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Casnovia Township Special Board Meeting September 21, 2026 at 2:00 PM

Special Public Hearing: Called to order with Pledge of Allegiance at 11:00 AM by Supervisor Paul Black

Members Present: Supervisor Paul Black, Clerk Carrie Marlatt, Treasurer Penny Muma, and Trustee Todd Willick

Members Absent: Jason Jorgensen

Request from Supervisor: View proof of board member requests for Special Meeting.

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve the Agenda made by Willick, supported by Muma. Voice Vote: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent. CARRIED

BOARD ACTION ITEMS:

Request from Supervisor: View Engagement Letter with Bloom Sluggett, PC

1. Establish immediate, direct communication with the newly appointed law firm to bring them up to speed on all ongoing township matters. Motion to approve as stated above by Marlatt, supported by Willick. Roll Call Vote: 3 Ayes, Marlatt, Willick, Muma. 1 Nay, Black. 1 Absent Jorgensen. CARRIED
2. Discuss and vote on the amendment of the current Casnovia Township Financial Policy requiring full board approval prior to attorney contact. This includes granting the Township Treasurer and Township Clerk the authority to contact and utilize legal counsel directly, as deemed necessary to fulfill their statutory duties and protect the township interest without unnecessary operational delay. Motion to approve as stated above, made by Willick, supported by Muma. Roll Call Vote: 4 Ayes, Marlatt, Willick, Muma. 1 Nay, Black. 1 Absent Jorgensen. CARRIED
 - a. Supervisor Black Supplied an amendment to the motion titled 'Supervisor's Statement, Objection, and Reservation of Statutory Authority' for Township record. No support was given from the board.
 - i. For the Record, per Black, Statement to be included in the record and the township legal counsel review the questions I have before you.
 - ii. For the Record, per Black, Believes the motion is out of order because it contradicts a previously adopted board policy and moves 180 degrees in the other direction.
 - iii. For the Record, Clerk Marlatt assured transparency with the Supervisor.
 - b. Black questioned Muma's statement at a prior meeting in regard to previous contracted attorney.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Board Comments: None
2. Next Regular Board Meeting – October 12, 2026, at 7 PM.



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Public Comment:

Began at 11:49 AM 12 in attendance

Eldon Clough spoke on Board Action Items in relation to policy amendment.

Randy Peterman spoke items related to Attorney with contact delegated to Treasurer and Clerk and March 9th
Closed Session

Steve Jordan spoke on items related to Attorney with Supervisor's position and the status of Bailey Sewer
Drainfield.

Randy Peterman spoke on transfer of information from old attorney firm to new firm.

Comment closed at 11:56 AM

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 11:57 AM by Muma, seconded by Willick, CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,
Carrie Marlatt, Clerk