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Casco Township Board of Trustees
Minutes of Regular Meeting of May 20, 2013
At the Casco Township Hall, 7104 107th Ave.

Call to Order: Allan called meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Allan Overhiser, Lu Winfrey, Josiah Jessup, Cheryl Brenner, Judy Graff and there were 17 people also present.

Public Comment: None

Clerk's Report: Lu Winfrey made motion to approve the minutes of 4/15/2013 meeting, supported by Josiah Jessup. All in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Lu Winfrey reported that the

General Fund	Balance	\$613,994.50
Parks Fund	Balance	\$ 50,772.31
Senior Services Fund	Balance	\$ 35,463.53
Fire Dept. Fund	Balance	\$487,612.23
Road Fund	Balance	\$301,149.61
Cemetery Care Fund	Balance	\$133,211.04
Collected Tax Acct	Balance	\$ 995.72

I make a motion to approve the following:

General Fund	Orders #22040-22095	in the amount of	\$49,833.23
Collected Tax	Orders # 2845-2846	in the amount of	\$20,360.14
Fire Fund	Orders # 3908-3909	in the amount of	\$94,355.68
Parks Fund	Orders #358-363	in the amount of	\$ 432.21
Seniors Fund	Orders #364-369	in the amount of	\$ 4,031.86

Brenner seconded motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Senior's Report:

Susan Katt reported that the Entergy Grant was submitted on May 7, 2013. It will take 6-8 weeks before a decision will be made. She is in the process of getting quotes for an exercise floor to be used in the former fire hall area. She also reported that at the Senior Appreciation Luncheon on May 15, 2013 93 people were served. May 22, 2013 there will be a Hearing Technology Resource Specialist at noon at the Township Hall. On June 5, 2013 at noon there will be a presentation given by Dr. Loafman, Orthopedic Surgeon. Lunch will be provided for those who signed up. Starting June 12, 2013 the seniors will be meeting at the Casco Nature Preserve for walking and a brown bag lunch. Everyone is welcome. This will be every Wednesday throughout the summer and fall according to the weather.

Library Report: None.

Planning Commission:

Judy Graff reported that a draft for the wind ordinance has been completed. In mid April the Little Man Vineyard was approved. Allan Overhiser said that he has contacted the Drain Commissioner over the drain problem close to the road. This is nothing that will be a problem to take care of.

Park & Recreation: Pam Blough reported that the Friends of the Nature Preserve kick off meeting at 6:00pm May 7, 2013 that the board members were present plus the public was very well represented. On 5/27/2013, at 6:00 p.m. there will be a cleanup of the old shed

still on the property. Board member David Dobreff set up a facebook acct. for the Friends of the Nature Preserve to see what interest people have in being part of this group. The interpretive signs have been approved and are being manufactured. Also, the grant from Coastal for beach access has been received. There has been a proposal from Nordland Construction for the stairs.

Judy Graff made motion to approve the structural proposal from Nordland to build the stairs. Lu Winfrey supported motion. Motion carried.

This company came highly recommended in the township.

County Report: Tom Jessup reported updates on the new Allegan County Jail.

More security cameras and security related electronics have been requested by the jail administration. To meet State of Michigan Fire Marshall requirements a fire wall needs to be constructed between jail housing units and the unused portion of the building.

A \$50,000.00 grant will be applied for from the County's insurance carrier. This will help with costs for the cameras and security system.

Consumes Energy is beginning to replace current meters to "smart meters", which can electronically transmit electric use to the company. This will eliminate meter readers to inspect meters monthly.

Bob Baker asked Tom to give the township back our transportation money. Tom recommended to check with the Allegan Foundation for possible grant money.

Old Business:

North Shore Drain update- Allan stated that we are waiting for a hearing date from the Allegan County Drain Commissioner. There was discussion from the public about the high density area on North Shore. Allan recommended to call Scott Corbin in Allegan to get in touch with FEMA for help.

Parking Lot Paving:

Allan said we have gotten two bids back for the paving Klett @ \$40,000.00 and Skidmore Co. @ \$38,000.00 and Reef & Riley were also recommended. The board decided to table this for another time.

