

Casnovia Township Budget Public Hearing and Regular Board Meeting
March 24th, 2025 at 7:00 PM

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Budget 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, Trustee Todd Willick, Fire Chief David Jones

Members Absent: Treasurer Penny Muma

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve agenda, noting criteria of both Budget Public Hearing and Regular Board Meeting, made by Jorgensen, supported by Marlatt, Voice Vote 4 Ayes, 0 Nays; CARRIED

Open Budget Public Hearing: 7:02 PM

Public Comment: None

BOARD ACTION ITEMS:

1. 2025 Brine programs for approval. Motion to approve D&B Brine made by Marlatt, supported by Jorgensen; Voice Vote 4 Ayes, 0 Nays; CARRIED
2. Lawncare Contracts for approval. Motion to approve Waterworks made by Marlatt, supported by Willick; Voice Vote 4 Ayes, 0 Nays; CARRIED
3. Budget Amendments
 - a. Supervisor: (\$858.70)
 - b. Street Lights: (\$806.48)
 - c. ARPA / Capital Outlay
 - i. Township Hall: (\$51,145.00)
 - ii. Fire Dept (Acct. 245): (\$63,924.79)
 - iii. Sewer: (\$30,645.60) **Motion to approve Budget Amendments made by Marlatt, supported by Jorgensen; Voice Vote 4 Ayes, 0 Nays; CARRIED
4. Proposed Tax Millage Rates to support the proposed budget (L4029). Motion to approve made by Marlatt, supported by Willick; Voice Vote 4 Ayes, 0 Nays; CARRIED
5. Board Comments: Discussion pertaining to the new fiscal year budget
6. Resolution 2025-07 Approving ARPA expenditures for the 2025-26 budget year. Motion made by Marlatt, supported by Jorgensen; Roll Call Vote 4 Ayes, 0 Nays; CARRIED



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7. Resolution 2025-08 Approving the 2025-26 Budget for Casnovia Township. Motion to approve with the following updated adjusted figures:

101-101-716.000- +\$1900.00 (TWP BOARD FICA & MEDICARE)
101-450-970.000- +\$85,000.00 (ROADS & BRIDGES IMPROV)
101-966-995.445- +\$10,000.00 (TRNFR OUT TO PUBLIC IMPROV)
206-336-716.000- -\$2,000.00 (FIRE DEPT FICA & MEDICARE)
206-336-933.000- -\$1,000.00 (HEALTH CARE MAINT)
206-336-955.000- - \$3750.00 (INSURANCE)

Motion made by Marlatt, supported by Willick; Roll Call Vote 4 Ayes, 0 Nays; CARRIED

Close Budget Public Hearing: Motion to Adjourn made by Marlatt, supported by Jorgensen; CARRIED

Open Regular Board Meeting: 8:24 PM

Public Comment: Opened at 8:25 PM.

Mr. Denhoff spoke on zoning enforcement related to junk on Peters Rd.

Rachel Gort spoke on fund balancing, millage renewals vs new, sewer operator contract with continued funding and resolution language.

Closed at 8:39 PM

Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting March 10th, 2025: Motion made by Marlatt, supported by Jorgensen; Roll Call Vote 4 Ayes, 0 Nays; CARRIED

REPORTS:

- 1. Fire Department:** Chief Jones presented the Incident Run Log, noting 7 calls from March 11th, 2025 – March 24th, 2025. Discussed the status of the new brush truck. Intentions of burning brush pile at the new fire department property mid mid-April.
- 2. Senior Resources:** Dinner on March 13th, 2025, was catered by Red Rock with 59 residents in attendance. The next dinner will be catered by Red Rock and will take place on April 10th at the Bailey Christian Church.
- 3. Treasurer Report:** No report
- 4. Clerk Report:** Clerk Marlatt presented bills and payroll for payment approval. Motion made by Marlatt to approve, supported by Jorgensen; Voice Vote 4 Ayes, Nays 0; CARRIED.
Marlatt spoke on the upcoming May 6th Special Election countywide for the Muskegon Museum, with Absentee Ballots being sent out this week.

5. **Zoning Administrator Report:** Planning Commission Meeting, Thursday March 27th, 2025
6. **Supervisor Report:** Supervisor Black spoke on the new sewer operator's actions and intentions regarding the addition of locks to all accessible panels and gates and determining the accuracy of flow rates. Mentioned the approved grant for the neighboring community. Black referred to correspondence from Moolenaar's office, Jake Kockmansky specific, regarding the failure to get the proposed grant funding for the new fire station project. Would like guidance from the community for efforts moving forward.

Board Action Items

1. DTE switch supplier from Kratos back to DTE (cost savings) Motion made to revert supplier back to DTE by Jorgensen, supported by Marlatt; Roll Call Vote 4 Ayes, 0 Nays; CARRIED
2. Board Meeting time and dates for the 2025-26 fiscal year Motion made to keep meeting time and dates as they remain by Jorgensen, supported by Willick; Roll Call Vote 4 Ayes, 0 Nays; CARRIED
3. Banking Institution for the 2025-26 fiscal year to remain with Choice One Motion made to remain with Choice One by Marlatt, supported by Jorgensen; Roll Call Vote 4 Ayes, 0 Nays; CARRIED

Discussion Items

1. Board Comments: Supervisor Black thanked the residents in attendance for the good communication.
2. Next Regular Board Meeting –May 12th, 2025 at 7:00

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 9:05 PM by Marlatt, seconded by Jorgensen; CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,
Carrie Marlatt, Clerk