

**Casnovia Township Special Board Meeting for
October 31st, 2024 at 3:30 PM**

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Regular Public Hearing: called to order with Pledge of Allegiance at 3:30 PM by Supervisor Kelli Ashbaugh

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

Members Absent: Treasurer Penny Muma

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

Public Comment: Public Comment was opened by Ashbaugh giving brief purpose of meeting at 3:32 PM, with approx. 22 attendees. Dave VerSluis, 2375 S. Peters, addressed his background as a realtor and suggested purchasing the fire department property under a Right of Refusal rather than the Restrictive Covenant. Paul Back, 210 Canada Rd. also introduced his past realtor experience agreeing with Mr. VerSluis’ request for RORF. Judy Behler N. Behler Rd, asked to define Restrictive Covenant. Marlatt read line item 1 (Restrictive Covenant) as written. Secondly, Behler questioned why was the covenant added and if we could ask for more detail from the seller. Paul Black asked for equal time and spoke of the township lawyer's take of RORF. Communicated on the stakes of entering into such an agreement and spoke on board involvement. Al Stuart spoke with displeasure toward the board's poor communication. Eldon Clough, Canada Rd, questioned why the sellers imposed such a covenant and if discussion was had in regards to all permissible functions related. Dave VerSluis, advised that when these are imposed last minute there's good reason, and he'd like to know why. Ann Millet passionately spoke on the need for a new fire station including the disappointment in delay with costing the township additional funds. Public comment ended at 3:53 PM

BOARD ACTION ITEMS:

1. Fire Department Land Purchase
 - a. Approve Purchase Agreement. Motion made by Willick, supported by Jorgensen. Voice Vote Ayes 3, Nays 1 with Marlatt asking to note her unfavorable vote due to the addition of the Restrictive Covenant needing more clear definition; Motion to Approve CARRIED.
 - b. Approve Restrictive Covenant. Motion made by Willick, supported by Jorgensen. Voice Vote Ayes 3, Nays 1 again with Marlatt asking to note her



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unfavorable vote due to the addition of the Restrictive Covenant needing more clear definition; Motion to Approve CARRIED.

- c. Request Check to be ready by 10:00 AM Monday 11/4/2024. Tabled as Ashbaugh needs to put together exact cost of purchase including title cost.
- d. Appoint Representative to sign all contracts for purchase of property. Discussion from Marlatt asking to be recused from original signee agreement. Motion by Willick to appoint Ashbaugh sole signee, supported by Jorgensen. Voice vote Ayes 3, Nays 0

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Board Comments: None
2. Next Regular Board Meeting – November 11th, 2024, at 7 PM.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 4:08 by Willick, seconded by Jorgensen; CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,
Carrie Marlatt, Clerk