

January 7, 2025 – Village Board Meeting Minutes 6:30pm – Casco Village

Dennis made a motion to approve the agenda Chad 2nd 6:31 pm; Board members present: Tim Kinnard, Dennis Cravillion, Chad Cochart and Dan Andres, Troy Alsteen – President, Tammy Skarban-Clerk

Rob

- Took the General Wastewater exam – passed; needs to retake the phosphorous exam in March along with the “Active Sludge” exam (has 6 more tests to pass)
- The sludge report is due at the end of January (6:33 pm)

Bruce

- Duane Opicka retired from the fire department after 35 ½ years
- Fire Department does 2 inspections per year but are not allowed to go into personal apartments
- Light switch was installed by Gunnlaugsson Electric at no charge
- Applied for 2 FEMA grants
 - New air pack, air compressor and cascade
 - New radio grant (\$90,000)
- Had 21 fire calls and nuclear drills in 2024
 - 2 calls in the Village
 - 19 mutual aid calls
 - Received a training grant
 - Had 6 fundraisers (6:38pm)

Bills

- Dennis/Tim made a motion to pay as presented 6:56 pm

Minutes

- Chad/Dan motioned for minutes from November to be approved as presented 6:49 pm

New Business

- The County will plow curb to curb on Church Ave. and Main St., the first pass of the day and the last
- Tim/Chad made a motion to take out a 6-month CD for \$25k to start saving money for sewer replacement costs/equipment – all approved. Tammy/Troy will sign for the CD at the Bank of Luxemburg (7 pm)
- Chad/Dan made a motion to raise the late fee for sewer bills to 15% - all approved (7:04 pm)
- Dan Laak turned in papers for a Village Trustee; he will appear on the April ballot with Dan Andres and Dennis Cravillion. Troy is not running again for President.
- The baseball/softball teams will be asked to come to our February meeting
 - Rake field when done
 - Must be on the schedule, can't just show up
 - Casco A's – Lions – Legion – School Clubs

Land and Water

- Not many water tests were done, but most went down
- Encourage everyone to test for research purposes

Old Business

- Troy was in contact with the lawyers just before Christmas about citations to be sure they were worded correctly.
- Tammy has been working on cleaning up/rewriting the ordinances to bring them up to date
- Just a reminder that there is NO overnight parking on ANY street from Nov 1 – April 1
- Bin at the Sewer plant are for Village Residents only and for yard waste, not whole trees or shrubs
- Please try to pay your Sewer bill on time. They are due on the 10th of the month following the quarter end (Jan 10, April 10, July 10, Oct 10). This is a Utility bill just as your Public Service bill and should be paid on time. Any bills not paid by October 28th will be added to your taxes with a 15% penalty. Anything added to your taxes is due with your first payment, however the Village doesn't receive the money from the County until our August settlement. This means we have to come up with the money to pay the bills from other resources

Tim/Chad made a motion to adjourn the Board meeting; all approved 7:38 pm

Next regular monthly meeting will be Tuesday, FEBRUARY 4TH at 6:30 pm, the meetings will now be the **FIRST Tuesday of each month unless there is an election. (the April meeting will need to be rescheduled)**

February 16th will be a parade throughout the County – Fire Trucks will be going through Casco at 3 pm with Megan Salentine who is the Fairest of the Fair. There will be a celebration at the Fairgrounds at 4 pm.

The March Village Board meeting will be on MONDAY, MARCH 10th at 6:30 pm at Village Hall.