

Caseville Township Board Meeting February 2, 2015

Meeting called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Fred Busch.

Present: Fred Busch, Michelle Stirrett, Vicki Dufty, and Laurie Marrocco.

Fourteen citizens were present.

A moment of silence was held in memory of Larry Degg.

Busch requested that the agenda be amended to include a presentation from Teri Collison regarding the Village of Pigeon's community park and improvement project, Recreation Committee's request for additional members, CAFPA's resolution for funding of a new roof, and the ad hoc committee looking into a Township Manager position.

Motion by Stirrett second by Dufty to approve the agenda as amended, the January 5, 2015 Regular Board minutes, the January 23, 2015 Special Board minutes, Treasurer's Report and invoices. **Motion carried.**

Public Comments on agenda items: None.

Teri Collison, representing the Village of Pigeon, presented plans for Pigeon's park and improvement project. She explained that the Village was seeking a grant through the MDNR Trust Fund and that improvements to the park would be a benefit to all surrounding municipalities. She further explained that a requirement of the grant was to have the approval and support of the project from surrounding townships. **Motion** by Marrocco second by Dufty to support the Village of Pigeons' grant application to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for the purposes of the improvement of their community park. **Motion carried.**

Committee Reports reviewed.

Salary Resolutions

Resolution 2015-02 by Marrocco second by Stirrett setting the Supervisor's salary, beginning April 1, 2015, at \$24,340.60. Roll Call: Aye: Busch, Dufty, Marrocco, Stirrett. Nay: None. **Resolution adopted.**

Resolution 2015-03 by Stirrett second by Dufty setting the Trustee salary, beginning, April 1, 2015, at \$2,601.30. Roll Call: Aye: Marrocco, Stirrett, Busch, Dufty. Nay: None. **Resolution adopted.**

Resolution 2015-04 by Marrocco second by Stirrett setting the Treasurer's salary, beginning April 1, 2015, at \$30,546.50 (salary distribution to be \$24,546.50 from General Fund and \$6,000 from Water Fund). Roll Call: Aye: Busch, Dufty, Stirrett, Marrocco. Nay: None. **Resolution adopted.**

Resolution 2015-05 by Marrocco second by Dufty setting the Clerk's salary, beginning, April 1, 2015, at \$31,042.20. Roll Call: Aye: Busch, Dufty, Marrocco, Stirrett. Nay: None. **Resolution adopted.**

2015 Poverty Exemption Guidelines

Resolution 2015-06 by Stirrett second by Marrocco approving the 2015 poverty guidelines. Roll Call: Aye: Busch, Dufty, Marrocco, Stirrett. Nay: None. **Resolution adopted.**

Planning Commission

Motion by Stirrett second by Marrocco to approve the 2014 Planning Commission Annual Report. **Motion carried.**

Motion by Dufty second by Marrocco to accept the resignation of Fred Busch from the Planning Commission. **Motion Carried.**

Ordinance 2015-01 by Stirrett second by Dufty amending by repealing, in its entirety, Section 154.191 Accessory Buildings, Structures and Uses (Section 154.043 and 154.044 replace provisions of said Section 154.191), and amending Section 154.040 by adding additional clarifying language. Roll Call: Aye: Marrocco, Dufty, Stirrett, Busch. Nay: None. **Ordinance adopted.**

Water Rate increase

Motion by Stirrett second by Marrocco to rescind a motion made at the December 1, 2014 Board meeting increasing the quarterly ready to serve charge to \$130 effective with the April 1, 2015 billing. Motion by Stirrett second by Marrocco to increase the ready to serve charge to \$117.50 effective with the April 1, 2015 billing. **Motion carried.** Discussion was held on methods used to find the lost water in the Township system. Master meters have been calibrated, an audit has been done the meter reading system and 90% of household meters have been upgraded. The Township is waiting on costs to lease leak detection equipment and plans are being discussed on household meter inspections.

Recreation Committee

Motion by Busch second by Marrocco appointing Ken Ewald and Levi Zagorski to the Recreation Committee. **Motion carried.**

Caseville Fire Association

Motion by Stirrett second by Dufty approving the expenditure of \$35,925.00 by the Caseville Area Fire Protection Association for the purpose of reroofing the fire hall. **Motion carried.**

Zoning Inspector Report given.

Fire Report given.

Supervisor Update: (1) Meeting with the Road Commission determined three possible road projects for 2015, (2) he is investigating the opportunity to move site plan approval to a different department and the possibility of working with the City and Lake Township to bring the building department back to local control and (4) an ad hoc committee formed to investigate the township manager position.

Jim Kanary and Russ Lundberg noted that they would be working along with Bob Drury to investigate the possibility of professional management through a Township Manager position. They will do research, and develop a job description and hiring process for Board review.

County Update: Elftman gave an update on County issues.

Public Comments:

Gary Horkey: Questioned if he could add to his 30 x 40 existing accessory building under the new ordinance? Ordinance applies to larger lots rather than platted subdivision lots.

Laura Horkey: Stated lots across the street are carriage lots so no residences can be built.

Jerry Platko: Inquired about the deadline for submissions for the Trustee position.

Board Comments:

Marrocco: Questioned when the Planning Commission appointment will be made. After the appointment of the new Trustee.

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Michelle Stirrett
Caseville Township Clerk

Fred Busch
Caseville Township Supervisor

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Mr. Steve Corrion
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February 3, 2015

Dear Mr. Corrion:

The Caseville Township Board, at their February 2, 2015 regular meeting, made a motion of support for the Village of Pigeon's grant application for purposes of improving your community park.

Attached are the minutes of the Board meeting reflecting their action on this matter.

I trust this information is helpful. Please feel free to contact me should you require any additional information.

Sincerely,

Michelle Stirrett
Caseville Township Clerk

