

Casnovia Township Regular Board Meeting for October 14, 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, Trustee 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. Trustee Dan Winell was absent.

Motion to approve Amended Agenda: Motion by Jennie to approve with additions to Board Action Items, second by Gayle. Passed.

Motion to approve September 9, 2019 minutes of the Regular Board meeting, September 26 and October 9, 2019 Special Meetings: Motion by Gayle, second by Jason, passed.

Public Comment: Entered into Public Comment 58 emails, 5 letters, 9 signatures. Five residents spoke on the Ordinance and Extension Request on agenda under “Board Action Items”, AEP representative Buz Schott requested a short extension, Resident Tom Jacobs, and John Siggerud and Mark Caldwell from Compassion Cultivation, spoke of the desire to redevelop property on Canada Road.

REPORTS:

BASD report: Collected samples for testing, All Around Excavating graded zone 1; Sludge Hammer working on quote for tanks; flows to treatment site are nearly maxed out; lab testing showed typical loading for a municipal waste; water softener backwash affecting sodium and chloride levels; fats, oils and greases were not of concern.

Commissioner Gary Foster: Took questions from the audience and explained “Sanctuary”.

Senior Resources Report: Jennie spoke of the Senior Luncheon that took place last Thursday. Being short on help this month didn’t hurt too much as people stepped up to fill in for our regular volunteers as well as other senior residents volunteering to help whenever it is needed.

Fire Dept. Report: Assistant Fire Chief Andy Morey provided a list of 10 runs for the last month, with YTD total of 147. Because of the FD truck sabotage, locking gas caps have been installed on the trucks. The Ham Supper saw about 430 people and brought in about \$5500, after all bills were paid. The water softener in the FD will be removed as it is not needed anymore. Address signs are now available at no cost to the township residents. Contact the Township Hall to request one.

Treasurer Report: Presented by Gayle. Motion to accept report by Kelli, second by Jason, passed.

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

Zoning Admin. Report: Written by ZA Emma Posillico from Fresh Coast Planning. Five zoning permits were issued. Zero property line adjustments, land combinations, or land divisions applied for or approved in September 2019. Fourteen zoning enforcements for September 2019. No ZBA meeting in September. Planning Commission regular meeting September 26 and special meeting October 3. Revised ordinance for wind energy. Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend approving new wind energy ordinance. Twp Attorney advised that NCRESA antenna tower at Fire Department should be reviewed under a standard zoning permit.

Supervisor Report: None

Board Action Items:

1. Amendment of Casnovia Township Zoning Ordinance # 2019-04. Motion to approve Ordinance #2019-04 made by Kelli, second by Jason, passed with roll call vote 4 yes, 1 absent.
2. 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 by Jennie, second by Jason, roll call vote, all yes, passed.
3. Motion to come out of Closed Session by Jennie, second by Gayle, passed.
4. Extension Request for Kenowa Ridge Wind Project. Motion to DENY request made by Kelli, as there has been no activity from AEP in the past 6 months. Second by Jason, Discussion, none by Gayle, none by Jason, Jennie disheartened with the lack of activity from AEP, but still thinks this project would be a good opportunity for the township. Roll call vote: Brock, yes; Winell, absent; Jorgensen, yes; Ashbaugh, yes, Powell, no. Passed to DENY the extension 3/1.
5. Snow Plow Contract Renewal with All Around Excavating, motion by Kelli, second by Gayle, all yes, passed.

Discussion Items:

1. Board Comments: Election in November for Grant and Kent City Schools. Absentee Ballots are available to anyone.
2. Next Regular Board Meeting – November's Board Meeting is on Veteran's Day, November 11. The township will be closed during the day, but the Board Meeting will still be held.
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Motion to adjourn at 8:08 PM by Gayle, second by Jennie, passed.

Jennie Powell, Clerk