

April 13, 2021 – Village Board Meeting Minutes 7:00 pm – Casco Village

Social Distancing was enacted, and masks were worn (Masks are required to enter the building)

Tim made a motion to approve the agenda; Troy 2nd (7:02 pm); all board members: Troy Alsteen, Dennis Cravillion, Tim Kinnard, Francis Gilson, Kelly Pinchart – President, Tammy Skarban-Clerk

Cole Anderson – Eagle Scout

- Wants to work on a project for the Village (him and/or other scouts)
- Needs ideas for projects (go through process...September at the earliest)
- Landscaping around new signs, paint bathrooms at Park, park benches etc.
- Contact him by email with thoughts. (7:06 pm)

Kent Porter – questions about assessments. People who have a 2nd lot were assessed separate on that parcel so it now brought land value up. He feels that everyone should be taxed together as 1 lot not 2. He was told this would be something to bring up at the Open Book and BOR (7:19 pm)

Mark Deraney – AMKO Advisors, LLC – independent municipal advisory firm that helps with funding in small communities by BONDING existing debt. Save interest expense from our current USDA bond; could potentially save us \$230,000 for the balance remaining. We are currently at 4.34%; lower our interest rate and payoff by 2036. It is a 30–60-day process to get all paperwork completed. We can start the process and decide at any time not to continue (no cost). (7:32 pm)

Updates from Bruce

- Ask Black Diamond if Lisa Stade could still get hay where they don't have houses built.
- Reliable Sweep will be here at the end of the month.
- 4th Street has another hole and black top is breaking off from people cutting corner to short going into the daycare and behind the school.
- Don Fameree said they are bringing a truck load of equipment for new school addition in the bus garage.
- County rolled the ballfields & will be getting a load of sand charging it to the Village, but the Lions will pay back.
- Sewers were flushed April 12th
- Janey Mahoney passed away and asked friends in lieu of flowers to make a donation to the Fire Department in her honor (she started the ugly purse auction). \$475 was donated. Thank you, Mark & girls. Our sincere sympathy for your loss.
- Casco One Stop donated \$1000 to Fire Department for their raffle. (Big Thank-you!).
- Fire Department needs to replace turn-out gear, coats and bunker pants.
- Hyland Ave needs to be fixed. It will cost \$700 to repair strip or \$2600 to fix and repair a 20 x 145 area (7:46 pm). Tim made a motion to spend the money to fix and repair the road, Troy 2nd the motion. All approved, motion passed (8:58)
- Cortland Ave. blacktop estimate \$42,000 will check on LRIP we have until June 2025 to put the 2nd layer of blacktop on (probably best to wait until the 2 new houses are built) (7:55)

Brian Peot – CSM Maps

- Benji LaCrosse, Adam & Emily Westlund and Scott & Terry Kastberg: all of them combined lots to make 1 parcel. Tim made a motion and Troy 2nd to accept all of them combining their lots into one. All approved, motion passed. Tammy signed and Brian will bring to County to get recorded (8:16)

American Rescue Plan (ARP): Village should receive \$60,000 to be used by June 2025 for sewer/water improvements, and/or broadband. We do NOT know all the details yet, but it can NOT be used to lower levy or pay down debt. More meetings will be scheduled in the near future. (8:24 pm)

- **Old business:**
 - Board of Review will be May 11th at 7 pm. You MUST have an appointment.

- Daycare well was re-sleeved, levels dropped from 12 to 10 down to 5. Letters were written to DNR.
 - Andrea Jacques will be having a listening hour.
 - Well testing will be tested again (letters were sent). (8:29)
 - The Board will go over a section of Zoning/Building codes after each meeting.
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- Bills were presented and approved as presented. Troy made the motion to approve, with Francis 2nd the motion – all approved (7:50 pm)
 - Minutes from last month were presented. Tim made a motion to approve as written, Troy 2nd the motion (7:52 pm)
 - Tim made a motion to adjourn with Francis 2nd the motion (9:02 pm)

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

- **Next meeting will be May 11th at 7 pm – Village Hall**
- **BOR is scheduled from 7 pm – 9 pm**

****We will be following the recommendations given by the County Nurse to continue wearing a mask inside the building at this time.**