

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

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**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, Trustee Jason Jorgensen and Trustee Todd Willick

**Members Absent:** Treasurer Penny Muma

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve Agenda made by Jorgensen, supported by Willick; Voice Vote 4 Ayes, Nays 0; CARRIED.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Special Board Meeting February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025 & Special Board Meeting February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025 made by Marlatt, supported by Jorgensen; Voice Vote 4 Ayes, Nays 0; CARRIED.

**REPORTS:**

1. **FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

Chief Jones presented the Incident Run Log; 20 calls for February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025 reporting. Discussed next fiscal year's budget increase needed to support bi-annual firefighters' health physicals. Affirmed the purchase of the new brush truck with additional costs involved with lettering and skid unit to be assessed. Also, advised the board of the intentions of burning the brush pile on the new property in April.

2. **SENIOR RESOURCES:** Dinner on February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025 was catered by Red Rock with 67 residents in attendance. The supervisor thanked those involved with set-up, décor and take-down. The next dinner will be catered by Red Rock and will take place on March 13<sup>th</sup> at the Bailey Christian Church.

3. **TREASURER:** No Report

4. **CLERK:** No Report, will be provided at next meeting.

5. **ZONING REPORT:**

Black presented the February 2025 Zoning Administrator Report. He addressed the time and costs involved with addressing ordinance violations.

**6. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:**

Black spoke on three specific topics. First being the current road conditions and his recent conversation with Muskegon County Road Commission. Frost in ground being an issue but the County relayed their intention to begin repairing this week. Black stated that he will further discuss infrastructure-related issues with the county for road improvements. Second topic relating to his trip to Lansing for the Yearly Michigan Township Association Meeting with the main observance of Michigan's new sick pay law and PA233 and energy grid concerns. Lastly, a Bailey Sewer update with EGLE acknowledging one of the violations now being compliant with its obligation to maintain the system by a certified operator and the remaining unaddressed outstanding sewer violation notices.

**BOARD ACTION ITEMS:**

1. 2025 Brine Programs for review: Supervisor Black provided two quotes with discussion.
2. 2025 Cemetery/ Township Mowing estimates for review: Clerk Marlatt provided three quotes with discussion.
3. Notice of Township Clean-up
  - a. April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Saturday, 8AM-2PM Location: 577 Canada Rd.  
Supervisor Black discussed the growing list of items that would require a fee for disposal including mattresses, box springs, couches and love seats. Board discussion on not allowing these items to be accepted at site. Also discussion of a trailer for tire disposal, ongoing.
4. Budget Review presented by Supervisor for discussion. Supervisor Black discussed wage increase through zoning administrator contract with Fresh Coast Planning. Clerk Marlatt commented on increases in insurance, utilities and the need to cover Casnovia's portion of the combined early voting costs, with the county assessing at approximately \$2500.00. Black and Marlatt are in the process of working with the auditor and Mr. Clough to get a better understanding of revenue in all departments.

**Public Comment:**

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

Santiago introduced himself as a representative of the Muskegon County Public Health Department and spoke of opportunities available to those in our community.

Deb VanderHoff spoke on frustration over road conditions on Peters Rd.

John Behler spoke on frustration over road conditions on Behler and Trent Roads.

Jack Hoffman spoke on the Brine programs with application of products chemical being the of same formulation, in which Supervisor Black stated not the case. Hoffman referred to in the



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past using a company that applied the brine twice a year and gave his opinion. Also, failure to maintain the ditches on Peters Rd was brought to the Boards attention.

Denise spoke on question Supervisor Black in his vote for filling of trustee seats. Supervisor Black claimed democracy prevailed as he had no influence over other board member's votes.

Deb VanderHoff gave high recommendation of Todd Willick's character.

Unnamed attendee questioned the current two interests in clean energy leasing

Nick Hill spoke on Consumers Energy's recent purchase of approximately 900 acres of farmland in Hart, MI.

Judy Behler spoke on wind energy with past proposed project having most land encompassed by non-residents.

Jack Hoffman spoke on upcoming Fire Dept. burn with its proximity to a propane filling station.

Dennis Abrahams spoke on a construction barrel laying in the ditch south of new property.

Mike Vanloon spoke on wind energy concerns pertaining to corner lot right-of-way.

Esther Vanloon spoke on Bailey Sewer deficit and delinquent payments. Concerns over the Districts ability to sustain itself.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

1. Board Comments: Supervisor Black noted that the Board of Review was in process.
2. Next Regular Board Meeting – March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 7:00 PM.

***Adjournment:*** Motion to adjourn at 8:18 PM by Marlatt, seconded by Willick; CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carrie Marlatt, Clerk