Water and Sewer Admin. fee:

Allan reported that the Water & Sewer Authority refinanced some of the bonds to help with expenses and the growth went up. The cost of debt will be 200,000.00 more. We made our 1% growth which figures about 15 homes per year for both townships. We hope the growth rate will continue, right now it looks good but in the fall you don't have the choice of raising the debt requirements we started with. He wasn't in on the beginning of the authority and doesn't know why there wasn't ever a maintenance fee established to operate the authority. The authority tried hydrant rental through the millage but there has never been a maint. fee. It has been figured that a \$2.50 fee per customer would help with expenses. This would help with Manhole repairs, etc.

Judy Graff asked is there any other way to get the extra money other than a fee on each customer?

Mark Kolas, 58 Lincoln, read a letter that responded to his email. Mark thinks that the financing of this project was not followed by the Michigan Law. Mark read from a handbook Township and Village Public Improvement and Public service act(excerpt) Act 116 of 1923, 188 of 1954, and City of Pleasant Ridge v. Royal Oak Twp Supreme Court of Michigan.

The authority should levy and collect special assessments to pay the cost of an improvement or service and issue bonds in anticipation of the collection of the special assessments, upon filing the petition and subject to the terms and conditions provided.

Judy Graff stated that she believes everyone that is in the district whether they are hooked up or not should have to pay the admin. fee.

Mark requested to have put in the minutes, the following-

Legal justification for current sewer/water billing structure. Legal Opinions.
Include reference to Michigan Law Statue Act 116 of 1923 Section 41.413
Act 118 of 1954 section 41.732

Both address requirement to reassess in the case of insufficiency.
Supreme Court Decision-City of Pleasant Ridge vs. Township of Royal Oak,
328 Mich.672 (1950)

Legal opinion on Sewer/Water Operations, & maintenance fees.
Include reference to Mi Law, and the criteria laid out in Bolt vs. City of Lansing
Supreme court decision.

Mark Kolas recommended to table the fee and provide documentation showing that
all these tests have been done. See asttachment.

New Business:

Liquor License review for Little Man Winery to be approved.

Allan made the motion to accept the liquor license for Little Man Winery, Josiah Jessup
supported.

Roll Call Vote:

Josiah Jessup, yes, Judy Graff, yes, Allan Overhiser, yes, Lu Winfrey, yes, Cheryl Brenner, yes.

Motion carried.

The Ambulance millage renewal was presented by Allan Overhiser.

Motion made by Josiah Jessup to accept the renewal, Lu Winfrey supported.

Roll Call Vote: Judy Graff, yes, Lu Winfrey, yes, Allan Overhiser, yes, Cheryl Brenner, yes,
Josiah Jessup, yes. Motion carried.

Allan presented a resolution for a salary increase to 4% cost of living for elected officials.

Supervisor.....\$21,112.00

Clerk.....\$19,448.00

Treasurer.....\$23,192.00

Trustees.....\$ 4,446.00 divide by 2 = \$2, 223.00 annually change to

\$ 4,472.00 divide by 2 = \$2,236.00

Lu Winfrey made motion to approve the cost of living raise of 4% for the board, Josiah Jessup
seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Judy Graff, yes, Allan Overhiser, yes, Lu Winfrey, yes, Josiah Jessup, yes,
Cheryl Brenner, yes. Motion carried.

Other Business:

Budget discussion on BS&A cemetery software in the amount of \$4,910.00. Lu Winfrey
made motion to accept the purchase of the cemetery software in the amount of \$4,910.00,
Allan Overhiser seconded.

Cheryl Brenner presented some changes that had been made in the following accounts:

Receipt#8112 changed 101.000.40100 from \$103,934.68 to \$82,273.78

changed 101.000.40700 from \$1,320.32 to \$21,660.90 and

changed 101.000.40600 from \$1,693.92 to \$3,102.88

Ch#22077 dated 04/30/13 to Electric Inspection Svc changed from 101.265.92200 to
101.261.80100 Inspections - contractual svc.

Changed chk#22031 dated 03/29/13 Electric Inspections Svc from 101.265.92200 to
101.261.80100 Inspections contractual svc

Judy Graff made motion to accept amendments to these changes made, Lu Winfrey supported.

Lu Winfrey made motion to adjourn, Judy Graff supported.
Adjourned at 10:14pm

Minutes by Cheryl Brenner, Clerk
Attachments: Reference to Michigan Law Statutes