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Casnovia Township Regular Board Meeting January 12th, 2026 at 7:00 PM

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, Trustee Jason Jorgensen and Trustee Todd Willick

Members Absent: None

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

Motion to Approve Minutes: Motion to approve December 8th, 2025, Regular Board Meeting Minutes made by Marlatt, supported by Jorgensen. Voice Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. CARRIED.

REPORTS:

1. **FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

Chief Jones presented the Incident Run Log, reporting 14 calls from December 9th, 2025, through January 12th, 2026. He discussed the sale of the brush truck, future training exercises related to railroad incidents, one student entering the fire academy, and existing procedures being reviewed and updated for current standards.

2. **SENIOR RESOURCES:** The Luncheon on December 11th, 2025 was catered by Red Rock with 54 residents in attendance. The Luncheon on January 8th, 2026 was catered by Red Rock with 58 residents in attendance. The next dinner, catered by Red Rock, will take place on February 12th at the Township Hall.

3. **TREASURER:**

Muma presented the treasurer's report and reviewed fund balances for the month of December, including current interest rates.

4. **CLERK:**

Marlatt prepared bills and payroll for payment approval. Motion to approve made by Willick, supported by Muma. Voice Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nay, 0 Absent. CARRIED.

5. **ZONING REPORT:**

Black presented the December 2025 Zoning Report, noting permits, recent enforcement, and planning commission updates.

6. **SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:**

Black reported on his recent training activities and his responsibilities related to township assets. He also informed the board that he is currently completing MCAT assessor training, increasing his knowledge of property assessment within the township.



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BOARD ACTION ITEMS:

1. Resolution 2026-01 Poverty Exemption Guidelines for 2026 - Motion to approve made by Muma, supported by Marlatt. Roll Call Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. CARRIED
2. Resolution 2026-02 Board of Review Protest in Writing- Motion to approve made by Marlatt, supported by Jorgensen. Roll Call Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. CARRIED
3. Budget Amendment Dept. 210 Audit/Attorney – Motion to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$5000.00 due to the coding of recent zoning violation clean-up costs, made by Marlatt, supported by Jorgensen. Roll Call Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. CARRIED
4. Zoning Ordinance 2026-01 Zoning Text Amendment Section 3.22 Keeping of Pets, Animals and Livestock. Motion to approve the proposed amendment as written in the memorandum, made by Marlatt, supported by Willick. Roll Call Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. CARRIED
5. Zoning Ordinance 2026-02 Zoning Map Amendment Rezoning Request. Motion to approve the proposed rezoning, made by Jorgensen, supported by Marlatt. Roll Call Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. CARRIED
6. Sewer – 2026 Rate Studies. Motion to approve Michigan Rural Waters to conduct the rate study, made by Marlatt, supported by Muma. Roll Call Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. CARRIED
7. Sewer – Services rendered from Jan-Nov 2025 for EGLE Compliance Submittal Report. Motion made by Marlatt to not take action on this item as it raises significant concerns regarding how business is conducted within the township, seconded by Willick. Roll Call Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. CARRIED

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Board Comments: Marlatt commented on recent conversations in neighboring communities involving the development of Data Centers and whether the township should prepare a position on the matter. She also asked for general approval in personally taking introductory classes specific to grant writing, although not falling within her statutory duty, but beneficial to the township.
2. Next Regular Board Meeting – February 9th, 2026, at 7 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Began at 7:58 PM 10 in attendance

Dan Kosheba spoke on the rezoning map amendment and recent pressure from wind companies.
Nick Hill explained power companies' involvement with wind farms.

Comment closed at 8:10 PM

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 8:10 PM made by Jorgensen, seconded by Black. Voice Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,
Carrie Marlatt, Clerk