

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

Wednesday June 22, 2016  
7:00 P.M.

- Article 1.** Supervisor Beahan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.  
Present: Supervisor Beahan, Treasurer Peirce, Clerk Bell, Trustee Goldberg, McDonald, Lewis and Koessel  
Also Present: Manager Swayze 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 Koessel and supported by Trustee McDonald asking the agenda be altered to moving Article 4 to the end of the meeting due to the amount of comments and being able to take care of the “action items” in a timely fashion. 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 Township Board Minutes of 6/08/16.
    - 2. Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes of 3/22/16 and 5/10/16.
    - 3. Planning Commission Minutes of 5/16/16.
  - b. Receive and File Reports
    - 1. Treasurer Department’s Monthly Report – April, 2016.
  - c. Education Requests
    - 1. Roger McCarty/Jennifer Genter – Michigan Assessor Association Conference – August 14-17, 2016 – Mackinac Island
  - d. Receive and File Communications
    - 1. Kent County Road Commissioner Resolution – re: Street Name Change.
    - 2. Letter from Comcast – re: Channel Line-ups.
- Motion was made by Trustee Lewis and supported by Trustee Koessel to approve Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 6. Financial Actions**
- a. **Consider Approval of May 2016, General/Special Funds Financial Report.**  
Motion was made by Treasurer Peirce and supported by Trustee McDonald to approve the May 2016, General/Special Funds Financial Report. Motion carried unanimously.
  - b. **Consider Approval of Pay Draw #9 for the Museum Garden Project.**  
Motion was made by Clerk Bell and supported by Trustee Lewis to approve the Pay Draw #9 for \$2,500 for the Museum Garden Project. Motion carried unanimously.
  - c. **Consider Approval of Change Order #2 and Pay Draw #2 for Cascade Road and Burton Street PRV Reconstruction.**  
Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Clerk Bell to approve the Change Order #2 and Pay Draw #2 for \$15,138.75 for Cascade Road and Burton Street PRV Reconstruction. Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 7. Unfinished Business**

Article 8.

New Business

~~045-2016~~ — ~~a. Public Hearing — A Request for Approval of IFT Plant Rehabilitation District for Lacks Industries LLC located at 5460 Cascade Rd.~~

~~————— b. Consider a Request for Approval of IFT Plant Rehabilitation District for Lacks Industries LLC located at 5460 Cascade Rd. (roll call)~~

~~046-2016~~ — ~~a. Public Hearing — A Request for Approval of IFT Certificate for Plant Rehabilitation for Lacks Industries LLC located at 5460 Cascade Rd.~~

~~————— b. Consider a Request for Approval of IFT Certificate for Plant Rehabilitation for Lacks Industries LLC located at 5460 Cascade Rd. (roll call)~~

~~047-2016~~ — ~~a. Public Hearing — A Request for Approval an Industrial Development District for Lacks Industries LLC located at 5460 Cascade Rd.~~

~~————— b. Consider a Request for Approval of an Industrial Development District for Lacks Industries LLC located at 5460 Cascade Rd. (roll call)~~

~~048-2016~~ — ~~a. Public Hearing — A Request for Approval of an IFT Certificate for Lacks Industries LLC located at 5460 Cascade Rd.~~

~~————— b. Consider a Request for Approval of an IFT Certificate for Lacks Industries LLC located at 5460 Cascade Rd. (roll call)~~

**049-2016**      **Consider Approval of Outdoor Gathering Application from Schmohz Brewing on July 30<sup>th</sup> from noon until 7:00 p.m.**  
Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Clerk Bell to approve the Outdoor Gathering Application from Schmohz Brewing on July 30<sup>th</sup> from noon until 7:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

**050-2016**      **Consider Approval of the METRO Act Right-of-way Unilateral Permit Request from McLeonUSA Telecommunication Services LLC and Authorize the Township Manager to Execute the Agreement on Behalf of the Township.**  
Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee McDonald to approve the METRO Act Right-of-way Unilateral Permit Request from McLeonUSA Telecommunication Services LLC an Authorize the Township Manager to Execute the Agreement on Behalf of the Township. Motion carried unanimously.

**051-2016 Consider Approval of the Issuance of the Cascade Charter Township Request for Proposals for Township Legal Services.**  
Manager Swayze reviewed the request for the RFP. Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Lewis to the Issuance of the Cascade Charter Township Request for Proposals for Township Legal Services. Discussion followed. Motion carried unanimously.

