

Casnovia Township Regular Board Meeting for May 14, 2018

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Regular Board Meeting called to order at 7:01 PM by Supervisor Kelli Ashbaugh with the Pledge of Allegiance. Those present were Clerk Jennie Powell, Deputy Treasurer Ruth Ann Bull, Trustees Dan Winell and Jason Jorgensen and Fire Department Chief Dennis Deems. Also attending was Commissioner Gary Foster, two representatives from Sempra, candidate for commissioner, Ken Ferrier, and three residents.

Public Comment: Ken Ferrier introduced himself as a candidate for County Commissioner. Resident John Follett suggested that we have gravel put on the roads this year instead of ditching. Resident George Rusco had complaints about the county not keeping the roads in good shape. A road commission meeting was scheduled for Wednesday and he planned on attending to voice his complaint. Resident Valentina Ramos expressed her disappointment with the increase in the sewer bills for the Bailey residents.

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

Motion to approve March 26, 2018 minutes of the Budget & Regular Board meeting: Motion by Dan, second by Jason, passed.

REPORTS:

BASD report: Sent in March and April reports. April events included response to 3 High Water Alarms. Arrived and checked unit with no indication of a high water situation. All appeared normal.

Commissioner Gary Foster: Some budget talks going on right now. Will research ways to possibly getting a grant for the sewer.

Fire Dept. Report: Chief Dennis Deems supplied a list of 23 runs for the last month. One student graduating the academy June 29. Would like a badge pinning ceremony at our July Board meeting and every time a student graduates. Possibly 2 new recruits starting in September. All gauges have been replaced. Tony Morey just passed a SCBA class. Firemen's breakfast is Sunday, May 20, 8-11 AM. Chief Deems expressed his happiness with the fire fighters. All doing a great job taking care of their calls and helping with others.

Treasurer Report: Given by RuthAnn. Motion to accept report by Jason, second by Dan, passed.

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: No report available.

Supervisor Report: Met with Resident Valentina Ramos to explain the sewer budget. Has been working on getting meetings on the windmills. Worked with RuthAnn on application for Senior Millage Grant for our township.

Board Action Items:

1. Motion to approve the Planning Commission's recommendation of a MET tower at James Wolters' made by Dan, second by Jason, passed.
2. Motion to allow Fire Department to purchase a new Bauer Compressor and Fill Station for \$33,746.94 from the FD Equipment fund, made by Jennie, second by Dan, passed.
3. Rules for Public Comment Resolution tabled due to more research on Public Comment only, motion by Dan, second by Jennie, passed.
4. Credit Card Policy Resolution 2018 – 04, motion made by Dan, second by Jason, roll call vote, passed.
5. Update Township Board Members
 - a. Planning Commission – Todd Willick, Kim Anderson, and Craig Montgomery 3 year term, motion by Jen, second by Dan, passed.
 - b. Zoning Board of Appeals – Jack Hoffman (1 yr), Dan Winell (2 yrs), Carrie Marlatt (3 yrs), still need an alternate. Motion by Jennie, second by Jason, passed.
 - c. Eliminate Construction Board of Appeals – not voted on, tabled until more information.

Discussion Items:

1. Board comments: Election on May 8th for Kent City Schools, two proposals. Election went well. Township audit was conducted on April 30th. All was good.
2. Next board meeting – June 11, 2018

Motion to adjourn at 8:13 PM – Dan, second by Jennie, passed.

Jennie Powell, Clerk