

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

Wednesday, May 22, 2013

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, Koessel, Goldberg and Janes.  
Absent: None  
Also Present: Manager Swayze, Assistant to the Manager 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 Trustee Lewis and supported by Trustee Janes to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 4. Presentations/Public Comments**
- a. Public Comments (Please limit comments to 3 minutes)**  
Ruchi J. Tamboli, 4031 Maracaibo Shores was present to follow up on the issue of de-icing at the Airport.
1. Scott Hadley, Eagle Scout Troop 334 was present to talk to the Board regarding his Eagle project. He has been working with the Historical Society to classify, describe and photograph historic homes in Cascade.
  2. Ruth Gaudard, Director of External Affairs from AT&T was present to provide an update on AT&T.
  3. Phil Saurman, Hungerford, Aldrin, Nichols & Carter, PC – Audit Presentation. Mr. Saurman reported “good news” to the Board. Mildred and Oxana continue to do an excellent job.
- Article 5. Approval of Consent Agenda**
- a. Receive and File Various Meeting Minutes
    1. Regular Board Meeting Minutes of 05/08/13.
    2. Regular Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of 04/29/13.
    3. Regular Parks Committee Minutes of 03/05/13.
  - b. Receive and File Various Reports
    1. Treasurer’s Department Month end Report for April, 2013.
    2. Building Department Monthly Report for April, 2013.
  - c. Receive and File Communications
    1. State of Michigan – Notice of Hearing – Consumer Energy Company Case No. U-16890-R
- Motion was made by Trustee Janes and supported by Clerk Goodyke to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 6. Financial Actions**
- a. Consider Approval of 2013 Budget Adjustments -1<sup>st</sup> Quarter (correction).**  
Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee Koessel to approve the 2013 Budget Adjustments (correction) for the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.
- Article 7. Unfinished Business**

**Article 8. New Business**

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**Consider Approval of Proposal for Complete Streets Consultant.**

Assistant to the Manager Korhorn explained the legislation to the Board. This legislation applies to road projects where road agencies, engineers, etc. design and operate the entire roadway with all users in mind – including bicyclists, public transportation vehicles and riders, and pedestrians of all ages and abilities. Korhorn reviewed the RFP with the Board. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee Koessel to approve the selection of Progressive A&E and the expenditure of ½ their amount from Township Funds and the other ½ from the DDA Fund with the total cost at \$24,950 to obtain the study and have the study be presented to the Board for its consideration and approval before being used to facilitate complete streets infrastructure development. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**Article 10. Manager Comments**

Manager Swayze offered the following comments:

- We received our final recommendations from the Road Commission for our local road project this year. I plan on setting up an Infrastructure Meeting shortly.
- There are some meetings coming up for the Thornapple River Association. The 6<sup>th</sup> is a public information meeting that is being sponsored by the Association. The Airport and the DEQ will be there.
- The DDA approved a draft of a Commercial Rehabilitation Tax Abatement Policy. This is a tax incentive that the Board can offer to commercial businesses that want to rehab their buildings in Cascade Township.
- We have a couple of very promising EDC projects going on here in the Township.
- Treasurer Peirce and I had good conversation today regarding Federal/State legislation regarding sales tax on internet purchases.
- The Business Improvement District is still stalled in the Senate Economic Development Committee. The Liquor License legislation is stalled in the House's Regulatory Reform Committee.
- Update on Electric Charging stations: Sandra has been doing some research on those about what we might be able to install here and what it might cost. At some point, I hope to address the Infrastructure Committee at looking at possibly having electric charging station for electrical vehicles here at the Library.

**Article 11. Board Member Comments**

Trustee Lewis offered the following comment:

- Are we getting any complaints from citizens regarding the mosquitoes and if the Township was going to spray.

Treasurer Peirce offered the following comment:

- Because of Oxana's efforts, we are down to collecting for only two delinquent personal property taxes.

Trustee Janes offered the following comment:

- Update on the TIP list that was released by Metro Council. Cascade does have several projects slated for the future.

Supervisor Beahan offered the following comment:

- Ben & I attended the DDA meeting last night. Two proposals were received regarding the re-development of the Family Fare complex. Jeff Hundley had an architect come in and talk about a possible expansion...making the site more pedestrian friendly.

**Article 12. Adjournment**

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 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