

**Caseville Township Board Meeting
July 1, 2024**

Meeting called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Ben Willenberg.

Present: Ben Willenberg, Michelle Stirrett, Chelsey Dufty, Laurie Marrocco, Steve Watkins.

Thirty citizens were present.

Motion by Stirrett second but Marrocco to approve the agenda, the June 3, 2024 Board minutes, Treasurer's Report and invoices. **Motion carried.**

PUBLIC HEARING opened at 4:05 p.m.

Purpose of Hearing: To take comments on the proposed channel dredging special assessment roll for the Beadle Bay Main Channel.

Marshall Gettel: He took the comments from the last meeting about not informing residents of the project and put together a website where they are now able to access project information.

Ken Kashin: Thought this was a question-and-answer time not public comment.

Melissa Bosman: Concerned about the bidding process not being competitive. A bid schedule should have been used for comparison. Also concerned about the placement of spoils - could be placed in high erosion areas to save money.

Barb Tolles: How are assessments determined? Two lots on the edge of the channel are not included.

Carol McCloskey: Agreed that communication about the project was lacking. Concerned about how the project was initiated, lack of transparency with bids and cost allocations are not equitable.

Mark Hosking: Has this project been approved why the State and Army Corps of Engineers? Are grants available? What is the interest rate?

Larry Miller: The Channel Committee pitched lower costs to residents and included more people. The HOA representative from their association was not involved. The committee is inexperienced. The per parcel assessment is not fair because of the commercial business in the district. The spreading of the roll is not fair, and the bid process was not done correctly.

Todd Cooper: The assessment process is not fair. The commercial marina is not paying their fair share. The boats at the marina use the channel and the owner is making money from the boaters. The parcel owned by BAC is not being assessed fairly either. The assessment should be by footage.

Chris Klouse: Missed the last meeting because he did not get a letter. Where are the dredged materials going? What is the interest rate?

Correspondence:

Robert Braun: Doesn't agree with the project because lake levels are on the rise or stable and it's not fair that Beadle Bay III pays the total cost of the project.

No further comments, the hearing was closed at 4:20 p.m.

The regular meeting was opened at 4:21 p.m. with the same members present.

Public Comments on agenda items: None.

Committee Reports:

Planning Commission - June 4, 2024
Harbor Commission - May 15, 2024 and June 19, 2024
Capital Improvement - May 29, 2024
Fire Association - June 19, 2024
Water Board - May 31, 2024
APM Mosquito - seasonal report

Planning Commission – July 2, 2024

Beadle Bay Channel Dredging Special Assessment

Stirrett explained that this was not a Township initiated project, but a petitioned special assessment for the dredging. The scope and costs of the project were determined by a group of people who solicited signed petitions for the project and presented them to the Township. The first hearing was to take comments on the project and today's hearing was to hear comments on the assessment roll. Seventy eight percent of the affected properties were in favor of the project.

Resolution #5 by Stirrett second by Watkins confirming the special assessment roll for the Beadle Bay Channel Dredging project. Roll Call: Aye: Stirrett, Watkins, Willenberg, Marrocco, Dufty. Nay: None.
Resolution adopted.

Building Inspector Report given.

Zoning Administrator Report given.

Fire Report given.

Supervisor Update: Sturm Road is finished and Gwinn Road has been upgraded. Fog lines will be painted on Limerick Road. The park is doing well, and the pickle ball court is almost finished. The special assessment project is a learning experience for all, and he gives credit to Marshall Gettell for stepping up to do the project and supplying information to residents.

Public Comments:

Barb Degg: Would like a dead-end sign on Easy Street or Bay drive for safety reasons. Also is experiencing water runoff from the old golf course.

Laura Horkey: Questioned why no police officers are seen on Crescent Beach Road. Traffic and speeding are becoming a problem. Suggested light up speed limit signs be used to control the problem. They pay taxes for police protection and would like to see more patrols on Crescent Beach.

Mark Hosking: August 15, 2024 is the deadline to pay the assessment in full and they have no control over anything.

Dan Rolls: Stated he is having problems with the commercial building on M-25 near Gagetown Road. He heard a variance may be requested to do business. Things that should have been stopped before they became a problem were not. He is experiencing water runoff; the lighting is a problem, and this is obviously not a residential building. He would like to see a process put in place for the Building Inspector so this does not happen again.

Kathy Rolls: Questioned the time construction workers can start.

Larry Miller: Questioned if the assessor sets the roll on assessments. Doesn't feel per parcel is fair and other communities he has lived in use the footage method.

Todd Talaski: Updated the Board on county issues.

Board Comments:

Stirrett: Explained the Board's roll in the special assessment process and the fact that they can only act on what was presented to them and not the process used in getting signatures, Assessments on a per parcel basis is consistent and uniform with previous assessments,

Marrocco: Agreed that the Board must act on what is presented and agrees with the fact that speed is a concern on Crescent Beach Road.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Michelle Stirrett
Caseville Township Clerk

Ben Willenberg
Caseville Township Supervisor