

Casnovia Township Regular Board Meeting for March 12, 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, Treasurer Gayle Brock, Deputy Treasurer Ruth Ann Bull, Trustees Dan Winell and Jason Jorgensen and Fire Department Assistant Chief Andy Morey. Also attending were County Commissioner Gary Foster and his wife, Peggy, Executive Director for Pioneer Resources, Jill Bonthuis, Katie Ames from Ravenna Library and two residents.

Public Comment: Jill Bonthuis presented information on Pioneer Resources and requested help with communication of the activities. Katie Ames updated us on the different projects that are happening at the Ravenna Library and invited all to check out the changes. Eldon Clough expressed his concern that Pearl St. in Bailey needs attention.

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

Motion to approve February 12, 2018 minutes of Regular Board meeting: Motion by Dan, second by Jason, passed.

REPORTS:

BASD report: Report sent in to be read. Nestle/White met with township staff on February 8 to go over the sewer budget. No outstanding issues. All running well.

Commissioner Gary Foster informed us that Muskegon County is now "AA" rating. He spoke about DTE Test & Tune in Michigan and touched on the upcoming 911 fee (surcharge).

Fire Dept. Report: Fire Dept. Assistant Chief Andy Morey provided a list of Fire and EMS calls for the 17 incidents that occurred between 2/13 and 3/11. We are up to 41 calls YTD as compared to last year's 28 calls at this time. The S.O.P.s have been adopted. The F.D. air compressor is in need of replacing. Quotes to replace are anywhere from \$25,000 to \$50,000. Work on the budget is going well.

Treasurer Report: Given by Gayle. Motion to accept report by Jennie, second by Dan, passed. Tax collection is done.

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

Zoning Admin. Report: One permit issued. Working with Sempra Renewable on a Special Use Permit for MET tower. Planning commission meeting is March 22, 2018 at 7 PM and a Special

Planning Commission Meeting for the Special Use Permit scheduled for April 12, 2018 at 7 PM. Continuing to work with the TWP attorney on Conroy property.

Supervisor Report: Board of Review going on today and tomorrow. Township clean-up scheduled for Saturday, April 21, from 8-1 PM. Fuller Road project done, but will have more gravel brought in in the spring at no charge to the township. Because our assessor takes care of 91 parcels in the Village of Casnovia, we have asked the village to assist with paying his salary. We should be receiving a rebate from the state from West Michigan Broadband.

Board Action Items:

1. Motion to increase sewer revenues to \$40/unit effective with the June 2018 bill, motion by Dan, second by Jennie, passed.
2. Motion to add 2 additional units to sewer bills (transitional house and Bailey church), which comes to 68 units at \$40 per month = \$32,640. Motion by Dan, second by Jennie, passed.
3. Motion to approve 2018 Brine Program with MCRC for \$32,756.50. Motion by Jennie, second by Dan, passed.

Discussion Items:

1. Board comments: Clerk and Deputy Clerk had one day of election training. One more half day to go. Election scheduled May 8th for Kent City Schools. Received the Debit Card from the bank already.
2. Next board meeting – March 26, 2018, beginning with the Budget Public Hearing at 6:30 PM. Regular Business Meeting to follow.

Motion to adjourn at 8:38 PM – Jennie, second by Dan, passed.

Jennie Powell, Clerk