

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

Wednesday, January 9, 2013

7:00 P.M.

- Article 1.** Supervisor Beahan called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
Present: Supervisor Beahan, Clerk Goodyke, Treasurer Peirce, Trustee Lewis, Koessel, Janes and Goldberg.
Absent: None
Also Present: Manager Cousins, Planning Director Peterson, Fire Chief Sigg 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 Janes to approve the proposed agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 4. Presentations/Public Comments**
a. Public Comments (Please limit comments to 3 minutes)
- Article 5. Approval of Consent Agenda**
a. Receive and File Various Meeting Minutes
1. Regular/Special Board Meeting Minutes of 12/12/12, 12/17/12 and 12/27/12.
2. Regular Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of 11/19/12.
3. Kent County Road Commission Meeting Minutes of 11/27/12.
b. Receive and File Various Reports
1. Building Department Report for November, 2012.
2. Treasurer's Department Report for November, 2012.
c. Receive and File Communications
1. Comcast – re: Channel Line-up and Cable enhancements.
2. Charter – re: Channel Line-up (MGTV)
3. Letter from City of Grand Rapids – re: 2013 Water-Sewer Rates.
4. Letter from Terrence L. Groesser – re: Improvements along Hall St.
Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Clerk Goodyke to approve the Consent Agenda as proposed. Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 6. Financial Actions**
a. Consider Approval of November, 2012 General/Special Funds.
Motion was made by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Trustee Goldberg to approve the November, 2012 General/Special Funds. Motion carried unanimously.
b. Consider Approval of November, 2012 Public Utilities Funds.
Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee Koessel to approve the November, 2012 Public Utilities Funds. Motion carried unanimously
c. Consider Pay Draw #4 for the Centennial Park Streetscape Project – Phase 2.
Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Treasurer Peirce to approve the Pay Draw #4 for the Centennial Park Streetscape Project – Phase 2 in the amount of \$179,978.02. Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 7. Unfinished Business (None)**
- Article 8. New Business**
001-2013 a. Public Hearing – Consider Approval of Proposed Reformatted Zoning Ordinance.

Planning Director Peterson was present to review the proposed reformatted Zoning Ordinance. The content of the Zoning Ordinance is the same, but updates it to a PDF format and provides update graphics and hyperlinks.

Motion was made by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Trustee Janes to move into Public Hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

No public comments received.

Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee Koessel to move into regular session. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Consider Approval of Reformatted Zoning Ordinance.

Motion was made by Trustee Lewis and supported by Trustee Koessel to approve the reformatted Zoning Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

002-2013

a. Public Hearing – Consider Rezoning Property at 5258 Thornapple River Dr. from R1 to ARC.

Planning Director Peterson reviewed the rezoning request. Motion was made by Trustee Janes and supported by Clerk Goodyke to move into public hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

Tom Natale from Rogue LLC Partner was present to state that this property has no frontage on Thornapple River Rd. To leave it as residential and expect a home to be built there doesn't make sense. Motion was made by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Trustee Janes to reconvene into regular session. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Consider Approval of the Rezoning of Property at 5258 Thornapple River Dr. From R1 to ARC.

Motion was made by Trustee Janes and supported by Trustee Lewis to approve the rezoning of the property at 5258 Thornapple River Dr. from R1 to ARC. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

003-2013

Consider Approval of Agreement with Michigan Bureau of Fire Services Regarding Fireworks.

Chief Sigg was present to explain the Agreement with the Board. This agreement will allow the Township to inspect any consumer fireworks sales facilities that come (either permanent or tent). This will be a one year agreement ...each year the State will look at it and see how it is going. Chief Sigg also stated the State would reimburse the Township for these inspections. Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Goldberg to Approve the Resolution to Enter into an Agreement with the State Bureau of Fire Services. Motion carried unanimously.

004-2013

Consider Approval of Resolution for Road Closures on July 4th, 2013.

Motion was made by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Trustee Goldberg to approve the Resolution for Road Closures on July 4th. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

005-2013

Consider Approval of Appointment to Boards and Commissions.

Supervisor Beahan presented the 2013 Appointment to Boards and Commissions. Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Lewis to approve the Appointments to Boards and Commissions. Motion carried unanimously.

006-2013

Consider Approval of Recommendation from Election Commission to Consolidate Precincts 5 and 2 for the February 26th Lowell School Millage Renewal Election.

Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee Janes to approve the Resolution to Consolidate Precinct 5 and 2 for the

Article 9. Public Comments on any other matters. (limit comments to 3 minutes)
Officer Roe was present to update the Board on Precinct happenings in Cascade.

Article 10. Manager Comments
Manager Cousins offered the following comments:

- Tomorrow morning at 7:30 the Forest Hills Business Association will meet at the Wisner Center for their monthly meeting. They will have a marketing presentation.
- I have been in touch with Representative Lyons Office...Lisa is planning on attending the Board meeting on February 13th to update the Board on what's going on with the newest House session.
- Senator Hildenbrand is still working on a date.
- Ben Swayze is starting on January 21st. We are planning a lunch in the Fire Station 1 Bay at noon.

Article 11. Board Member Comments
Trustee Goldberg offered the following comments:

- Offered Bill a thank you for his years of service.

Trustee Janes offered the following comments:

- Echo's Trustee Goldberg's sentiments.
- Some of the pedestrian lights were burnt out near Meijer.

Treasurer Peirce offered the following comments:

- Winter taxes collected as of December 31st...37% compared to 39% last year and 35% the year before. The activity has been moderate.
- The legislation of personal property tax – we will collect for the next two years and then gradually going off in 2014.
- Centennial Golf Course is closing...is that true?

Trustee Lewis offered the following comments:

- The Planning Commission will be receiving a major request from the golf course people as far as changing some of that into residential of some sort.
- I will wait until our next board meeting when Bill leaves for the last time.
- Water & Sewer rates...should be put in the Cascade newsletter.

Trustee Koessel offered the following comments:

- Over the holidays I received some very favorable comments regarding the upgrades in Centennial Park. It was asked if at some point we could consider extending the sidewalk from Lucerne down to Thornapple River Dr.

Article 12. Adjournment
Motion was made by Trustee Lewis and supported by Trustee Janes to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise M. Biegalle
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

Ron Goodyke, Clerk

Robert S. Beahan, Supervisor