

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

Wednesday, June 12, 2013

7:00 P.M.

- Article 1.** Supervisor Beahan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Present: Supervisor Beahan, Treasurer Peirce, Trustee Lewis, Koessel, Goldberg and Janes.
Absent: Clerk Goodyke (excused)
Also Present: Manager Swayze, Planning 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 Goldberg and supported by Trustee Janes to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried.
- Article 4. Presentations/Public Comments**
- a. Public Comments (Please limit comments to 3 minutes)**
Pamela Michael, 4949 Quiggle Ave., was present to request the Board to review the Special Use Permit of Snellers Landscaping.
Carrie Durkee, 4821 Quiggle Ave., asked for the Board to take an objective look at the Snellers Landscaping business...during winter hours.
- Article 5. Approval of Consent Agenda**
- a. Receive and File Various Meeting Minutes
1. Regular Board Meeting Minutes of 05/22/13.
 2. Regular Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of 05/06/13.
- b. Receive and File Communications
1. Letters from Comcast – re: PEG fees and channel and price changes.
- c. Education Requests
1. Assessing Department – International Association of Assessing Officers Conference – Grand Rapids, MI – August 25-28, 2013.
- Motion was made by Trustee Lewis and supported by Trustee Janes to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried.
- Article 6. Financial Actions**
- a. Consider Approval of May, 2013 Public Utilities Fund.**
Motion was made by Trustee Janes and supported by Trustee Goldberg to approve the May, 2013 Public Utilities Fund.
Motion carried.
- b. Consider Approval of May, 2013 General/Special Funds.**
Motion was made by Trustee Lewis and supported by Trustee Koessel to approve the May, 2013 General/Special Funds.
Motion carried.
- c. Consider Approval of May 2013 Payables, Payroll and Transfers.**
Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Lewis to approve the May, 2013 Payables, Payroll and Transfers.
Motion carried.
- Article 7. Unfinished Business**

**Article 8. New Business
024-2013**

a. Public Hearing for Township Initiated Rezoning at Kraft and 60th from ARC to TI.

Planning Director Peterson reviewed the rezoning request which was initiated by the Township. Motion was made by Trustee Lewis and supported by Treasurer Peirce to move into Public Hearing. Motion carried.

No public comment received.

Motion was made by Trustee Lewis and supported by Trustee Janes to close the public hearing and reconvene into regular session. Motion carried.

b. Consider Approval of Rezoning at Kraft and 60th from ARC to TI.

Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Lewis to approve the Rezoning at Kraft and 60th from ARC to TI. Motion carried.

025-2013 Consider Approval of a Resolution to Allow the Consolidation of Precinct 1&7 and 3&4 for the August 6th Election.

Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Goldberg to approve the Resolution to Allow the Consolidation of Precinct 1&7 and 3&4 for the August 6th Election. Motion carried by roll call vote.

026-2013 Consider Approval of the 2013 Local Road Improvements.

Manager Swayze reviewed the proposed 2013 Local Road Improvements. The projected cost to the Township for the proposed local road program is \$149,475. Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee Janes to approve the 2013 Local Road Improvements as presented. Motion carried.

027-2013 Consider Approval of a Resolution to Recognize the Forest Hills Central Athletic Boosters as a Non-Profit Organization.

Manager Swayze reviewed the process on how a non-profit organization obtains a charitable gaming license from the State of Michigan. Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Lewis to approve the Resolution to Recognize the Forest Hills Central Athletic Boosters as a Non-Profit Organization. Motion carried by roll call vote.

028-2013 Consider Approval of a Resolution to Exercise Right of First Refusal to Purchase Tax Foreclosed Property. (roll call)

Manager Swayze did a quick synopsis of the purpose of the Kent County Land Bank Authority (KCLBA) and explained the request from the KCLBA regarding the commercial property located at 4880 36th St., S.E. that has been foreclosed by Kent County.

David Allen, Executive Director of the KCLBA gave the Board some background information on the role of the KCLBA.

Discussion followed. Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Janes to table the issue and send to the Finance Committee for further discussion. Motion carried.

029-2013

Consider Adoption of the Cascade Township Commercial Rehabilitation Tax Abatement Policy.

Manager Swayze outlined the process and criteria for granting an abatement through the Commercial Rehabilitation Tax Abatement Policy. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee Lewis to approve the Commercial Rehabilitation Tax Abatement Policy subject to a form of agreement to be used in implementing the policy being drafted and submitted to the Finance Committee for recommendation and eventual approval by the Board. Motion carried.

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

Deputy Ryan Roe from the Kent County Sheriff's Department was present to update the Board on the East Precinct.

Jim Symons, 5100 Quiggle, addressed the Board about Quiggle Road needing serious work.

Vasel Aqel, 5090 Quiggle also was present to address the Board regarding Quiggle Rd.

Article 10. Manager Comments

Manager Swayze offered the following comments:

- There is a DEQ Public Hearing at the Wisner Center, Thursday, June 13th at 6:30 p.m. This is part of the permit process. The public comment period is open right now...if the Township wishes to pass a resolution to consider some type of statement we would want to make on behalf of the Township. Discussion followed. The Board directed Mgr. Swayze to put a letter together on behalf of the Board stating they were on record that they are against any contamination of the Thornapple River to be read at the Public Hearing tomorrow evening.

Article 11. Board Member Comments

No comments received from the Board Members.

Article 12. Adjournment

Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Janes to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise M. Biegalle
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

Ron Goodyke, Clerk

Robert S. Beahan, Supervisor