regulate shipping containers and/or cargo containers as accessory structures. Public hearing scheduled to consider application for a special land use permit for sand and gravel mining/removal on Shaw Road.

Supervisor Report: Vacating the streets of Bailey, giving the info to the attorney to review. Caldwell would still like to meet to discuss medical marijuana facility. Board tabled until June.

Board Action Items:

1. Motion to set Board of Review Dates: Motion by Jennie, second by Dan, passed.
 - Monday, March 9, 2020, 9 to 12 and 1 to 4
 - Thursday, March 12, 2020, 9 to 12 and 6 to 9
2. Motion to set 2020 Poverty Exemption Income Guidelines – Resolution 2020-01, Motion by Dan, second by Jason, roll call vote, passed unanimously.
3. KCI/Kent Communications used for taxes and assessments, recommended by our assessor, Carl Schuitema. Motion by Dan to begin using this service, second by Jason, passed.
4. Appointment of new treasurer – Penny Muma - Resolution 2020-02, Motion by Jason, second by Kelli, roll call vote, passed unanimously.
5. Motion to appoint FD Chief Dennis Deems as the administrator of Senior Services made by Jennie, second by Dan, passed.

Discussion Items:

1. Board Comments: Jennie gave update on recall election, how much it will cost the township residents for the election including paying someone totally new to our township that will have to run the election starting from March 11 until the election is over. The Clerk and Deputy Clerk are not allowed to have any part in the recall election so the county has found someone to take care of it. Any questions about this election will have to be directed to the county clerk's office. Kelli brought up a CD renewal and asked opinion of the board as to whether or not we should let it roll over. Dan suggested that we let it roll over.
2. Next Regular Board Meeting – February 10, 2020 at 7PM.

Motion to adjourn at 7:56 PM by Dan, second by Jason, passed.

Jennie Powell, Clerk