

**Casnovia Township Regular Board Meeting for
January 13th, 2025 at 7:00 PM**

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Regular Public Hearing: called to order with Pledge of Allegiance at 7:04 PM by Supervisor Paul Black

Members Present: Supervisor Paul Black, Clerk Carrie Marlatt, Treasurer Penny Muma

Members Absent: None

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve Agenda made by Muma, supported by Marlatt; Voice Vote 5 Ayes, Nays 0; CARRIED.

Motion to approve minutes: of the December 9th, 2024, Regular Board Meeting, December 18th Special Meeting with the correction of a public commenters name & December 23rd Special Meeting. Motion to approve with correction made by Marlatt, supported by Muma; Voice Vote 3 Ayes, Nays 0; CARRIED.

Supervisor Comment: Paul Black opened with the introduction of a Muskegon County Sheriff's Deputy for the purpose of meeting order.

REPORTS:

1. FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Jones presented the Incident Run Log; 22 calls for December 10th, 2024 – January 13th, 2025 reporting. Spoke on multiple mechanical issues with Engine 320. Informed the Board of one cadet passing MFR course. Discussed budget with intentions to purchase new brush truck. The Chief would like to begin the process of researching architectural companies for new building construction in which Black suggested board discussion through a work session. Also noted was the brush pile at the new property location to be a controlled burn. Muma asked to notify neighboring residents out of courtesy.

2. SENIOR RESOURCES: December 12th, 2024 & January 9th, 2025 Senior Lunch Reports were submitted and presented by Black. Next dinner will take place on February 13th, 2025 at the Bailey Christian Church.

3. TREASURER:

Muma presented the Treasurer's Report discussing December 2024 account balances. Also noted the appointment of Kathryn Brooks as Deputy Treasurer to perform the duties of internally transferring funds, signing checks and making deposits.



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4. CLERK:

Marlatt prepared bills and payroll for payment approval. Motion made by Marlatt to approve, supported by Muma; Voice Vote 3 Ayes, Nays 0; CARRIED.

5. ZONING REPORT:

Black presented the December 2024 Zoning Administrator Report. Noted the upcoming transition of the Zoning Administrator through Fresh Coast Planning with continuous enforcement.

6. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Black spoke on his meeting involving a representative of Moolenaar's office with an update of potential grant funding for new fire dept. building as they are currently in a holding pattern until the final fiscal year 2025 appropriations bills become law. Black acknowledged the hiring of a licensed sewer operator and now being in compliance through EGLE in regard to that specific violation but released the response from EGLE that previous years DMR submittals from Rural Waters does not fulfill the requirement to have the wastewater facility under the direct supervision of a certified operator. Black discovered emails dating back to November 17, 2023 where Prein & Newhof stated multiple options to rehabilitate current system and will meet to discuss with the firm along with F&V. He discussed a quote from Mission Communications for the replacement of modules with cost. Also, he would like to move forward with the purchase of a back-up pump as our system is currently down one, only running on one pump. Lastly, bringing to the boards attention that American Classic will impose a fee for mattress/box spring disposal for the upcoming spring clean-up. Further discussion needed on matter of charging residents or not allowing disposal.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS:

1. Resolution 2025-01 Resolution to Support Local Control and Claim Appeal Against Michigan Public Service Commission Order. Motion to approve made by Marlatt, supported by Muma; Roll Call Vote Ayes 3, Nays 0; CARRIED.
2. Notice of upcoming Board of Review training, Wednesday, February 5th, 2025 located at the Muskegon Innovation Hub, 200 Viridian Dr. Muskegon.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Board Comments: Black informed the Board that both Trustee's failed to comply with their statutory duties pertaining to the Statute of taking Oath of Office by January 1st, 2025. This results in the vacating of positions. He stated that the vacant seats will be posted on the website for those interested and a public work session will be held to prioritize filling of the seats.
2. Next Regular Board Meeting – February 10th, 2025, at 7:00 PM.



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Public Comment:

Began at 7:39PM

Norbert Denhof, Laketon Ave. spoke on behalf Trustee vacancies

James Zeits, Newaygo Rd. requested environmental impact statement from the township for the new fire department location well and concerns with controlled burn of brush next to propane tank.

Judy Behler, S. Peters Rd. asked the Board to be more transparent, including budgets.

Chuck Marlatt, Newaygo Rd. Disagreed with the inability to fix current F/D brush truck by licensed mechanic and thanked the Board for their recent efforts related to the Bailey Sewer District.

John Behler, White Rd. questioned the funding for the Senior dinners.

Norbert Denhof, Laketon Ave. questioned if Sewer Operator will make decisions pertaining to the system and acknowledged the audience for budget transparency with the clerk and treasurer readily available to disclose that information.

Jim Millet, Canada Rd spoke on behalf Trustee vacancies

Jewel Stark, Bailey Rd, spoke on behalf Trustee vacancies

Jason Jorgensen, Bailey Rd, spoke on behalf Trustee vacancies

Public Comment closed at 7:54

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 7:55 PM by Marlatt, seconded by Muma; CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,
Carrie Marlatt, Clerk