

July 9, 2024 – Village Board Public Hearing Minutes 6:15pm – Casco Village

Dan made a motion to approve the agenda Chad 2nd 6:15 pm; Board members present: Dennis Cravillion, Chad Cochart, Tim Kinnard and Dan Andres, Troy Alsteen – President, Tammy Skarban-Clerk,

Floodplain Ordinance

- Published in paper 6/21 & 6/28
- Only affects the Sewer Plant and Tim Kinnard's property on Church Ave.
- No questions or comments; Chad/Dennis made the motion to adopt the new ordinance for FEMA. The enacted ordinance will be posted and effective July 10, 2024.
- Tim/Dan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. (6:18 pm)

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Dan/Chad made a motion to adopt the agenda 6:30pm

Leah – CLA

- Unmodified audit opinion (pg 1)
- Went over long-term debt/capital assets (not the same as budget; will never balance with budget)
- Page 8 is the balance sheet; will balance with budget
- Explained what the fund balance is; assets less liabilities
- No new account policies were created
- Sewer is a business and must break even or make a profit; currently we are in the hole.
- We should work on paying down the Village debt if we don't need to purchase any major items in the next few years or watch for interest rates to drop to refinance at a lower rate. 7:01 pm

Rob/Bruce

- Got a new answering machine so people can now leave messages
- Received 3 quotes to trim/cut tree hanging over the fire station. J & D, Fallright or Outdoor Enhancement. Renier's don't want the tree cut down (it is on their property) so the branches that are hanging over the roof, will be trimmed.
- 4 street signs have been ordered
- Jeff from SES did the annual maintenance; a bearing on the exhaust fan and shaft was shot in the screening room for raw sewer. That was \$7500 to replace.
- New motor came in for the squealing one in the basement.
- VPC (Vacuum pump & compressor) came in on 6/14 to fix an air leak in the sand filter room and on 7/2 had to replace an 8" valve. A new one was also ordered for sand filter #2
- Water leak is coming from the well pump
- Ordered 2 solenoid valves from VPC, they are each \$736.50
- On 5/9 Rob took 2 certifications; failed because of lack of study time, but NWTC offers training classes and can watch them online. Can get certified through NWTC. Troy will follow up.
- Jeff Bellin fixed the big holes in the driveway at the Post Office. Troy tried to contact the owner of the property in New York with no response back.
- When the grass bin is cleaned out again, we need to put crusher dust in the bottom.

- If there is any leftover blacktop from the roads that are getting the overlay, Bruce will see if we can use it to fix another area.
- Some of the chairs need to be replaced in the hall. We will have to work that into next years budget plan. 7:26 pm

Bills

- Chad/Tim motioned for bills to be approved as presented 7:35 pm

Minutes

- Minutes were approved as presented. Tim/Chad made a motion 7:36 pm

New Business

- We had some complaints about long grass/weeds in the subdivision. Tammy will contact Black Diamond and Kim Davister about keeping the lots mowed.
- The owners of 610/612 Church Ave. spend 5 – 6 months a year in Casco and then are in Arizona. They were wondering about a prorated sewer bill for their unit while gone. We are looking at the rates to see what can be done for people not here for an entire month/quarter. According to our sewer ordinance, there was nothing listed for this price break. Rural Development actually sets the rates to be sure the loan can get paid and the plant can run efficiently.
- We will have a special meeting on August 6th at 6:30 to go over the sewer ordinance. Nothing can be voted on at that meeting, but can discuss changes for the upcoming meeting (special notice) August 20
- We are going to have to have a full Village wide reval according to the state since we are below the 80% ratio. Our assessor is holding off until 2026.

Other Business

- We just don't have the resources or manpower to change our chicken ordinance, we will keep the ordinance as to NOT allow chickens in our Village. We will be changing the wording in our current ordinance to read "No Chickens Allowed". This will be discussed at our August 6th meeting and then will be presented at the Board meeting on August 20th. This will be voted on at a "special hearing" at 6 pm
- The Parking Ordinance states that we have NO overnight parking on any streets year-round. We are looking at changing that to read 1 am – 6 am from November 1 – April 1. That means no one is to park overnight on **any** street during that time. This will also be discussed at our special meeting on August 20th and voted on.
- Lions would like to donate towards the park for new lights. Poles can be purchased and put up by students at NWTC as part of their curriculum (cost is probably around \$75,000)
- Sewer ordinance needs to be changed; we need to generate revenue. People who have bathrooms in their garages or sheds will be charged a fee. This will be discussed at the meeting on August 6th then brought to a vote on our special meeting before our regular meeting on August 20
- EMS Fundraiser is August 2nd and 3rd in Euren – serving at 11 am under the big tent.

Old Business

- Keep your yards clean and grass cut – we want a nice-looking Village
- Any business on a residential lot will have to be rezoned.

- Fire rating is now 5 for homeowners' insurance effective 8/1/24. Great job Bruce and firemen!
- Citation ordinance went into effect May 22nd, all residents were mailed a copy with sewer bill.
- LRIP is for overlay for Burke/Hyland. The cost is \$50,000, we will receive \$14,383.51 when we spend \$35,616.49

The August meeting will be changed to the 20th since we have an election on the 13th.

Tim/Dennis made a motion to adjourn the Board meeting; all approved 8:56 pm

**** All motions made, and 2nd were approved by all board members unless noted.**

Next regular monthly meeting will be Tuesday, August 20, at 6:30 pm – Village Hall;

Special Board meeting to discuss sewer ordinance, chicken ordinance and parking ordinance will be held on Tuesday, August 6 at 6:30 pm

****The Floodplain Zoning Ordinance was adopted on July 9, 2024, at a public hearing. It goes into effect on Wednesday, July 10. If you would like to see the full ordinance or a copy emailed, contact Tammy at 920-837-2220 or clerk@villageofcascowi.gov the entire ordinance is posted on our website, www.cascowi.com**