

**Casnovia Township Regular Board Meeting for
July 8th, 2024 at 7:00 PM**

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Regular Public Hearing: called to order with Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 PM by Supervisor Kelli Ashbaugh

Members Present: Supervisor Kelli Ashbaugh, Clerk Carrie Marlatt, Treasurer Penny Muma, Trustee Jason Jorgensen, Trustee Todd Willick, Fire Chief David Jones

Members Absent: None

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve Agenda with additions of Abrahams property and ORV Ordinance made by Willick, supported by Jorgensen; CARRIED.

Motion to approve minutes: of June 10th, 2024, motion made by Jorgensen, supported by Willick; CARRIED.

Public Comment: Began at 7:05 PM with 10 in attendance. Issues regarding PA233 with ordinance review, Rexford Drain improvement costs to Township and residents, prospective real estate evaluation policies and cemetery ordinance compliance were discussed. Public Comment ended at 7:20 PM

REPORTS:

1. **FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

Chief Jones presented the Incident Run Log; 18 calls for June 11th, 2024 – July 8th, 2024 reporting. Noted that two cadets have fully passed the academy. Potential practice burns were reviewed with consideration to potential denials. Advised that two officers have recently left the department.

2. **SENIOR RESOURCES:** Dinner on June 19th, 2024 was catered by the Fire Department with 50 residents in attendance. The next dinner will be catered by White Linen Catering and will take place on July 11th, 2024 at the Bailey Christian Church.

3. **TREASURER:**

Muma presented the treasurer’s report. Reviewed fund balances, delinquent personal property tax, committed 2024 tax database, and other necessary updates. Muma attended the Day of Review of Draining District Boundaries and Review of Apportionments at the Muskegon County Water Resources Commissioner’s Office on

07/01/2024 and relayed pertinent information pertaining to the Rexford Lake Intercounty Drain during public comment.

4. CLERK:

Marlatt presented bills and payroll for payment approval. Motion made by Jorgensen to approve payments, seconded by Ashbaugh; CARRIED.

5. ZONING REPORT:

Ashbaugh presented the June 2024 Zoning Administrator Reports

- a. Denny Abrahams property: Board addressed concerns with properties on Peters and Newaygo Roads. Matters pertaining to the clean-up progress were discussed, and the Board instructed Mr. Abrahams that re-assessment will occur next month and will be reviewed at the August 12th Board meeting. Noted the Township is ready to move forward with legal action. Additionally, hazard concerns for buckets of concrete in the road right of way were expressed at Peters Rd property. The Board has agreed to allow the return of a truck and tractor from the previously court-ordered property clean-up to Mr. Abrahams at the owner's expense.

6. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Ashbaugh presented the June Sewer Report noting flow summary. Working with USDA on compliance and reimbursement for PER. Noted power failure at the gas station including generator run issues for sewer pump station. Resources were contacted to identify and resolve. Two Miss Diggs were requested. Discussed recent complaints due to Muskegon County Road Commission mowing and tree clearing concerns from residents.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS:

1. Resolution 2024-07 Cemetery Plot Ownership Reversion, George Baker. Motion made by Willick, seconded by Ashbaugh; ROLL CALL; CARRIED.
2. Resolution 2024-08 Cemetery Plot Ownership Reversion, Jay Stockdale. Motion made by Willick, seconded by Jorgensen; ROLL CALL; CARRIED.
3. Ordinance 2024- Ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance of the Township of Casnovia PONDS AND ARTIFICIAL BODIES OF WATER – Sent back to P/C for further development citing concerns of fencing, grade, and final approval criteria
4. Ordinance 2024- Ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance of the Township of Casnovia ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS – Motion to deny made by Willick, seconded by Jorgensen; MOTION FAILED TO PASS ^BOARD DOES NOT SUPPORT TWO DWELLINGS ON ONE PARCEL OF LAND
5. Present ORV Ordinance – discussed and asked the Board for further review
6. Audit Review - No issues found



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DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Board Comments: Ashbaugh expressed concern over the Township Assessors' duties to review parcels and public conflict. Looking to use ARPA funds for necessary tree removal at all cemeteries. Unable to reach the deadline for adding a road millage to November's election.
2. Next Regular Board Meeting – August 12th, 2024, at 7 PM.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 8:10 PM by Willick, seconded by Jorgensen; CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,
Carrie Marlatt, Clerk