**052-2016 Consider Approval of Resolution to Provide a Deferment From Summer Taxes Without Penalty for Certain Taxpayers.**  
Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Clerk Bell to approve the Resolution to Provide a Deferment from Summer Taxes without Penalty for Certain Taxpayers. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**Article 9. Public Comments on any other matters. (limit comments to 3 minutes)**  
Frank Drew, 1730 Mont Rue, addressed some counterpoints to the fact sheet given out at the last Township Board Meeting regarding the Proposed Township Hall.  
Gary Butts, 2865 Buttrick Ave., addressed the “Taj Mahal” being built “to just look nice”.  
Dan Pollert, 3534 S. Applecrest Ct., What gives you folks the idea that you’re in a better position to decide on this than putting it to a vote?  
Trustee McDonald addressed (3) quick items...we don’t control the roads, the Road Commission does that...4-3 vote on the building of a new Hall was relative to where the Hall was to be built...will have (2) Township Forums regarding the new Hall. We make decisions based on fact.  
Doug Lee, 8613 52<sup>nd</sup> St., disconnect between government and people.  
Daniel Bolt, 2578 Orange Ct., Triathlon issues...vibrant community??  
Tony Boks, 7560 Leyton, disturbed on the numbers put out. The number of 7.5 million dollars is outrageous.  
Trustee Koessel addressed the cost of the building...not one bid received yet.  
Evelyn Brandt, 7071 Oakbrook, people are wondering if this proposal is representative of good stewardship, necessity and prudence.  
Ayn Valdes, 1733 Timbers, believe coming here tonight sets an interesting precedence on what’s being “touted” for a new township hall.  
Ann Shieber, 6751 Woodbrook, read e-mail that was sent to Boardmembers.  
Elmi Nermin, 2469 Candlewick Ct., only resident at March meeting...asked why?  
Nancy Eardley, 1441 Sandy Point, not until (2) years ago that I questioned the actions of our Township.  
Alissa Lintemuth, 6965 Woodbrook, part of the problem is this is not a great use of existing Township facilities.  
Jeffrey Shull, 7500 Buttrick Park Place, there has been a disconnect between Board and community.  
Terry Wagner, 3422 N. Applecrest Ct., received a postcard in the mail, cannot be silent any more. It is improper to not include the people paying that expenditure.  
Ken Clapp, 6800 Tricklewood Ct., huge disconnect here.  
Kris Taylor, 6027 Champagne Ct., democracy is wonderful. The Board has an obligation to us.  
Linda Perkins, 6905 Forest Valley, I object and would like a vote.  
Steven Underwood, 6858 Maplecrest Dr., going in the red...have concluded that the board is fiscally irresponsible.

Jeff Dionne, 2984 Thornapple River Dr., overall feeling is to put this issue to a vote.

Paula Rowland, 2519 Riveredge, these are the people (boardmembers) that know what the needs are...

Jim Weston, 3284 Whitburn Ct., the existing plan is ever going to get support from your community.

Jeff Johnson, 2168 Thornapple River Dr., you don't know what we need.

Peter Postma, 2583 Knightsbridge, concerns with roads and traffic.

Alvin Pyle, 1944 Boxthorne, communication issues.

Patricia Carew, 6519 Wendall, I object.

Kris Bishop, 1393 Buttrick, all for a new Township Hall, but not this one.

Brain Spratke, 6167 DelCano, LEAD Certification...what benefit does that give the Township. We need better communication.

Carl Mead, 3346 Bentwood Dr., Cascade Township needs to avoid the East Grand Rapids "one-upmanship" trap. I am against this and it should be put up for a vote.

Debra Lonick, 2314 Cascade Lake Circle, I have never experienced a "problem" at the Township Office, always thought it was an attractive building.

Kenneth Carey, 2929 Thornapple River Dr., not too late for a write-in candidate.

Robert Merkler, 7160 Burger, not against a new fire station....still looking for an answer. Is there a reason why other cable companies can't come to Cascade Twp.?

Kirk Rottschafer, 2641 Cascade Springs, very much opposed to the new building...City of Grand Rapids leases almost all facilities for the Building Department.

John Beute, 1665 Laraway Lake, I oppose the project.

Art Lillibridge, 3435 Tuscany Dr., this is a done deal.

Grace LesPeron, 2573 Cascade Springs Dr., future growth?

Joanne King, 6820 Burton, Boardmembers are "messaging" it up". Museum Garden was a done deal.

Julie Johnson, 6718 Burton St., museum gardens are ugly. Why aren't pots planted. Very against spending millions of dollars for this Township Hall.

Burgit Molenaar, 3274 Pinoak Ct., what happened to the bricks at the Museum Gardens.

Don Faas, 7374 Grachen, Is it possible to have a special edition of the Cascade Connection dedicated to the questions/responses heard tonight.

Diane Cutler, KDL Librarian, we have access to the web here at the Library.

**Article 10. Manager Comments**

Manager Swayze offered the following comments:

- Ribbon cutting ceremony for the new playground at the recreation park on July 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

**Article 11. Board Member Comments**

Trustee Koessel offered the following comments:

- We are always looking for your input. This project is NOT a forgone conclusion. The 7.5 million cost was a projection from Fishbeck.

Trustee Lewis offered the following comments:

- Agree with Trustee Koessel.

Treasurer Peirce offered the following comments:

- It has been shown that we have done a poor job of communicating this whole project from the beginning. You have given us an awful lot to absorb...we have to take time to do what is best for the community and what is fiscally responsible.

Clerk Bell offered the following comments:

- It's simple...I heard you...thank you.

Trustee Goldberg offered the following comments:

- I agree with most has been said here tonight. I agree we communicated this poorly. I believe we very likely don't need as much space as is shown in the township hall. I believe we need more space than we have now.

Supervisor Beahan offered the following comments:

- Thanked everyone for coming and try our best to get these comments/questions answered as soon as possible. One of the main things has been mis-communication on everybody's part.

**Article 12. Adjournment**

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:06 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