

Casco Township
Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 9, 2023

Attendance: J. Andersen, D. Goulston, G. Kaszynski, J. Stevens, C. Stover, V. Hauff – Deputy Clerk.
9 Residents.

Call to Order at 7:01 pm

Pledge to the Flag of the United States

Consent Agenda:

- A. Agenda for May 9, 2023
- B. Special Meeting Minutes April 20, 2023
- C. Financial Report
- D. Payment of Bills

Motion by C. Stover to approve Consent Agenda with one addition of K. Quote for Stump Removal
Supported by D. Goulston.

Roll Call Vote: J. Andersen – yes, D. Goulston – yes, G. Kaszynski – yes, J. Stevens – yes, C. Stover – yes.
Motion Carried.

Township Spotlight – None

Citizen Comments – None

1. Unfinished Business
 - A. Budget Amendments

Postponed to June Board of Trustees Meeting. The Board wants J. Stevens to call King & King, to come help him with the budgets. It was suggested that he take classes as well.

- B. Overhead Streetlights

Supervisor, J. Stevens presented the board a breakdown of the Township Overhead Streetlights, for the ones we share with Columbus Township. The Township will start billing Columbus Township yearly. Clerk, J. Andersen asked J. Stevens for the new breakdown for the rest of the communities that share our Overhead Streetlights.

- C. Planning Commission Secretary

Motion by C. Stover to approve the Deputy Clerk as the Planning Commission Recording Secretary as of June 2023 at \$75.00 per meeting. Supported by G. Kaszynski.

Roll Call Vote: J. Andersen – yes, D. Goulston – yes, G. Kaszynski – yes, J. Stevens – yes, C. Stover – yes.
Motion Carried.

- D. Code Enforcement Job Description

- Board discussed what they are looking for in a new Code Enforcement Officer. The board wants to change the duties of this position.
- Board wants this employee to study the Zoning Ordinances.
- Board wants them to do Municipality Zoning/Building Department Preliminary Reviews.
- Board wants them to know the difference between Civil and Township Ordinances.
- The Code Enforcement Officer will have an Office with Office hours.

2. New Business
 - A. Termination of Current Code Enforcement Officer

Motion by C. Stover to terminate current Code Enforcement Officer. Supported by G. Kaszynski.

Roll Call Vote: J. Andersen – yes, D. Goulston – yes, G. Kaszynski – yes, J. Stevens – yes, C. Stover – yes.
Motion Carried.

B. Change Date for June Board of Trustees Meeting

Motion by C. Stover to approve Changing Date for June Board of Trustees Meeting to the first Tuesday, June 6, 2023. Supported by D. Goulston.
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion Carried.

C. Add-Ons for Landscaping

Motion by C. Stover to approve Landscaping Add-ons in the amount of \$1,100.00.
Supported by J. Andersen.
Roll Call Vote: J. Andersen – yes, D. Goulston – yes, G. Kaszynski – yes, J. Stevens – yes, C. Stover – yes.
Motion Carried.

D. Assessor Shelly Baumeister

Motion by J. Andersen to add Shelly Baumeister as a full time employee as of January 1, 2023 to receive the Township Fringe Benefits and mileage. Supported by C. Stover.
Roll Call Vote: J. Andersen – yes, D. Goulston – yes, G. Kaszynski – yes, J. Stevens – yes, C. Stover – yes.
Motion Carried.

E. Pay Increase for Constable

Motion by J. Andersen to approve a pay increase for Constable to \$40.00 per inspection.
Supported by G. Kaszynski.
Roll Call Vote: J. Andersen – yes, D. Goulston – yes, G. Kaszynski – yes, J. Stevens – yes, C. Stover – yes.
Motion Carried.

F. Pay Increase for A. Macdonald

Motion by J. Andersen to approve pay increase for A. Macdonald, Cemetery Maintenance to \$20.00 per hour. Supported by D. Goulston.
Roll Call Vote: J. Andersen – yes, D. Goulston – yes, G. Kaszynski – yes, J. Stevens – yes, C. Stover – yes.
Motion Carried.

G. Township Wide Garbage Pick-Up on Ballot

- Board discussed the possibility of having Township Wide Garbage Pick-Up
- Board discussed possibly having this on the ballot to let residents vote if they would like to have this service.
- Treasurer, C. Stover wants more research done on the subject. What would the tax mileage be, and what cost would be from various garbage companies.

H. Resolution for County ARPA Money

Motion by D. Goulston to adopt Resolution #2023-09 To Oppose Use of the American Rescue Plan Act Monies of \$16,300,000.00 to IRA Township Water Filtration Project. Supported by C. Stover.
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion Carried.

I. NEMC Representative

Motion by C. Stover to accept the resignation of W. Baumgarten as NEMC Representative.
Supported by G. Kaszynski. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion Carried.

J. Belle River Park Bat Hike

Board discussed the Six Rivers hosting Bat Hike Event at the Belle River Park. J. Stevens let the board know that Six Rivers has insurance coverage for their events. He also talked to the Township Insurance to make sure we have insurance coverage. The event will be held at the Belle River Park on Friday, September 15, 2023.

K. Quote for Stump Removal

Motion by C. Stover to approve Quote from Grinde Time LLC, in the amount of \$5,196.00 to remove 32 stumps located in the Casco Township Cemetery. Supported by D. Goulston.

Roll Call Vote: J. Andersen – yes, D. Goulston – yes, G. Kaszynski – yes, J. Stevens – yes, C. Stover – yes.
Motion Carried.

Citizen Comments

- N. Graebert addressed the board – he discussed some of his concerns with having a Township Wide Garbage Pick Up.

Board Comments

- J. Andersen informed the Board and Residents that we are having a Cemetery Spring Clean-Up Day on May 20th, 2023. Also, we will be putting flags up in the cemetery for all the Veterans buried there.
- J. Stevens discussed with the board about Bethuy Rd. He talked to the county about paving it due to the high traffic from the business on that road. He suggested that we bond the road for those companies to pay for the project.
- J. Stevens let the Board know the Architect is meeting with the Township on May 10, 2023 – to look over the expansion plan.

Adjournment

Motion by J. Andersen to adjourn at 8:13pm. Supported by D. Goulston.
5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion Carried.

Jennifer Andersen
Casco Township Clerk