

**MINUTES OF THE
CASCADE CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

Wednesday, September 10, 2014
7:00 P.M.

- Article 1.** Supervisor Beahan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Present: Supervisor Beahan, Treasurer Peirce, Clerk Goodyke, Trustees Koessel, Goldberg, Lewis and McDonald.
Absent: None
Also Present: Manager Swayze and those listed on Supplement #1.
- Article 2.** Supervisor Beahan led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
- Article 3.** Motion was made by Trustee Lewis and supported by Trustee Koessel to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 4.** **Presentations/Public Comments (limit comments to 3 minutes)**
Kent County Commissioner Mandy Bolter was present to give the Board an update on the happenings at the County.
- Article 5.** **Approval of Consent Agenda**
- a. Receive and File Various Meeting Minutes
 - 1. Regular Board Meeting Minutes of 09/10/14.
 - b. Receive and File Various Reports
 - 1. Building Department Monthly Report for August, 2014.
 - 2. East Precinct Quarterly Report for Jan. - June, 2014.
 - c. Receive and File Communications
 - 1. Notice of Hearings for Gas/Electric customers of Consumers Energy
 - d. Education Request
 - 1. Ken Peirce – Michigan Municipal Treasurers Association Fall Conference – Frankenmuth, MI, October 5-8, 2014.
- Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Clerk Goodyke to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 6.** **Financial Actions (None)**
- Article 7.** **Unfinished Business**
- Article 8.** **New Business**
- 060-2014** **Consider Supervisor Appointment to the DDA**
Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Clerk Goodyke to approve the Supervisor Appointment of Kim Ridings to the DDA to fill the unexpired term of Kirt Ojala. Motion carried unanimously.
 - 061-2014** **Consider Approval of Resolution for “Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Recognition Day”.**
Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee McDonald to approve the Resolution for “Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Recognition Day”. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

- 062-2014** **Consider Approval of Resolution to Recognize Forest Hills Field Hockey as a Non-Profit Organization.**
Motion was made by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Trustee Goldberg to approve a Resolution to Recognize Forest Hills Field Hockey as a non-profit organization. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.
- 063-2014** **Consider approval of Contract with Aquatic Consulting Services for Gypsy Moth Population Survey.**
Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee Lewis to approve the contract with Aquatic Consulting Services for Gypsy Moth Population Survey in the amount of \$8,600. Motion carried unanimously.
- 064-2014** **Consider Receiving the Thornapple River Environmental Baseline Study.**
Manager Swayze reviewed the summary of findings with the Board. Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee Koessel to acknowledge receipt of the Thornapple River Environmental Baseline Study and forward a copy to the Airport and the River Associations for review and comment. Discussion followed. Motion carried unanimously.
- 065-2014** **Consider Approval of the Township Manager Annual Evaluation Policy.**
Manager Swayze stated this is something the Personnel Committee has been working on. In order to simplify the process, The Committee has developed a policy to lay out the process that will be used going forward to ensure that the annual evaluation is conducted effectively and efficiently. Motion was made by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Trustee Lewis to approve the Township Manager Annual Evaluation Policy. Motion carried unanimously.
- 066-2014** **Consider Approval of the Community Development Department Reorganizational Effort in concept, and authorize the recruitment and hiring of a Community Standards Officer.**
Manager Swayze presented the changes thru a power point presentation. Questions/comments from the Board included:
- Would Steve and Sandra be the people designated for these positions? Manager Swayze indicated “yes”.
 - This represents what we are really doing already...just gives them a different title.
 - Committee talked a lot about re-development as a critical item.
 - Will help to get more economic growth in Cascade.

Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Clerk Goodyke to approve the Community Development Department Reorganizational Effort in concept, and authorize the recruitment and hiring of a Community Standards Officer. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 9. Public Comments on any other matters. (limit comments to 3 minutes)

Mr. Jacobs was present to request when a copy of the Resolution passed this evening regarding the FH Field Hockey would be available.

Article 10. Manager Comments

Manager Swayze offered the following:

- Kent County Road Commission is working on our local road projects right now.
- Reviewed the pathway project that was approved with the contractor.
- Phase I of the Township Hall feasibility study...Fishbeck is working on a schedule.
- Fire Department is having a moment of silence at the flag pole at Township Hall in memory of 9/11.

Article 11. Board Member Comments

Treasurer Peirce offered the following comments:

- I would ask to be excused from the next meeting, we are going to California to visit relatives in California.
- The tax collections are “picking up steam” this week.
- Strategic Planning process...haven’t heard anything for about a year.

Trustee McDonald offered the following comments:

- Just wanted to say a “great job” on the re-organization.

Trustee Goldberg offered the following comments:

- Is there an update on the Schoolhouse Creek Project...is it moving forward?

Supervisor Beahan offered the following comments:

- The Forest Hills Business Association is meeting tomorrow A.M. at 7:30 a.m. at NOTO’s. Lew Chamberlain will be talking about the Whitecaps.
- Happy Birthday to Trustee Koessel.

Article 12. Adjournment

Motion was made by Treasurer Peirce and supported by Trustee Lewis to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise M. Biegalle
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

Ron Goodyke, Clerk

Robert S. Beahan, Supervisor

