

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

Wednesday, September 23, 2015
7:00 P.M.

- Article 1.** Supervisor Beahan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Present: Supervisor Beahan, Clerk Goodyke, Treasurer Peirce, Trustee Lewis, McDonald and Koessel.
Absent: Trustee Goldberg (excused)
Also Present: Manager Swayze, Assessor McCarty and those listed in 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.
- Article 4.** **Presentations/Public Comments (limit comments to 3 minutes)**
Wayman Britt, Assistant Kent County Manager and Andy Guy with DOWNTOWN Grand Rapids, Inc., presented information regarding the HUD National Disaster Resilience Competition.
- Article 5.** **Approval of Consent Agenda**
a. Receive and File Various Meeting Minutes
1. Regular Board Meeting Minutes for 09/09/15.
2. Regular DDA Meeting Minutes for 07/14/15.
3. Regular BZA Meeting Minutes for 07/14/15.
4. Regular Planning Commission Meeting Minutes for 08/17/15.
b. Receive and File Reports
1. Treasurer's Department Monthly Report for July, 2015.
Motion was made by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Trustee Lewis to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried.
- Article 6.** **Financial Actions**
a. **Consider Approval of August, 2015 General/Special Funds.**
Motion was made by Treasurer Peirce and supported by Clerk Goodyke to approve the August, 2015 General/Special Funds. Motion carried.
b. **Consider Approval of August, 2015 Payables, Payroll and Transfers.**
Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Lewis to approve the August, 2015 Payables, Payroll and Transfers. Motion carried.
- Article 7.** **Unfinished Business**
- Article 8.** **New Business**
060-2015 a. **Public Hearing – Establish IFT District for Advantage Label & Packaging, 5575 Executive Parkway.**
Motion was made by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Trustee Koessel to move into public hearing. Motion carried.
Assessor McCarty reviewed the request for an IFT District.

Motion was made by Trustee Lewis and supported by Trustee McDonald to reconvene into regular session. Motion carried

b. Consider Resolution to Approve IFT District for New Facility for Advantage Label & Packaging at 5575 Executive Parkway.

Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Clerk Goodyke to approve the Resolution for an IFT District for a New Facility for Advantage Label & Packaging at 5575 Executive Parkway. Motion carried by roll call vote.

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a. Public Hearing – Issuance of IFT Certificate for Advantage Label & Packaging, 5575 Executive Parkway.

Motion was made by Trustee Lewis and supported by Trustee Koessel to move into public hearing. Motion carried.

No comments received.

Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Lewis to reconvene into regular session. Motion carried.

b. Consider Resolution to Approve the Issuance of IFT Certificate for Advantage Label & Packaging at 5575 Executive Parkway.

Motion was made by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Trustee McDonald to approve the Resolution for the Issuance of an IFT Certificate for Advantage Label & Packaging at 5575 Executive Parkway. Motion carried by roll call vote.

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Consider Purchase of Real Property.

Manager Swayze reviewed the Townships Strategic Plan relative to the goal to develop the riverfront into a pedestrian friendly Destination. Approximately 2 weeks ago we became aware of two properties along the Thornapple River that were available on the market. These properties are 2800 and 2804 Thornapple River Drive. The Township made an offer of \$195,000 for the House and \$75,000 for the vacant lot. Motion was made by Trustee Lewis and supported by Trustee McDonald to approve the purchase of these properties subject to the completion of the environmental study, survey and resolution of the shared driveway easement. Motion carried.

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Consider Approval of the Steelcase Payback Agreement.

Manager Swayze reviewed the complex payback agreement with Steelcase on part of the public system that was built on their campus back in the late '80's and early '90's. Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Treasurer Peirce to approve the cash payment of \$60,486.84 to be paid from the Infrastructure Revolving Fund. Motion carried.

Article 9.

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

Kent County Deputy Ryan Roe was present to update the Board on East Precinct Happenings.

Article 10. Manager Comments

Manager Swayze offered the following comments:

- In late 2013 we worked with Fishbeck to apply for grant from the State...the Saul Grant Program. This was to do a comprehensive storm water management plan for the Township. Happy to announce we did get our grant...\$135,000, which will need to be matched by \$15,000 from Cascade Funds.
- We met with contingent from the City of Kentwood and MDOT and the Right Place today to talk about the “rail spur” that heads down through the industrial area in Kentwood and heads into our area near 52nd St.
- Construction update: the intersection at Thornapple River Drive is completely open now. The Road Commission is working on the timing of the traffic lights.
- Township Hall Update: We are still waiting to hear back from our Financial Advisors, who are going to provide us with some information about if we wanted to bond for part or all of the potential township hall project.
- I will be out of town for 3 ½ days next week. Very appreciative of the Board sending me to the ICMA Conference this year.

Article 11. Board Member Comments

Trustee Lewis offered the following comments:

- YMCA is in Cascade NOT Grand Rapids...still having issue with Cascade not being recognized by the post office. Suggest we seek more recognition by getting more backing for this effort from groups like Cascade Community Foundation and Kent District Library.

Treasurer Peirce offered the following comments:

- Update on tax collections as of today, we had received 94.92% summer taxes...ahead of past years.
- Our plan we have with John Hancock the Trustees are able to voluntary contribute to plan.

Article 12. Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise M. Biegalle
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

Ron Goodyke, Clerk

Robert S. Beahan, Supervisor