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Casnovia Township Regular Board Meeting August 10th, 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: Motion to add board action item #2 Resolution 2026-10 Data Center Moratorium and board action item #3 J&F Ground Keepers S. Casnovia Cemetery monument and foundation repair bid, made by Marlatt. Add board action item #4 Board authorization for full attorney review of conflict of interest issues and all mcl allegations including contract fraud issues, made by Black. Both motions supported by Willick. Voice Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nay, 0 Absent. CARRIED.

Motion to Approve Minutes: Black presented corrections to the July 13th draft minutes under MCL 15.269 that requires public bodies make corrections at the next meeting after the meeting in which the minutes refer to asking for consideration. Motion by Black that the July 13th, 2026 draft minutes be corrected as set forth in his written submission and the corrected minutes show both the original entry and corrected as required per MCL 15.269. No Support received. Black requested the clerk document that it failed for lack of second and Black will submitting all documentation to the clerk and board as all three documents were transmitted electronically in advance of the meeting.

REPORTS:

1. FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Jones presented the Incident Run Log, reporting 15 calls from July 14th through August 10th, 2026. Items noted were recent purchase of medical equipment, updates to fire truck to implement as another med unit and upcoming Ham Supper in October.

2. SENIOR RESOURCES:

No dinner to report this period. Black referenced July 7th dinner.

3. TREASURER:

Muma presented the treasurer's report. She referenced Orkin's first application visit to the township and 2 requests for assistance from the senior allocation fund. Muma reminding the community of the policy for receiving those funds.

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 August 4th, 2026, Primary Election outcome.

5. ZONING REPORT:

Black presented the July 2026 Zoning Report, noting permits, land divisions, and enforcement. The August Planning Commission meeting has been cancelled.



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6. **SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:**

Black relayed information regarding Muskegon County Road offering 3 free days of repairs to gravel roads with approval to those with evidence of ponding. In talking the MCRC, current quotes will expire at the end of the year and the Township can expect a 3-4% increase for materials after that time. Black referenced his communication with Prein and Newhoff and their intention to have submit a quote for drain field engineering services by the next board meeting. Black is working on Capital Improvement projects and in talks with the Township Auditor, it is advised to keep a 50% reserve of our operating costs when implementing new projects with review from the board with looking at reserves and capital improvement fund. Sewer update included the previous meeting at the drainfield with positive input from EGLE. The drainfield has been hydraulically overloaded for some time and ponding is now minimal. Black noted that our report card 2018-2024 did not receive passing grades and though improvements have been made, EGLE would like to see information regarding the construction of a reserve drain field and tackle the inflow that needs to be identified. The Township is still under egregious status. Black asked EGLE for response so the Township can plan expenses.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS:

1. Resolution 2026-xx Resolution Amending Township Board Policy Regarding Authority to Contact Legal Counsel. Black requested for the record, Board chose not to adopt any modifications to its existing policy for attorney review by anyone other than the current clerk.
2. Resolution 2026-10 Data Center Moratorium. Motion to approve Resolution 2026-10 made by Willick, supported by Jorgensen. Roll Call Vote: 5 Ayes Muma, Jorgensen, Black, Willick, Marlatt, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. CARRIED
3. J&F Ground Keepers S. Casnovia Cemetery monument and foundation repair quote. Motion to approve the bid from J&F Ground Keepers to repair the 6 stones, made by Willick, supported by Marlatt. Roll Call Vote: 5 Ayes Black, Marlatt, Jorgensen, Willick, Muma, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. CARRIED
4. Full attorney review of conflict-of-interest issues including all mcl and contract fraud allegations. Black made the motion that counsel be authorized to conduct the factual investigation necessary for opinion of the July 13th matters concerning the clerks allegations and including the supervisors conflict review memorandum including exhibit a and supporting documents. No Support. Motion died on the floor.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Board Comments:
Black stated his communication with BHS Insurance regarding MCL allegations and legal exposures
Marlatt referenced commitment to community
Black, Marlatt and Muma relayed responses regarding HEC contract with invitation of Marc Middlestadt's inability to attend and board minute taking.
2. Next Regular Board Meeting – September 14th, 2026, at 7 PM.



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PUBLIC COMMENT:

Began at 7:55PM 26 in attendance

Joel Palmer questioned Assessor chain of command with recent changes to AG property classification

Randy Peterman spoke on sewer reports, park maintenance, hall driveway, post office parking lot, and gravel roads

Denise Cook spoke on communication status with the Supervisor, lack of transparency and vagueness

Ann Millett spoke on board communication to the attorney per recent approvals, and raised concern of the Supervisor purposely endangering the township.

Todd Vanloon spoke on recent sewer work and questioned the last time valves were replaced.

Unknown questioned licensed sewer operators

Randy Peterman spoke on prior sewer operations

Eldon Clough spoke on attorney cost for following through with allegations against MCL's and potential consequence of not approving motion to revise minutes.

*Supervisor Black made the motion to go back to the draft minutes as presented and they be approved without corrections. No support. Motion to approve with amendment to correct from Special Meeting to Regular meeting was made by Marlatt, Supported by Willick. Voice Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nay, 0 Absent.
CARRIED.

Eldon Clough gave credit to the Clerk for her minute taking.

Comment closed at 8:15 PM

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 8:15 PM by Marlatt, seconded by Black CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,
Carrie Marlatt, Clerk