

**MINUTES OF THE
CASCADE CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**
Wednesday, February 10, 2016
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, Trustee Goldberg Koessel and McDonald.
Absent: Trustee Lewis
Also Present: Manager Swayze, Fire Chief Sigg, DDA/ED Director Korhorn and those listed in Supplement #1.

Article 2. Supervisor Beahan led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Article 3. Motion was made by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Trustee Koessel to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 4. Presentations/Public Comments (limit comments to 3 minutes)
Ken Carey, 2929 Thornapple River Dr., asked the Board to be put on the Agenda, possibly in the April timeframe...having to do with the issues surrounding his lawsuit with the Summit and Mr. Westerhof.
Supervisor Beahan stated he did not think this was the appropriate venue for discussing a lawsuit like yours as a Board item. The best thing to do is to talk to Ben and see what direction is the best way for the Township to take a look at that.

Article 5. Approval of Consent Agenda
a. Receive and File Various Meeting Minutes
 1. Regular Township Board Minutes for 01/27/2016.
 2. Planning Commission Minutes for 01/11/2016.
b. Receive and File Reports
 1. Treasurer's Department Monthly Report for Dec., 2015.
 2. Building Department Monthly Report for Jan., 2016.
Motion was made by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Trustee McDonald to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Article 6. Financial Actions
a. Consider Approval of December, 2015 General/Special Funds.
Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Treasurer Peirce to approve the December, 2015 General/Special Funds.
Motion carried.
b. Consider Approval of January, 2016 Payables, Payroll and Transfers.
Motion was made by Treasurer Peirce and supported by Trustee Goldberg to approve the January, 2016 Payables, Payroll and Transfers. Motion carried.

Article 7. Unfinished Business

Article 8. New Business

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a. Public Hearing on Use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

DDA/ED Director Korhorn reviewed the process for the use of CDBG Funds. Discussion followed.

Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Clerk Goodyke to move into public hearing. Motion carried.

No comments heard.

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

b. Consider Approval of Resolutions of Acceptance and Use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee Koessel to table the item and ask staff to come up with a recommendation to the Board at the next regular Board meeting concerning the allocation of the CDBG monies taking into consideration upcoming Township projects that may have uses that we could put that money to as well as any offsets such as the Hope Network offset that would make it counter-productive not to allocate monies there. Motion carried.

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Consider Approval of Resolution to Amend and Restate our Governmental Non-ERISA Retirement Plan. (John Hancock)

Manager Swayze reviewed the Resolution with the Board members. The Finance Committee has reviewed the plan with one change that if you wish to put additional tax money into the plan up to 90%. Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Treasurer Peirce to approve the Resolution to Amend and Restate our Governmental Non-ERISA Retirement Plan with the addition of the above mentioned change. Motion carried by roll call vote.

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Consider Approval of Purchase of New Brush Truck

Fire Chief Sigg was present to review the particulars on the purchase of a new brush truck. Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Goldberg to approve the purchase of a new brush truck at the cost of \$32,178.96, also allowing them to equip with necessary emergency equipment for a final cost not to exceed \$36,500.00. Motion carried.

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Consider Approval of Purchase of Bullex Digital Fire Training System.

Fire Chief Sigg was present to review the purchase of Bullex Digital Fire Training System. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Clerk Goodyke to approve the purchase of the Bullex Digital Fire Training System at the cost of \$17,982.45. Motion carried.

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Consider Approval to Replace B&G Dump Truck.

Manager Swayze reviewed the request by B&G. Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Clerk Goodyke to approve to replace the B&G Dump Truck with the following:

- ¾ Ton pickup truck \$24,722.00
 - Dump Insert \$ 3,780.00
 - Plow \$ 5,448.05
- \$33,950.05

Motion carried.

Article 9. Public Comments on any other matters. (limit comments to 3 minutes)
Ken Carey, 2929 Thornapple River Dr., commented on businesses and their signage.

Article 10. Manager Comments

Manager Swayze offered the following comments:

- Passed out a memo to the Board regards to an issue that will coming up at the next Township Board Meeting.
- Met with the Finance Committee 2 weeks ago...it has developed a recommended financing plan for a potential Township Hall building. This item will be coming in front of the Board at the next meeting. At that time we will set a date for a public meeting, so we can invite the public out to take a look at the plans/financing and offer comments.
- Next week we will be having a grade inspection on the Cascade Rd. project for this upcoming year. The Road Commission is going to be resurfacing and in certain areas widening Cascade Rd. between Hall and Burton St. This will be a big project coming up in the Township by the Road Commission in 2016.
- The Governor released his budget recommendations this week and as he did the last 2 years, he is recommending cutting the statutory revenue sharing for Townships. We will be working with our Representatives to ensure that the fairness and the statutory revenue continues and we are allocated our share.

Article 11. Board Member Comments

Trustee Koessel offered the following comments:

- They put up some of the street signs on Cascade Rd. and 28th St., but they never completed them down at Thornapple River Dr. Just curious on the installation of the signs. DDA/ED Director Korhorn stated they are waiting for some parts.

Treasurer Peirce offered the following comments:

- My wife and I have really enjoyed the YMCA...it is a great facility.
- Also have heard a lot of comments regarding the bus service, as they are very happy about it.

Trustee Goldberg offered the following comments:

- Wondering about the right on red issue at Thornapple River Dr. and Cascade Rd. Supervisor Beahan stated they still needed to schedule a meeting with Tim at the Road Commission.
- With our grant being turned down, any thoughts as to why that happened and whether there would be another opportunity for a similar grant in the future.

Manager Swayze responded that we have not heard anything back from them yet.

Trustee McDonald offered the following comments:

- Concerned with the widening of Cascade Rd. and the potential of faster speeds and how close the pedestrian path is to the roadway. There is so little margin in some of those areas. I hope the Road Commission can

take into account some kind of “calming” element (i.e., trees) to put a buffer between the pathway and the road.

Clerk Goodyke offered the following comments:

- Had comments on the widening of Cascade and the speed the cars are traveling.
- Informed the Board that he is announcing his resignation effective March 31st.
- Will be absent from the next Board meeting.

Supervisor Beahan offered the following comments:

- Offered comments regarding the impact Clerk Goodyke has had on the community.

Article 12. Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise M. Biegalle
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

Ron Goodyke, Clerk

Robert S. Beahan, Supervisor