



## Casnovia Township Offices

245 South Canada Rd. / Casnovia, MI 49318

### Casnovia Township Regular Board Meeting for February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 7:00 PM

*“This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.”*

**Regular Public Hearing:** called to order with Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 PM by Supervisor Paul Black

**Members Present:** Supervisor Paul Black, Clerk Carrie Marlatt, Treasurer Penny Muma & Attorney Laura Genovich (Foster & Swift)

**Members Absent:** None

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve Agenda made by Muma, supported by Marlatt; Voice Vote 3 Ayes, Nays 0; CARRIED.

**Motion to approve minutes:** of the January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Regular Board Meeting made by Marlatt, supported by Muma; Voice Vote 3 Ayes, Nays 0; CARRIED.

#### REPORTS:

1. **FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

Chief Jones presented the Incident Run Log; 15 calls for January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025 reporting. Discussed conversations with the Supervisor pertaining to the replacement of the Brush Truck and researching to determine an architect to best fit the needs of the future fire department building process so the township is prepared once funding is available.

2. **SENIOR RESOURCES:** No Report

3. **TREASURER:**

Muma presented the Treasurer’s Report reviewing January’s account balance summaries.

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 January 2025 Zoning Administrator Report.



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### 6. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Black stated the implementation of the new licensed sewer operator with the intentions of assessing the current system and create a plan to satisfy outstanding EGLE violations. Referenced correspondence with the EGLE website and information that was not formally submitted dated 11/20/2025. He spoke on daily monitoring of sump pumps to determine if they are being used and information to be transferred to EGLE. Also, the calibration of systems will be evaluated for flow data accuracy.

**\*\*Motion to suspend the 3 minute rule for discussion per Board Action Item, and reserve all commenting to open public comment observed time per agenda in attempts to streamline meeting, introduced by Attorney Genovich. Motion made by Muma, seconded by Marlatt; Voice Vote Ayes 3, Nays 0; CARRIED**

### BOARD ACTION ITEMS:

1. Resolution 2025-02 Resolution to Adopt Poverty Exemption Guidelines 2025. Motion to approve made by Marlatt, supported by Muma; Roll Call Vote Ayes 3, Nays 0; CARRIED.
2. Resolution 2025-03 Resolution to Approve the Suggested Wage Increase for Budget Year 2025-2026. Motion to approve made by Marlatt, supported by Muma; Roll Call Vote Ayes 3, Nays 0; CARRIED.
3. Resolution 2025-04 Resolution to Adopt Residents Ability to Protest Tax Assessments in Writing . Motion to approve made by Marlatt, supported by Black; Roll Call Vote Ayes 3, Nays 0; CARRIED.
4. 2025 Commercial Insurance Policy thru BHS. Motion to approve made by Marlatt, supported by Black; Voice Vote Ayes 3, Nays 0; CARRIED.
5. Delinquent Sewer Accounts \$11,749.97. Motion to approve adding arrearages to Summer Tax bills made by Marlatt, supported by Muma; Voice Vote Ayes 3, Nays 0; CARRIED.
6. 2025 Senior Allocation Submittal. Motion to submit to County made by Marlatt, supported by Black; Voice Vote Ayes 3, Nays 0; CARRIED.
7. Notice of Board of Review Dates
  - a. Monday March 10<sup>th</sup> 9am-12pm & 1pm-4pm
  - b. Wednesday March 12<sup>th</sup> 9am-12pm & 6pm-9pm
8. Notice of Budget Timeline
  - a. March 10<sup>th</sup> budget workshop after Regular Meeting
  - b. March 24<sup>th</sup> Special Budget Public Hearing at 7:00PM
9. 2025 Township Mowing contract / approval to seek bids. Motion for Clerk to seek bids made by Muma, supported by Black; Roll Call Vote Ayes 3, Nays 0; CARRIED.



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### 10. Appointment of vacant trustee seats per board vote

- a. Resolution 2025-05 Resolution to Appoint Jason Jorgensen to fill vacant Trustee to the Township Board of Trustees. Motion to approve made by Marlatt, supported by Muma; Roll Call Vote Ayes 3, Nays 0; CARRIED.
- b. Resolution 2025-06 Resolution to Appoint Todd Willick to fill vacant Trustee to the Township Board of Trustees. Motion to approve made by Marlatt, supported by Muma; Roll Call Vote Ayes 2, Nays 1; CARRIED.

### **Public Comment:**

#### **Public Comment Opened at 7:52 PM**

Todd Willick, thanked the Board for their decision to fill vacant trustee seats.

Deb VanderHoff, thanked the Board for their decision to fill vacant trustee seats and spoke on Senior Dinner concerns with new flooring at Bailey Christian Church.

Randy Carter / Jeff Pole spoke in regards to a possible township resolution on the Convention of States Article (5).

George Rusco, remarked of the township's 3 minute public comment rule. Also, remarks towards Township funds and the Bailey Sewer.

Jerry Walter, expressed upcoming road commission activities and places in which published for community notice.

Jack Hoffman, spoke on delinquent sewer funds

Hannah Reed, requested attorney costs in conjunction with having attorneys present at recent meetings.

Pam Afton, spoke on behalf of vacant trustee seats

Amanda White, read a synopsis of her life's achievements from serving the military to working with Rural Water.

Sharron, continued Amanda White's speech provided on laptop

Kristy Trent, continued Amanda White's speech provided on laptop

Sherry W, spoke on behalf of vacant trustee seats targeted towards the attorney present

Judy Behler, spoke on behalf of vacant trustee seats.

Terry Jorgensen, approached the Board table in regards to vacant trustee seats.

Esther VanLoon, finished the public commentary by asking to be neighborly.

#### **Public Comment Ended at 8:16PM**

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

1. Board Comments: None
2. Next Regular Board Meeting – March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 7:00 PM.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn at 8:17 PM by Marlatt, seconded by Muma; CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carrie Marlatt, Clerk