

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

Wednesday, February 13, 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 Koessel, Janes and Goldberg.
Absent: Trustee Lewis
Also Present: Manager Swayze, Assistant to the Manager Korhorn 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 Janes and supported by Trustee Goldberg to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.
- Article 4. Presentations/Public Comments**
- a. Public Comments (Please limit comments to 3 minutes)**
Robert Summers, 2905 68th St., S.E. was present to address some concerns about the Supreme Court Ruling regarding medical Marijuana patient to patient transfers.
Kent County Commissioner Sandra Frost-Parrish, 6625 Waybridge was present to update the Board on what is going on at the County level.
Bill Cousins, 7065 Burger Dr. was present to promote the item on the agenda regarding sidewalks on 28th St. Adding the lighting also provides a positive image for the business, on 28th St.
- Article 5. Approval of Consent Agenda**
- a. Receive and File Various Meeting Minutes**
1. Regular Board Meeting Minutes of 01/23/13.
 2. Regular Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of 12/17/12.
 3. Regular Kent County Road Commission Minutes of 01/08/13.
- b. Receive and File Various Reports**
1. Treasurer's Monthly Report for December, 2012.
 2. Treasurer's Department List of Current Depositories and Investment Advisors.
 3. Planning Department 2012 Annual Report.
 4. Building Department Monthly Report for January, 2013.
- c. Receive and File Communications**
1. State of Michigan – Notice of Hearing – Consumers Energy Case No. 17133.
 2. Michigan Liquor Control Commission – JT's Pizza, Inc., 6720 Old 28th St.
- d. Education Requests**
1. Debhra Amos – Michigan Municipal Treasurer's Association Basic Institute - Mount Pleasant, MI – April 21-26, 2013.
- Motion was made by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Trustee Janes to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Article 6. Financial Actions

a. Consider Approval of December, 2012/January, 2013 Public Utilities Fund.

Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee Koessel to approve the December, 2012/January, 2013 Public Utilities Fund. Motion carried.

b. Consider Approval of December, 2012/January, 2013 General /Special Funds.

Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Clerk Goodyke to approve the December, 2012/January, 2013 General/Special Funds. Motion carried.

c. Consider Approval of January, 2013 Payables, Payroll and Transfers.

Motion was made by Treasurer Peirce and supported by Trustee Koessel to approve the January, 2013 Payables, Payroll and Transfers. Motion carried.

Article 7. Unfinished Business

008-2013 Consider Approval of Board and Commission Appointments. (Parks Committee)

Motion was made by Trustee Janes and supported by Clerk Goodyke to approve the appointments of Alan Rowland and Dawn McDonald to the Parks Committee. Motion carried.

Article 8. New Business

009-2013 Consider Approval of the Resolution to Adopt 2013 Poverty Exemption Policy and Guidelines.

Motion was made by Treasurer Peirce and supported by Trustee Goldberg to approve the Resolution to Adopt 2013 Poverty Exemption Policy and Guideline. Motion carried by roll call vote.

010-2013 a. Public Hearing – Consider the Allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) money.

Assistant to the Manager Korhorn reviewed the recommended the Allocations to be the same two programs as we did last year: Hope Network - \$7,158.48 and Housing Rehabilitation Program - \$2,700.00.

Motion was made by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Trustee Janes to recess from regular session and move into public hearing. Motion carried.

Public Hearing opened.

No public comments received.

Motion was made by Trustee Janes and supported by Clerk Goodyke to reconvene into regular session. Motion carried.

b. Consider Approval of the Resolution of Allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) money.

Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by

Treasurer Peirce to approve the Resolution of Allocation of Community Development Block Grant money. Motion carried by roll call vote.

011-2013 Consider Approval of Plan for 28th Street Sidewalk and Streetlighting.
Assistant to the Manager Korhorn reviewed the project with the Board. We will be doing sidewalks and streetlights on both the north and south side of the street...from Hotel Ave. down to Patterson. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Trustee Janes to approve the Plan for 28th St. Sidewalk and Streetlighting. Motion carried.

012-2013 Consider Approval of Resolutions for Streetlight Conversion and Replacement.
Assistant to the Manager Korhorn stated that Consumers Energy had done a study of our street lights last year, and with that they noted the mercury vapor lights and indicated that they wanted to begin replacing those with the high pressure sodium fixtures. These two resolutions are addressing this conversion/replacement. The work has been done...when they receive the resolutions/contract back they will update our monthly bills and our records. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Treasurer Peirce and supported by Clerk Goodyke to approve the Resolutions for Streetlight Conversion and Replacement. Motion carried by roll call vote.

013-2013 Consider Setting a Public Hearing for the Pedestrian Pathway System Opening Ordinance.
Motion was made by Treasurer Peirce and supported by Trustee Koessel to set a Public Hearing for the Pedestrian Pathway System Opening Ordinance. Motion carried.

Article 9. Public Comments on any other matters. (limit comments to 3 minutes)
Bill Cousins, 7065 Burger extended his thank you for the gift certificates that were given for his retirement.
Kent County Sheriff Deputy Roe updated the Board on happenings in Cascade Township/East Precinct.

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

- As we heard from both Deputy Roe and Mr. Summers the Medical Marijuana has been a big issue in the public realm in the past couple of days.
- Working on setting up an Infrastructure Committee meeting. We have identified a potential drainage project that we would like to pursue. Would like to meet the first week in March to go over the project.
- I am currently working on the 10 and 20 year projections for the millage funds. The projections that we have right now still show a significant decrease in taxable value for 2013.
- The West Michigan Economic Partnership cancelled their meeting for February. Right now the big topic for the group is funding.

They were anticipating when the Governor releases his preliminary budget that there was going to be some funding for those organizations in there.

Article 11. Board Member Comments

Treasurer Peirce offered the following comments:

- We have collected 97% of our Summer Taxes and about 81% of the Winter taxes.
- I sent some things around about committee structure and descriptions of the committees and Manager Swayze communicated with me this afternoon that he would like to take the initiative of putting some “meat” around the committee descriptions and responsibilities and kind of getting it organized so that we all know what the left hand and the right hand is doing.

Clerk Goodyke offered the following comments:

- I will not be at the next Board Meeting.

Trustee Goldberg offered the following comments:

- In the past we have had the external affairs folks from AT&T and Comcast come in and talk about what their plans are as far as service in the Township. We have not seen either one for quite a while...wondered if Ben could give them a ring and see if they are willing to come in and talk to us about issues.

Supervisor Beahan offered the following comments:

- Tomorrow at 10:30 at the Airport is the stakeholders meeting for the de-icing issue.

Article 12. Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise M. Biegalle
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

Ron Goodyke, Clerk

Robert S. Beahan, Supervisor