

**Casnovia Township Special Board Meeting for
August 14th, 2024 at 6:00 PM**

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Regular Public Hearing: called to order with Pledge of Allegiance at 6:00 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

Public Comment: Began at 6:02 PM. Eldon Clough, 811 Canada Rd, Casnovia, spoke on designated ARPA monies to sewer. Paul Black, 210 Canada Rd, Casnovia, asked about Fire Department APRA funds including priorities in spending. David Versluis, 2375 S. Peters Rd, Casnovia, commented on grant funding for Bailey Sewer and other sewer matters. Judy Behler, 1097 Peters, Bailey, inquired on potential repercussion on the original sewer installer. Dave Behler, 1097 Peters, Bailey, questioned on Health Department's role in failed infrastructure. Public Comment ended at 6:10 PM

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve Agenda made by Willick, supported by Jorgensen; CARRIED.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS:

1. Fire Barn Property – Van Andel / Franger
 - a. Accept offer to purchase property & all cost for related including survey (boundary & topographical), additional environmental, land division, purchase agreement by attorney, title and sales tax. Motion made by Willick, supported by Marlatt; CARRIED
 - b. Appoint representative to sign purchase agreement. Motion to approve Supervisor and Clerk as parties involved made by Ashbaugh, supported by Willick; CARRIED
 - c. Hire surveyors – Two quotes provided. Motion to approve Newaygo Engineering & Survey made by Ashbaugh, supported by Willick; CARRIED
2. Bailey Sewer System – Amanda White, representative of Michigan Rural Water spoke on behalf of the Bailey Sewer System. Stated her role started in 2016, she is paid by the USDA & Certified. Public comment commenced.
3. ARPA Funding – Ashbaugh presented proposed use of ARPA Monies. Stated uses include Sewer, Cemetery tree removal, Cemetery improvements and proposed new Fire Department property purchase. Board has agreed to obtain quotes for tree



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removal at cemeteries, obtain 3rd quote for A/C & furnace compliance and request 2 quotes for two MDOT driveway entrance at new fire barn property. Sewer pumps and cleaning to remove sludge from system was also discussed as potential use of funds. All board members offered ideas to spend remaining ARPA funds and allowed public input. Mentioned items were cemetery fencing & brush removal.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Board Comments: Public Comment was expressed asking to create resolution to distribute board packets to board members prior to meetings. Supervisor was asked to release draft agenda with appropriate time to prepare packets.
2. Next Regular Board Meeting – September 9th, 2024, at 7 PM.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 7:49 PM by Jorgensen, seconded by Muma; CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,
Carrie Marlatt, Clerk