

Casco Township Board of Trustees  
March 16, 2015 @ 7:00 pm

Approved 4/20/15

Call to order – Overhiser called meeting to order at 7:00pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present- Overhiser, Brenner, Winfrey, Graff, Josiah Jessup and 4 other interested people including Larry Brown, Allegan County Road Commissioner, and Officer Kurt Katje.

**Public Comment:**

Larry Brown presented the Lakeview Avenue Improvements and Financing Agreement for the paving of Lakeview Ave. for the township to approve. Allan made motion to approve the Financing Agreement and that Casco Township will pay the legal fees not to exceed \$10,000.00. Josiah supported - motion carried.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Brenner, Overhiser, Graff, Winfrey, Jessup.  
NAYS: None”

Larry also gave an excellent explanation of Proposal 1.

Officer Kurt Katje gave a brief report.

**Reports:**

**Clerk-** Minutes of 12/15/15 meeting, 1/26/15, and 2/16/15 to be approved. Motion made to approve 12/15/15 minutes. Josiah seconded. Motion made to approve 1/26/15 minutes. Judy seconded. Motion made to approve 2/16/15 minutes. Lu seconded. All votes in favor. Motions carried.

Clerk made motion to amend the following accts:

Two expense accounts were created for snowplowing.

1 Parks & Rec – Snowplowing account #208-750-80600

2 Cemetery – Snowplowing account # 101-276-939

The following accounts were corrected after the closing of the month because the reconciliation was done after the month closing. Other expenses also.

Parks & Rec-Interest income	.63
Supplies & Maint.	199.57
Cemetery Interest Income	11.12
Treasurers Bank charge	654.99
Casco Gen. Zoning App/Fees	450.00
Casco Lakeview Sewer	9,707.78
Casco Lakeview Water	5,660.69
Pacific Sewer	10,948.46

3 Police Acct. Clerk needs to get some help from Sage. Judy seconded motion. All votes in favor. Motion carried.

Cheri reminded everyone about the May 5, 2015 election. Ben Williams from the Health Dept. sent Cheri an email about the regional Household Hazardous Waste & TV/Computer recycling events. These events are open to all communities in the Resource Recovery Program.

**MAY 2: 9AM-1PM: WAYLAND HARDING'S, RENO DR, WAYLAND AND  
MAY 30: 9AM-1PM: ALLIED WASTE HAMILTON, 3310 M-40 HWY HAMILTON**

**Treasurer**

Balances in all accounts are as follows:

General Fund	\$ 386,222.49
Parks Fund	\$ 6,148.86
Senior Services Fund	\$ 4,628.17
Fire Dept. Fund	\$ 241,924.51
Road Fund	\$ 130,481.56
Police Fund	\$ 4,853.75
Cemetery Fund	\$ 131,250.77
Collected Tax Acct	\$1,613,215.39
Lakeview Sewer	\$ 8,006.62
Lakeview Water	\$ 12,182.84
Pacific Sewer	\$ 10,994.15
Orchard Sewer	\$ 41,697.08

Lu made motion to approve the following expenses:

General Fund	Orders #23082-23138	31,301.73
Parks Fund	Orders #589-597	1,777.52
Seniors Fund	Orders #475-478	3,136.67
Collected Tax	Orders #3033-3051	688,484.42
Lakeview Sewer	Orders #1003	9,707.78
Lakeview Water	Orders #1005	5,660.69
Pacific Sewer	Order #1006	10,948.46
Fire Fund	Orders #3927	195.59
Road Fund	Orders #1101	116.29

Cheri Supported. All votes in favor. Motion Carried.

**Parks & Recreation-** Bruce Barker and Pam Blough were present. The Park & Rec Board at their 3/11/15 meeting discussed Ordinance No.110221. Section 8. Pets, Section 10. Hours, Section 27 and Section No. 20. Weapons, and made some changes on these sections. Section 20 weapons, it was suggested to have the township attorney review this. Allan said he will contact Ron Bultje.

Bruce mentioned with the \$500 donation that the Parks & Rec received if the township cared if they used some of that money to replace the big white pine that fell, with another tree. The board agreed for the committee to do that.

Allan was asked by Bruce to have him or Joe look at the stairs at the 1<sup>st</sup> street beach for a second opinion. In the fall Bruce Barker had looked at the stairs and he thought there were some treads that were bad. Also, there is still a need for a member on the Park committee.

ZBA – The township representative did not attend the meeting on 2/19/15.

**Hospital-** Judy Graff reported that the hospital has hired another Orthopedic surgeon. He will start this summer. Entergy donated \$10,000 and the hospital has been able to do free cancer screening because of the donation

**Old Business-**

1 Road finalizing projects-

It was suggested the resealing and fog coating of Baseline 64<sup>th</sup> St. to 66<sup>th</sup> St. and 72<sup>nd</sup> St. west to the expressway at a cost of around \$25,000.00.

Allan made motion to resealing and fog coating of the mentioned streets. Judy seconded. All votes in favor. Motion Carried.

1 71<sup>st</sup> St Drain-

The township is waiting for information from the drain commissioner. It was decided to name this drain Murdoch Drain.

1 Fireworks Allan presented SHAES Fireworks Policy for the townships of Casco, Geneva, and South Haven. The board thought it was a good idea to be part of this.

Judy made motion to approve Casco Township agreeing to be part of this policy. Josiah seconded.

Roll Call Vote: AYES- Overhiser, Graff, Winfrey, Brenner, Jessup  
NAYS- None

Absent: none

All votes in favor. Motion carried.

**New Business-**

1 FOIA changes. Allan made motion to have the township's attorney work on the new FOIA changes.

Lu seconded. Motion carried. All votes in favor.

1 File Room remodeling-Al Ellingsen and Ruth Hewitt came up with the idea of expanding the file room with the room that the State Police used for their locker room. The wall could be knocked down between the two rooms for more filing space. There is a great need for more space for record keeping. The room could be made fire proof and that would save money on purchasing fire proof cabinets. The board all thought that is a great idea and for Allan to go ahead on this project.

1 Overhiser recommended a 3% cost of living raise for the township officials for this year. Overhiser said the Resolutions will be ready for the 04/20/15 regular

meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Other Business

Because of the passing of Doug Brousseau, our previous assessor, the township needs

to consider a new contract with Appraisals Plus Group, Benjamin A. Brousseau, owner.

Allan made motion to approve the new contract with Appraisals Plus Group.

Lu Seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Overhiser, Graff, Brenner, Jessup, Winfrey.

NAYS: None

Absent: None

All votes in favor. Motion carried.

Allan made motion to approve an Employment Contract For Assessor naming Nathan Brousseau as the township assessor.

Josiah Seconded. All votes in favor. Motion carried.

Sandy Boersen, Boersen Farms, 6260 Baseline Rd. parcel 03-02-035-014-00 asked to have us

approve their application for a PA-116 to allow them to get a tax credit on this parcel.

Allan made motion to approve. Judy seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES : Overhiser, Graff, Jessup, Brenner, Winfrey

NAYS: None

Judy made motion to adjourn @ 8:38 pm

Minutes prepared by

Cheri Brenner-Clerk