

**MINUTES OF THE
CASCADE CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**
Wednesday, December 10, 2014
7:00 P.M.

- Article 1.** Supervisor Beahan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Present: Supervisor Beahan, Treasurer Peirce, Clerk Goodyke, Trustee Lewis, Koessel, Goldberg and McDonald.
Absent: None
Also Present: Manager Swayze, Planning Director Peterson 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 Goldberg to approve the agenda with the addition of Article 8 092-2014 – Appointment of Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals members. Motion carried unanimously.
- 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 Board Meeting Minutes of 11/19/14.
 - 2. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of 11/17/14.
 - b. Receive and File Various Reports
 - 1. Building Department Report for November, 2014.
 - 2. Treasurer’s Department Report for October, 2014.
 - 3. Kent County Sheriff East Precinct 3rd Quarter Report.
 - c. Receive and File Communications
 - 1. Letter from Comcast – re: Price Changes
 - d. Education Requests
 - 1. Doug Poolman – Michigan Fire Inspectors Society 2015 Winter Education Seminar – E. Lansing, MI – January 15-16, 2015.
- Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Clerk Goodyke to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 6. Financial Actions**
- a. **Consider Approval of Corrected Amendments and Additional Budget Amendments to the 2014 Budget.**
Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Lewis to approve the Amendments as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 7. Unfinished Business**
- Article 8. New Business**
- 082-2014**
 - a. **Public Hearing – Request for approval to Rezone the property located on the north side of 28th St. immediately west of I-96 to Planned Unit Development for a new 7 story -180 room Hotel.**
Planning Director Peterson reviewed the re-zone with the Board with the recommendation from the Planning Commission. Motion was made by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Trustee Lewis to move into public hearing.

Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Pereles was present from Drury Hotels Company to address the Board regarding their request. Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee Koessel to re-convene into regular session. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Consider Approval of an Ordinance to amend the Cascade Charter Township Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map to Establish the Drury Development Corporation Planned Unit Development Project.

Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Clerk Goodyke to Approve the Ordinance to Amend the Cascade Charter Township Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map to Establish the Drury Development Corporation Planned Unit Development Project. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

083-2014

a. Public Hearing – Request for approval to enact an Ordinance to Regulate Begging.

Manager Swayze reviewed the Ordinance. Manager Swayze explained this ordinance would regulate begging rather than having an outright ban on it. Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Clerk Goodyke to move into public hearing. Motion carried unanimously. Diane Cutler questioned if begging would be prohibited on public property. Manger Swayze stated that it would be regulated by the Ordinance but not prohibited. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Clerk Goodyke to re-convene into regular session. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Consider Approval of an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 170 of the Cascade Charter Township General Ordinances.

Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee Koessel to approve The Ordinance to Amend Chapter 170 of the Cascade Charter Township General Ordinance regarding Begging. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

084-2014

Consider Approval of Water & Sewer Master Agreement with the City of Grand Rapids.

Manager Swayze reviewed the Agreement with the Board. Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee McDonald to approve the Water & Sewer Master Agreement with the City of Grand Rapids. Motion carried unanimously.

085-2014

Consider Approval of the Adoption of the 2015 – 2020 Capital Improvements Plan.

Manager Swayze reviewed the Plan with the Board. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Trustee Lewis and supported by Trustee Goldberg to Approve the

Adoption of the 2015-2020 Capital Improvements Plan.
Motion carried unanimously.

086-2014 Consider Approval of Resolution of the General Fund Support to the Fire Fund.

Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Lewis to approve the Resolution of the General Fund Support to the Fire Fund in the amount of \$400,000.00. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

087-2014 Consider Approval of Resolution to Release Previously Committed Fund Balance for the Purpose of Paying MERS Unfunded Liability.

Motion was made by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Trustee Goldberg to approve the Resolution to Release Previously Committed Fund Balance for the Purpose of Paying MERS Unfunded Liability in the amount of \$461,628.00. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

088-2014 a. Public Hearing - Proposed 2015 General/Special Budgets.

Manager Swayze reviewed some "high level" items with the Board. It was mentioned by Manager Swayze the allocation to the Historical Society for next year had been inadvertently missed. The contribution to the Historical Society would be \$5,000.00. Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Clerk Goodyke to move into public hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

No public comments heard.

Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Clerk Goodyke to re-convene into regular session. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Consider Approval of Resolution to Adopt the FY2015 Cascade Charter Township General/Special Funds Budget.

Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee Koessel to approve the Resolution to Adopt the FY2015 Cascade Charter Township General/Special Funds Budget. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

089-2014 Consider Approval of Resolution to Approve the Intent to Levy the 2015 Millage Rates.

Motion was made by Trustee Lewis and supported by Trustee Koessel to approve the Resolution to Approve the Intent to Levy the 2015 Millage Rates. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

090-2014 Consider Approval of Resolution to Approve the 2015 Poverty Guidelines.

Motion was made by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Trustee Goldberg to approve the Resolution to Approve

the 2015 Poverty Guidelines. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

091-2014 Consider Approval of 2015 Meeting Schedule.
Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Clerk Goodyke to approve the 2015 Meeting Schedule. Motion carried unanimously.

092-2014 Consider Approval of the Appointments to the Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals.
Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee McDonald to approve the Supervisor's appointments to the Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals as presented.
Planning Commission: Aaron Mead, Scott Rissi, Steve Waalkes.
Zoning Board of Appeals: Mel Casey.
Motion carried unanimously.

Article 9. Public Comments on any other matters. (limit comments to 3 minutes)
Kent County Deputy Rowe was present to update the Board on East Precinct Happenings.
Kent District Librarian Diane Cutler was present to inform the Board of the following:

- They will be adding another full-time librarian
- Materials budget is moving from 2,000,000 in 2014 to 4,000,000 in 2015.
- We are going to be focusing on moving our services outside the building. (Outreach)

Article 10. Closed Session

a. Township Manager Performance Evaluation

Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Lewis to move into Closed Session to conduct a periodic personnel review of a Township employee at the employee's request. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Treasurer Peirce and supported by Clerk Goodyke re-convene into regular session. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 11. Manager Comments

Manager Swayze offered the following comments:

- We have the first phase of the Township Hall Study completed. It will be brought to the Board the first week in January.
- Thank you to the Biermacher's for the donation of a wreath to the Township Hall.

Article 12. Board Member Comments

Trustee Goldberg offered the following comments:

- It was a bit of a "whirlwind", but we got the personnel stuff done.

Trustee McDonald offered the following comments:

- Would like to thank the Personnel Committee for all their work.
- Forest Hills Community was rated as the number 7 power community in the country.
- Did some of the Board see the e-mail from Mr. Aaron Mann about the

Cascade Thornapple intersection. I would be happy to respond...Supervisor Beahan stated that Ben had already responded to her concerns.

Clerk Goodyke offered the following comments:

- I am happy to see a good step in terms of re-development of various properties happened tonight.

Treasurer Peirce offered the following comments:

- I think we should move the idea of tablets for the Board members up in priority.

Trustee Lewis offered the following comments:

- Biermacher's not only gave the wreath...they also donated the beautiful tree in front of the Historical Society.

Trustee Koessel offered the following comments:

- I am really proud to be a resident of the Township. Would like to wish everyone a great holiday season and a happy new year.

Article 13. Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise M. Biegalle
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

Ron Goodyke, Clerk

Robert S. Beahan, Supervisor