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## Casnovia Township Regular Board Meeting March 9<sup>th</sup>, 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, Trustee Todd Willick, and Ms. Mackenzie Almassian from Foster & Swift

**Members Absent:** None

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve the Agenda with the following amendments to Board Action Items, strike through Resolution 2026-xx Approving 2025-26 Budget ARPA Expenditures and Proposed Expenditures for 2026-27 Budget Year as this was voted on at the last meeting, add Budget Amendment for FICA and Senior Resources, add BHS Insurance Quote, add Corporate Tech Cyber Security Bid, and add Financial Institution Account Management, made by Marlatt, supported by Muma. Voice Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. CARRIED.

**Motion to Approve Minutes:** Motion to approve February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Regular Board Meeting Minutes made by Jorgensen, supported by Willick. Voice Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nay, 0 Absent. CARRIED.

### REPORTS:

1. **FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

Chief Jones presented the Incident Run Log, reporting 14 calls from February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026, through March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Items noted were budgetary figures given to the clerk, a special request for turnout gear purchase, implementation of training facilities on new property, and ladder inspection update.

2. **SENIOR RESOURCES:** The February 12<sup>th</sup> dinner had 58 in attendance. Dinner was provided by Red Rock Grille. The next dinner is scheduled for March 12<sup>th</sup>, at the Casnovia Township Hall.

3. **TREASURER:**

Muma presented the treasurer's report. She expressed 2 senior assists with the Senior Resource funding for the past month and noted that BS&A will no longer cover the costs of integrating third-party payments. There will be a fee starting January 1, 2027, unknown responsible party at this time.

4. **CLERK:**

Marlatt prepared bills and payroll for payment approval. Motion to approve made by Willick, supported by Jorgensen. Voice Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nay, 0 Absent. CARRIED. Marlatt spoke about the upcoming May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026 Special Election, for those residing in the Ravenna Public School District. Casnovia Township has consolidated with Moorland Township. Precinct Location will be the Moorland Township Hall.

5. **ZONING REPORT:**

Black presented the February 2026 Zoning Report, noting permits, land divisions, and enforcement. AES Wind Met Tower Approval per Planning Commission Meeting, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026, and a brief excerpt on Data Centers was provided.



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**6. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:**

Black made the motion to enter Closed Session, supported by Willick. Roll Call Vote: 5 Ayes Black, Jorgensen, Muma, Willick, Marlatt, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. CARRIED

**Entered Closed Session at 7:45 PM**

Marlatt made the motion to enter Open Session, supported by Jorgensen. Voice Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. CARRIED

**Entered Open Session at 9:10 PM**

**BOARD ACTION ITEMS:**

- ~~1. Resolution 2026-xx Approving 2025-26 Budget ARPA Expenditures and Proposed Expenditures for 2026-27 Budget Year~~
2. Resolution 2026-06 Resolution Authorizing a Wage Increase & Adjusting Sewer and Cemetery Fees. Motion to approve, but striking through the clerk and treasurer's wage increase, as MCL 41.95 states that you cannot increase salary wages 30 days prior to the budget hearing, made by Marlatt, supported by Willick. Roll Call Vote: 5 Ayes Black, Marlatt, Jorgensen, Willick, Muma, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. CARRIED
3. Vote to approve payment to Huron Environmental Consultants for Invoice #0011CTWP for \$6,600 regarding Drain field Investigation (January - November 2025) and report for submission to EGLE in response to previous violation notices and regulatory requirements. Motion to not pay the Huron Environmental Consultants bill for \$6750.00 made by Willick, supported by Jorgensen. Roll Call Vote: 4 Ayes Muma, Jorgensen, Willick, Marlatt, 1 Nays Black, 0 Absent. CARRIED

**The Board excused Ms. Mackenzie Almassian from Foster & Swift**

4. 2026 Road Brine Bill - Motion to approve the MCRC Brine quote for the 2026 season. Voice Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. CARRIED
5. Budget Amendments for FICA accounts and Senior Resources made by Willick, supported by Jorgensen. Roll Call Vote: 5 Ayes Muma, Jorgensen, Black, Willick, Marlatt, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. CARRIED
6. BHS Insurance Bid – tabled
7. Corporate Tech Cyber Security Bid – tabled
8. Financial Institution Account Management - Motion made by Marlatt to approve the continuation of Choice One Bank and Michigan Class for the 2026 /27 fiscal year, supported by Willick. Voice Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. CARRIED

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

1. Board Comments: Clerk Marlatt passed out the 2026/27 fiscal year budget in preparation for the Special Budget Hearing.
2. Next Special Board Meeting – March 23, 2026, at 7 PM.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Began at 9:34 PM 16 in attendance

Rick Sible thanked the Fire Department for prompt service and the township board for their service

Nick Hill spoke on the Sewer District, comparison of Casnovia to other townships, and itemized billing

Ann Millett spoke on transparency, outstanding sewer bill, and the 2026/27 budget

Comment closed at 9:45 PM

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn at 9:46 PM by Marlatt, seconded by Jorgensen. CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carrie Marlatt, Clerk

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