

Casnovia Township Regular Board Meeting for November 11, 2019

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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, Treasurer Gayle Brock, Trustees Dan Winell and Jason Jorgensen, and Fire Department Assistant Chief Andy Morey. Also attending were Township Attorney Catherine Kaufman, Attorney Craig Noland, Commissioner Gary Foster and his wife, Peggy, AEP Associates and many residents.

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

Motion to approve October 14, 2019 minutes of the Regular Board meeting. Motion by Gayle, second by Jason, passed.

Public Comment: Entered into Public Comment 3 emails. No other public comment.

REPORTS:

BASD report: Working with Randy Redmer from Rapid Flush and Peter Brink from P&N, discussing Terra Lifting and addition of micro-biology to system. Water level has been lowered since procedure was completed. Flows into the system have still exceeded its design every day in the month of October.

Commissioner Gary Foster: Thanked Veterans. Spoke about passing a new senior millage opportunity pilot program. Answered question from audience.

Senior Resources Report: Senior Luncheon will take place Thursday. With Ruth Ann retiring, there's hope that someone will step up and take over the planning of the luncheons.

Fire Dept. Report: Assistant Fire Chief Andy Morey provided a list of 10 runs for the last month. Address signs and smoke detectors are available at no cost to the township residents. Contact the Township Hall to request them.

Treasurer Report: Presented by Gayle. Motion to accept report by Jennie, second by Dan, passed.

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

Zoning Admin. Report: Written by ZA Emma Posillico from Fresh Coast Planning. Two zoning permits were issued. Two property line adjustments, zero land combinations, one land division applied for or approved in October 2019. Thirteen zoning enforcements for October 2019. No

ZBA meeting in October. Planning Commission regular meeting October 24, 2019 rescheduled for November 21, 2019.

Supervisor Report: Kelli referred to Catherine Kaufman, twp. attorney, to speak about the request of a resident to have a grow facility for medical marijuana at ICON Industries location. More information will be presented at a later board meeting.

Board Action Items:

1. Approval to continue working with Douglas Hughes at Gravis Law, PLLC. Motion to continue working with Douglas Hughes made by Dan, second by Jason, passed.
2. Retirement letter from Ruth Ann Bull. Motion to approve by Dan, second by Jason, passed. Ruth Ann has been with the township for over 20 years and will be greatly missed by many.
3. Closed session with Attorney to discuss pending litigations: AEP v Casnovia Township and Jonithan/Jennifer Armstrong, et al v Casnovia Township. Motion to go into closed session at 7:30 by Jennie, second by Dan, roll call vote, all yes, passed.
4. Motion to come out of Closed Session at 8:26 by Jennie, second by Dan, passed.
5. Catherine confirmed with AEP that the settlement that was given to the township board members was to be voted on as a "yes" or "no" at the meeting. Also, that the settlement would be available for anyone to review, so it would be posted on the township website. Dan began discussion on the settlement and Jason made the motion to deny the settlement as it was presented to the board, but that all attorneys will continue communications. Seconded by Dan. More discussion by the board. All were disappointed that even more of the conditions that were listed in the April 23 approval of the SUP were changed or removed in the new settlement. Roll call vote with a unanimous "no" to the settlement, but the attorneys WILL continue communications.

Discussion Items:

1. Board Comments: None
2. Next Regular Board Meeting – December 9, 2019.

Motion to adjourn at 8:34 PM by Dan, second by Jennie, passed.

Jennie Powell, Clerk