Casco Township
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 10, 2014

7:00 p.m. Call to Order
Present: W. Ruemenapp, J. Stevens, C. Stover, and D. Goulston. P. Allagreen- Excused.
Two (2) Township residents.

Motion by C. Stover to approve Agenda with one (1) addition under "1. Correspondence – add D. – Richmond Lenox EMS Blood Drive. Supported by J. Stevens. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
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Motion by J. Stevens to approve regular meeting minutes of the Casco Board of Trustees on May 13, 2014 as presented. Supported by D. Goulston. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Motion by J. Stevens to accept Financial Report as submitted. Supported by D. Goulston. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

1. Correspondence:

A. Council on Aging
W. Ruemenapp advised the Board that he had misread the deadline for response, and the date has passed, but anyone interested can still make contact directly to the Council on Aging.

B. Metro Planning/Broadband Coverage
W. Ruemenapp advised of the communication from the St. Clair County Metro Planning Commission requesting any information of problems with broadband or cell tower service in Casco. Anyone with problems can contact Metro Planning.

C. St. Clair County MTA Meeting
W. Ruemenapp advised the Board of the St. Clair County Chapter of the MTA that is being held on June 19, 2014 at 11:30 a.m. in Burtchville Township. He commented that the deadline for response was yesterday, but if any one wishes to go they can still respond.

D. Richmond-Lenox EMS Blood Drive
W. Ruemenapp advised of the Blood Drive being held on July 10, 2014 at the Richmond Township offices from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

2. Old Business - NONE

3. New Business:

A. Insurance Policy 2014-2015
W. Ruemenapp explained that he had gotten a couple of prices and both were very good. He stated that Par Plan does offer a couple of things at a lower rate, but overall he is very satisfied with Nickel and Saph and would recommend that the Township continue with them for another year, as the Par Plan price was $5,638.00.
Motion by D. Goulston to retain contract with Nickel and Saph with an annual Premium of $5,421.00. Supported by C. Stover. Roll Call Vote: C. Stover - Yes, W. Ruemenapp – Aye, J. Stevens – Yes, D. Goulston – Yes. Motion carried.

B. Resolution 2014-06/Ordinance #30-87
W. Ruemenapp commented that the Board has discussed this a couple of times previously. Currently, ROS doesn't allow AG as a permitted use. in discussion with the Planner, the Planning Commission went with Special Land Use He is still exploring the option as to renting the Park property. He advised that he had spoken with Mark Brochu and he is in favor of it.
Motion to Adopt Resolution 2014-06/Ordinance #30-87 by J. Stevens. Supported by D. Goulston. Roll Call Vote: D. Goulston – Yes, J. Stevens – Yes, W. Ruemenapp - Aye, C. Stover – Yes. Motion carried.

C. Resolution 2014-07/Ordinance #30-88

W. Ruemenapp advised the Board that the Planner urged the Township to go through the Ordinance Book to clean up the language regarding Greenbelts and Parking so that it conforms throughout the book. He worked with the Planning Commission to coordinate the language. Motion by J. Stevens to Adopt Resolution 2014-07/Ordinance #30-88. Supported by D. Goulston. Roll Call Vote: C. Stover – Yes, W. Ruemenapp – Aye, J. Stevens – Yes, D. Goulston – Yes. Motion carried.

D. Resolution 2014-08/County ORV Ordinance

W. Ruemenapp advised the Board that he saw nothing positive in the proposed Ordinance, but large negatives. Casco has no off road trails, no lakes or state land. He also added if approved by the County, Casco can opt out, but he's not sure if this applies only to County roads or all the roads. He advised the Board of two meetings being held one on June 16th at 4:00 p.m. and the other on June 18th at 6:00 p.m. Also of the Public Hearing on July 3rd. Motion by D. Goulston to Adopt Resolution 2014-07/Opposing recommendation by the St. Clair County Board of Commissioners for County ORV Ordinance. Supported by J. Stevens. Roll Call Vote: D. Goulston – Yes, J. Stevens – Yes, W. Ruemenapp – Aye, C. Stover – Yes. Motion carried.

E. St. Clair County Road Commission Work Orders

W. Ruemenapp advised the Board of the various work orders received from the Road Commission.

After discussion, Motion by C. Stover to approve the work orders not to exceed the amounts as follows: Swath mowing totaling $5,000.00; ditching on Springborn Road for a total cost of $25,816.00 (property owner to share 20% of the cost/$5,163.00); seal patching service drives totaling $7,500.00; rubber crack repair of service drives totaling $13,750.00; and rubber crack repair between Mayer and Palms Roads on St. Clair Highway totaling $11,000.00. Supported by D. Goulston. Roll Call Vote: W. Ruemenapp – Aye, J. Stevens – Yes, D. Goulston – Yes; C. Stover – yes. Motion carried.

F. Zoning Enforcement/Kennels

W. Ruemenapp explained to the Board that he believes that there is a dog breeding business without a kennel license in the Township.

He advised that he has been unsuccessful in speaking to the person, but that he will keep trying. If he can't talk to the person he may need to go with the lawyer. He told the Board that he has spoken to the attorney and was told that he wouldn't use enforcement, but take legal action. It was the general consensus of the Board to go forward if necessary.

G. Discussion of Possible Dog Control Ordinance

W. Ruemenapp advised the Board that in his research on dog kennels, he found information on pets. In St. Clair County, you can have as many dogs as you want, as long as you have a license for each one.

He advised the Board that he would like to explore what neighboring Townships are doing, but perhaps 3-5 dogs for personal use.

D. Goulson inquired as to whether there might be something in the Nuisance Ordinance covers any part of it. W. Ruemenapp said the noise may be covered. It was the general consensus of the Board that they did not want to govern how many dogs we should be controlling in this rural setting. W. Ruemenapp will make further contacts.

Payment of the Bills:
Motion by J. Stevens and Supported by C. Stover to approve payment of bills as submitted (check #26244-26257) after the May 13, 2014 meeting including one (1) debit card purchase totaling $28,366.55; and bills submitted (checks #26258-26290) for the June 10, 2014 meeting; including e-file of State of Michigan, First State Bank taxes withheld, and two (2) debit card purchases totaling $73,096.05. Also Check #1051-M. Czenkus $384.50 liquor inspections and mileage. Roll Call Vote. D. Goulston - Yes, J. Stevens - Yes, P. Allagreen - Yes, W. Ruemenapp - Aye. Motion Carried.

Citizens Comments - NONE

Motion to adjourn at 7:37 p.m. by C. Stover. Supported by J. Stevens. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Patricia M. Allagreen
Casco Township Clerk