

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

Wednesday August 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, Trustee Koessel, Lewis, McDonald and Goldberg.  
Absent: Clerk Bell  
Also Present: Manager Swayze, Community Standards Director Peterson 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.

**Article 4. Presentations/Public Comments (limit comments to 3 minutes)**  
Lance Werner, 538 Shaw Estates Dr., Rockford, MI – spoke on behalf of the Zoo and Museum millage which will be on the ballot in November.

- **Lance Werner – KDL–Annual Report**  
KDL staff presented their Annual Report.
- **Tim Haagsma – KCRC-Thornapple River/Cascade Rd. Intersection**  
Tim Haagsma Director of Traffic/Safety at the Kent County Road Commission addressed concerns from the Board regarding the “no turn on red” signal/sign on Thornapple River Dr. and Cascade Rd. Discussion followed.

Bridget Plafkin, 3390 Brookpoint Dr. stated she appreciated the no turn on red sign but wished it was policed more often.

**Article 5. Approval of Consent Agenda**

- a. Receive and File Various Meeting Minutes
  1. Regular Township Board Minutes of 7/27/16.
  2. Regular DDA Minutes of 4/19/16.
- b. Receive and File Reports
  1. Kent County Sheriff East Precinct Quarterly Report.
  2. Treasurer’s Department Monthly Report – June, 2016.
- c. Education Request
  1. Mildred Pinder – MGFOA Fall Training – September 18-21 – Bellaire, MI.

Motion was made by Trustee Lewis and supported by Trustee McDonald to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Article 6. Financial Actions**

- a. **Consider Approval of July 2016, Payable, Payroll and Transfer Report.**  
Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Goldberg to approve the July 2016, Payable, Payroll and Transfer Report.

**Article 7. Unfinished Business**

**Article 8. New Business**

**060-2016 Consider Approval of 28<sup>th</sup> St. Sidewalk – Hotel Ave. to Drury Hotel.**

Community Development Director Peterson reviewed the request by the DDA to hire K&R to do the sidewalk work. Motion was made by Trustee Lewis and supported by Trustee Koessel to approve K&R for the sidewalk work in the amount of \$25,025. Motion carried unanimously.

**061-2016 Consider Approval of Thornapple Hills Drain Rehabilitation Project.**

Manager Swayze reviewed the rehabilitation project with the Board. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee Koessel to approve the authorization of FTC&H to let the bids for the Thornapple Hill Drain Project. Motion carried unanimously.

**062-2016 Consider Approval of Hope Network Transportation Services Contract.**

Manager Swayze reviewed the contract with Hope Network. Motion was made by Trustee McDonald and supported by Trustee Lewis to approve the Hope Network Transportation Services Contract. Motion carried unanimously.

**063-2016 Introduction of Proposed Storm Water Amendments.**

Mike Berrevoets from FTC&H presented the State of Michigan's new design requirements to the Township Board for discussion purposes. Discussion followed.

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

Ron McCowan, 1400 Duberry Place/3010 Thornapple River Dr., - submitted a request for a special assessment district on the Thornapple Bayou and wondered how that is proceeding.

**Article 10. Manager Comments**

Manager Swayze offered the following comments:

- We did receive our responses to our legal RFP. A modified Personnel Subcommittee is meeting tomorrow for first review.
- This week we received information from the County on the dispatch surcharge proposal that will be on the November Ballot.
- One of our employees in the Building Dept. (Ron Sabin) was re-appointed by Governor Snyder on the State Fire Safety Board.
- We are working with KDL on a project regarding some historical issues of the Suburban Life; which was the Cascade area newspaper back in the 50's and 60's.

**Article 11. Board Member Comments**

Trustee Koessel offered the following comments:

- Talked some more about the intersection at Cascade/Thornapple River Dr. I am not advocating that we have an unsafe intersection...I just haven't noticed that much pedestrian traffic and I see it more as a problem as I see people going thru it anyway.
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Trustee Lewis offered the following comments:

- I enjoyed the Senior picnic on Tuesday.

Treasurer Peirce offered the following comments:

- Still have a concern with the pedestrian crossing on Cascade Rd.

Trustee McDonald offered the following comments:

- Looking at Quarterly Report from the East Precinct and noticed the rising numbers of assault cases in Ada/Cascade over the past couple of years. Different reporting methods?
- The DDA report should read that we are creating a plan for the Library property not developing one.

**Article 12. Adjournment**

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise M. Biegalle  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

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Clem Bell, Clerk

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Robert S. Beahan, Supervisor

