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Casnovia Township Regular Board Meeting June 8th, 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 with the following amendments, move to amend the agenda to include a board action item adding the Fire Department Operating Millage Renewal Resolution #2026-09 for attorney and county clerk approval, amend the agenda to include a board action item on rental of the township board hall, lastly to amend the agenda to include a board action item on designating an official spokesperson to communicate with the township attorney ensuring legal advice reflects the census of the board as a whole rather than individual interpretations, made by Marlatt, supported by Jorgensen. Roll Call Vote: 5 Ayes Black, Marlatt, Jorgensen, Willick, Muma, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. CARRIED

Motion to Approve Minutes: Motion to approve May 11th, 2026, Regular Board Meeting Minutes made by Jorgensen, supported by Marlatt. Voice Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nay, 0 Absent. CARRIED.

REPORTS:

1. FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Jones presented the Incident Run Log, reporting 11 calls from May 11th through June 8th, 2026. Items noted were the purchasing of turnout gear, truck maintenance, hosting the July senior dinner, new cadet on the department, attending a Muskegon firefighter funeral in honor, and potential reimbursement of duties performed during the high flooding last month.

2. SENIOR RESOURCES: The May 14th dinner had 52 in attendance. Dinner was provided by Red Rock Grille. The next dinner is scheduled for June 11th, at the Casnovia Township Hall.

3. TREASURER:

Muma presented the treasurer's report and spoke on no new requests for senior assistance this past period, and the township will see no revenue moving forward until winter tax processing. 2025/26 past years UHY Audit packet was released for board member review.

4. CLERK:

Marlatt prepared bills and payroll for payment approval. Motion to approve post audit bills and pending invoices made by Jorgensen, supported by Willick. Voice Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nay, 0 Absent
Marlatt spoke on the upcoming August 4th, 2026, Primary Election citing ballot measures, AV ballot release and early voting options.

5. ZONING REPORT:

Black presented the May 2026 Zoning Report, noting permits, land divisions, and enforcement.



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6. **SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:**

Black referenced the Muskegon County brine application currently occurring within the township. South Casnovia Cemetery tree removal was completed with pending quote requested by Marlatt for damaged headstones. The June 2, 2026, Community Meeting was held with multiple topics discussed. This Community Meeting was met with board members' comments. Moore County Park/ Casnovia Township Park update is progressing with communication from the county being initiated and maintenance improvements are on topic. The merging of parks was discussed with the board. BASD update included an analytical report of ground water testing from Prein & Newhoff. A compliance report was also provided from Sierra Consultants, re: 6-6-2026 Casnovia Township Wastewater System Compliance Update. Recent flow rates including new ponding at the Kenowa drainfield, meeting with EGLE, Huron rate hike, Michigan Rural Waters annual fees and the continuation of supervisor communicating to the attorney was addressed.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS:

1. Data Center Moratorium – Motion to implement a Data Center Moratorium for a 12-month period made by Marlatt, supported by Muma. Roll Call Vote: 5 Ayes Black, Marlatt, Jorgensen, Willick, Muma, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. CARRIED
2. ORV Ordinance - Motion to table for further discussion and present at the next board meeting made by Marlatt, supported by Muma. Voice Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. CARRIED
Willick asked on record to have this ordinance ready by the next regular board meeting in July.
3. Casnovia Township Fire Barn Grant Application - tabled
4. Nomination of a Director of Casnovia Public Services – Due to last attorney interjection being made in 2011, motion to preset the ordinance to the attorney prior to expanding its language, made by Marlatt, supported by Willick. Roll Call Vote: 5 Ayes Muma, Jorgensen, Black, Willick, Marlatt, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. CARRIED
5. Resolution 2026-09 Fire Department Operating Millage renewal language to Attorney and County – Motion to approve Resolution 2026-09 for 1 mil with the language that the attorney and county treasurer determine final revenue, made by Willick, supported by Marlatt. Roll Call Vote: 5 Ayes Muma, Jorgensen, Willick, Marlatt, Black, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. CARRIED
6. Rental Of Township Facilities Policy – Motion to terminate any future meetings held by Paul Black using the township board room until a policy is adopted, made by Marlatt, supported by Willick. Voice Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. CARRIED
7. Approval for Attorney Contact – motion to designate a township official spokesperson (Clerk Marlatt per Muma) to communicate with the township attorney ensuring legal advice reflects the census of the board rather than an individual interpretation, made by Marlatt, supported by Willick. Roll Call Vote: 5 Ayes Muma, Jorgensen, Willick, Marlatt, Black, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. CARRIED

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Board Comments: Marlatt informed board of pending lawsuit that the township is named in regarding wage garnishment of a prior member.
2. Next Special Board Meeting – July 13th, 2026, at 7 PM.



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PUBLIC COMMENT:

Began at 9:00 PM 27 in attendance

Kim Anderson spoke on the condition of Behler road with regards to increased traffic and school bus relations

Pam Green spoke about the condition of gravel roads

Cathy Berg spoke with her approval of the Community Meetings

Denise Cook spoke on bias during public comment

Deb Vanderhoff commended the halt of the Community Meetings, and spoke on sewer expenses and budget reports

Esther VanLoon spoke on elected officials and utilization of the board members

Rachal Gort spoke on the conveying of information to the board and sewer contracting

Ann Millet spoke on terminating the contract with Huron Environmental

George Rusco spoke on public tax money regarding sewer expense, public comment rules, and gravel road maintenance vs repair.

Esther Vanloon spoke on additional Sewer Operator quotes

Judy Behler spoke on sewer related items

Kyle Chase spoke on sewer discharge permit

Nick Hill spoke on the threatening and circle talks regarding the sewer from the supervisor. Asked if the R-Farms sewer hook-up was properly capped after their fire.

Courtney spoke on county drain assessments vs sewer funds.

Comment closed at 9:36 PM

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 9:38 PM by Marlatt, seconded by Muma. CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,
Carrie Marlatt, Clerk