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Casnovia Township Regular Board Meeting July 13th, 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 as follows: Add board action item #5 – Addendum to Resolution 2026-09 F/D operating mileage. (Addition of exhibit A, attorney proposal language); Add board action item #6 – Ordinance Amendment 2026 North Bay Orchards (P/C approved June 25th); Add board action item #7 – Township Park Maintenance Quote (fallen branches / weed control); Add board action item #8 – Township Hall Pest Control; Add board action item #9 – Township Hall asphalt repair; Add board action item #10 – Contact Prein & Newhof for quoting a reserve off current drainfield (per their original email 12/2023); Add board action item #11 – Board authorization to begin the procurement process and solicit competitive quotes for the sewer operations and maintenance services of the Bailey Sewer District. (Deadline for approved contract 2026); And finally, Add board action item #12 – Board authorization to discuss and/or to seek attorney correspondence for the following: MCL 750.505 Misfeasance: (active corruption) Supervisor role, MCL 750.478 Nonfeasance: (passive neglect) Supervisor role, MCL 41.3 Civil Lawsuits and Personal Liability: Supervisor role, MCL 15.322 Conflict of Interest: Elected and Appointed Officials role, Contract Fraud / Fraudulent inducement: Huron Environmental Consultants, made by Marlatt, supported by Jorgensen. Voice Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nay, 0 Absent. CARRIED.

Motion to Approve Minutes: Motion to approve June 8th, 2026, Regular Board Meeting Minutes made by Marlatt, supported by Jorgensen. Voice Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nay, 0 Absent. CARRIED.

REPORTS:

1. FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Jones presented the Incident Run Log, reporting 15 calls from June 9th through July 13th, 2026. Items noted were the purchasing of turnout gear and hosting the July senior dinner.

2. SENIOR RESOURCES:

The July 9th dinner was hosted by the Casnovia Township Fire Department. The next dinner is scheduled for August 13th, at the Casnovia Township Hall.

3. TREASURER:

Muma presented the treasurer's report and referenced one new request for senior assistance.



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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 Absent Voter mailing/requests, early voting location and dates, and restrictions to cross-party voting.

5. ZONING REPORT:

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

6. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Black presented a report addressing sewer flow rates, pump repair, and the contacting of Prein and Newhof to provide a detailed quote for assessment/engineering services.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS:

1. Audit Review Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2026 – no action required
2. ORV Ordinance – Motion to approve Ordinance 00026 with the correction of removing a potential 3rd restricted road, made by Marlatt, supported by Willick. Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. CARRIED
3. Public Utilities Director Appointment – no action. For the Record, Supervisor Black requested the following statement be included for record, "I think it's important that we move forward as expeditiously as we can on this, and we'll rely on the attorney's efforts to update this ordinance to satisfy the needs of what we need to accomplish moving forward here."
4. Invoice #0011CTWP (12-10-2025) – no action. Board requests a meeting with Mr. Middlestadt to review said bill.
5. Addendum to Resolution 2026-09 Fire Department Operating Millage, addition of exhibit A, attorney proposed language to be sent to the County – Motion to approve made by Willick, supported by Muma. Roll Call Vote: 5 Ayes Muma, Jorgensen, Willick, Marlatt, Black, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. CARRIED
6. Ordinance Amendment 2026- xx North Bay Orchards zoning map amendment (P/C approved June 25th, 2026) made by Jorgensen, supported by Marlatt. Voice Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. CARRIED
7. Township Park Maintenance quote (fallen branches/weed control) – Motion to approve quote provided from Water Works Irrigation Service Inc. made by Marlatt, supported by Willick. Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. CARRIED
8. Township Hall Pest Control – Motion to approve quote provided from Orkin with long term annual maintenance made by Willick, supported by Jorgensen. Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. CARRIED
9. Township Hall Asphalt Repair – tabled
10. Contact Prein and Newhof for quoting a reserve off the current drainfield (per their original email 12/2023) – tabled
11. Board Authorization to begin the procurement process and solicit competitive quotes for the sewer operations and maintenance services of the Bailey Sewer District - Motion to approve with Marlatt being assigned the tasks required , made by Black, supported by Jorgensen. Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. CARRIED
12. Board Authorization to discuss and/or seek attorney correspondence for the following: MCL 750.505 Misfeasance: (active corruption) Supervisor role, MCL 750.478 Nonfeasance: (passive neglect) Supervisor role, MCL 41.3 Civil Lawsuits and Personal Liability: Supervisor role, MCL 15.322 Conflict of Interest: Elected and Appointed Officials role, Contract Fraud / Fraudulent inducement: Huron Environmental Consultants. Motion to approve discussion with attorney made by Willick, supported by Jorgensen. Roll Call Vote: 5 Ayes Muma, Jorgensen, Willick, Marlatt, Black, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. CARRIED



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DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Board Comments: Black discussed his approval of the certain matters being brought to the attorney's attention, Data Center moratorium status, and Board Policy.
2. Next ~~Special~~ Regular Board Meeting – August 10th, 2026, at 7 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Began at 8:14 PM 35 in attendance

Mike VanLoon spoke on recent Planning Commission Appointment

Ford Redding spoke on incorrect property tax mailing

Rachal Gort spoke on recent FOIA with sewer corrective action funding tied to ARPA funds, member of a township board with roles outside of their appointed position and Supervisor holding EGLE correspondence from the board.

Mike VanLoon – denied second opportunity to speak

Eldon Clough spoke on road projects with funding available through township assets

John Behler spoke on ditch repair / Muskegon County Road Commission

Katie Deboer introduced herself and identified her role in campaigning for Michigan State Senate District #33

Judy Behler spoke on potential option of sewer redirection to Muskegon County

Comment closed at 8:33 PM

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 8:34 PM by Marlatt, seconded by Jorgensen. CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,
Carrie Marlatt, Clerk