

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

Wednesday, February 24, 2016

7:00 P.M.

- Article 1.** Supervisor Beahan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.  
Present: Supervisor Beahan, Trustee McDonald, Koessel and Treasurer Peirce.  
Absent: Clerk Goodyke (excused), Trustee Goldberg (excused) and Trustee Lewis (excused).  
Also Present: Manager Swayze, Community Development Director Peterson, DDA/ED Director Korhorn, Attorney Cliff Bloom 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 Koessel and supported by Trustee McDonald to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.
- Article 4.** **Presentations/Public Comments (limit comments to 3 minutes)**
- Article 5.** **Approval of Consent Agenda**
- a. Receive and File Various Meeting Minutes
    - 1. Regular Township Board Minutes for 02/10/2016.
    - 2. DDA Minutes for 11/17/2015.
  - b. Education Requests
    - 1. Vince Milito – Spring Mechanical Conference (MIAM) – April 14-15, 2016 – Clare, MI.
  - c. Receive and File Communications
    - 1. Letter from Supervisor Beahan – re: Letter of support for the Grand River Revitalization Project.
    - 2. Memo from Manager Swayze – re: Memo regarding Clerk Replacement – Recommended process.
    - 3. Memo from Community Development Director Peterson – re: Use of Recreation Park by Grand Rapids Amateur Astronomical Association.
- Motion was made by Treasurer Peirce and supported by Trustee McDonald to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried.
- Article 6.** **Financial Actions**
- Article 7.** **Unfinished Business**
- 001-2016** **Consider Approval of Ordinance to Amend P.U.D. #55 to permit 10 Unit Single Family Detached homes for Roundhill. (Remanded back to the Planning Commission on 1/13/16)**  
Supervisor Beahan stated that thru the Zoning Enabling Act it does require (at this meeting) all four of the Board members present needed to approve (4-0), it cannot be a (3-1) vote for approval.  
Community Development Director Peterson reviewed the “revised” landscape plan per the request of the Board.  
Regarding the storm water agreement, Attorney Cliff Bloom provided some amendments to it.  
Finally, the request for a performance bond, the developer has agreed to provide a \$50,000 performance bond for the construction of the project. That would be released once the site

was stabilized. Those are the items the Board asked the Planning Commission to look at. They have again recommended the Board approve the project with these changes.

Discussion followed. Attorney Cliff Bloom reviewed the proposed changes to the storm water agreement and how they better protect us. Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee McDonald to approve the Ordinance to Amend P.U.D. #55 to permit 10 Unit Single Family Detached homes for Roundhill.

Aye – 3                      Nays – 1 (Peirce)

Motion was made by Trustee McDonald and supported by Trustee Koessel to table. Motion carried.

**009-2016**

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

Motion was made by Trustee McDonald and supported by Trustee Koessel to remove the item from the table. Motion carried. DDA/ED Director Korhorn was present to review the request made by the Board regarding possible usage of CDBG funds for ADA. Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee McDonald to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of Community Development Block Grant Funds from Kent County and accept the award of the following:

- \$7,158.48            Hope Network
- \$1,728.52            Home Repair Services

Motion carried by roll call vote.

Motion was made by Trustee McDonald and supported by Treasurer Peirce to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Use of Community Development Block Grant Funds from Kent County for the following projects and budgets:

- \$7,158.48            Hope Network
- \$1,728.52            Home Repair Services

Motion carried by roll call vote.

**Article 8.            New Business**

**014-2016**

**Consider Approval for Tree Cutting/Trimming at Tassell Park.**

Community Development Director Peterson was present to review the request. Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee McDonald to award the Tree cutting/trimming at Tassell Park to Bartlett Tree Experts in the amount of \$15,019 plus \$5,624 (tree planting) to Rooks Landscaping, Inc. Motion carried.

**015-2016**

**Consider Approval of Finance Committee Recommendation for funding of a new Township Hall.**

Manager Swayze reviewed the funding proposals discussed at the Finance Committee level for the new Township Hall. The Finance Committee recommended the Board select Scenario #3 over 10 years with asking staff to spend some more time figuring out how much contribution the Building Fund is going to make. (25-30% of total cost) Discussion followed. Motion was made by Treasurer Peirce and supported by Trustee McDonald to approve the recommendation of the Finance Committee on the

financing for the new Township Hall and move forward with the Open House. Motion carried.

**Article 9. Public Comments on any other matters. (limit comments to 3 minutes)**  
Gail Rohde, 3087 Thornapple River Drive was present to honor Ron Goodyke for his dedicated and honorable service to the Board/Township. I think it would be very appropriate that the new Township Hall have a plaque or even the whole building be named in his honor.  
Mark Rohde, 3087 Thornapple River Drive was present regarding the new Township Hall and LEED certification.  
Deputy Ryan Roe with Community Policing was present to update the Board on Precinct happenings.  
Kenneth Carey, 2929 Thornapple River Drive was present to bring the Board up-to-date on his lawsuit settlement with Mr. Westerhoff.

**Article 10. Manager Comments**  
Manager Swayze offered the following comments:

- I sent out an e-mail regarding a date for the Open House for the New Township Hall.

**Article 11. Board Member Comments**  
Treasurer Peirce offered the following comments:

- The Wednesday of the Board Meeting for the Open House would be my choice.
- Collections for real and personal property taxes thru today, we have received over 97%.

Trustee McDonald offered the following comment:

- Would like to ask for an excused absence for the March 9<sup>th</sup> meeting as he will be working on a project in Haiti.

**Article 12. Adjournment**  
Motion was made by Treasurer Peirce and supported by Trustee McDonald to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise M. Biegalle  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

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Ron Goodyke, Clerk

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Robert S. Beahan, Supervisor