

Casnovia Township Regular Board Meeting for March 9, 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, Trustees Dan Winell and Jason Jorgensen. Treasurer Penny Muma was absent. Also attending were Deputy Treasurer/Office Administrator Alicia Cole, Fire Chief Dennis Deems, Commissioner Gary Foster and his wife, Peggy, and 2 residents.

Public Comment: Resident Steve Sower questioned why the board is looking into changing the number of the Planning Commission members from 5 to 7. Kelli answered that this way we would have enough people on the board at meetings, even if a couple can't make it to a meeting. Also, more members will bring more ideas and advice for situations.

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

Motion to approve minutes of February 10, 2020 made by Jason, second by Dan, approved.

REPORTS:

BASD report: None

Commissioner Gary Foster: No Report

Senior Resources Report: Alicia reported that the February Valentine's luncheon had an attendance of 44 guests, less than expected due to the weather. March has 60 people signed up to hear a speaker for the Michigan Medicare Assistance Program. April will bring a speaker on Alzheimer's.

Fire Dept. Report: Fire Chief Dennis Deems provided a list of 14 runs for the last month. A new door was installed at the fire department along with garage door opener at the cemetery building. The annual FD breakfast is scheduled for Sunday, May 17, Still working on the Senior Millage program to give assistance to seniors that don't get help elsewhere.

Treasurer Report: No Report, Treasurer family emergency.

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. Zero zoning permits were issued. Zero property line adjustments, zero land combinations, zero land divisions applied for in February 2020. No new zoning enforcement issue for February 2020. Updated enforcement issue at 500 Peters Road and 11 ongoing enforcement issues. No ZBA

meeting in February. The Planning Commission met on February 27 to continue discussing updates to the Master Plan. Also continued discussion on storage containers as accessory structures. The PC agreed to modifications to the draft, and scheduled the draft Zoning Ordinance text amendment for public hearing at their March 26, 2020 meeting. Zoning Administrator Posillico explained that current zoning enforcement is complaint-driven, and the Township does not seek out violations.

Supervisor Report: Meeting with attorney found out that we need to send back the remaining \$\$ from the wind turbine account. Working on revising the Master Plan. ICON industries would like to speak to the board about opening a marijuana processing facility. Will look into May for a presentation.

Board Action Items:

1. 2020 Brine program \$34,466.85, Motion to approve by Jennie, second by Jason, passed.
2. Budget Review
3. Sewer Increase, resolution 2020-05, Motion by Dan, second by Jason, roll call vote 4 yes and 1 absent, approved.
4. Ordinance 2020-01 to change the Planning Commission Ordinance: to amend 5 members to 7. Motion by Dan, second by Jennie, roll call vote, 4 yes, 1 absent, approved.

Discussion Items:

1. Board Comments: Jennie reminded all of the election tomorrow.
2. Township Clean up April 18, 2020 from 8-1.
3. Next Regular Board Meeting – March 30, 2020 starting with the Special Budget Public Hearing at 6:30 PM.

Motion to adjourn at 8:29 PM by Jennie, second by Jason, passed.

Jennie Powell, Clerk