

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

Wednesday, September 25, 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 and Lewis.
Absent: Trustee Goldberg and Janes
Also Present: Manager Swayze, Assistant to the Manager Korhorn, Planning Director Peterson, Building Official Wilson 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. Motion carried.
- 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 09/11/13.
 - 2. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of 8/19/13.
 - b. Education Requests
 - 1. Brian Wilson – Code Officials Conference of Michigan – Thompsonville, MI – Oct. 15-18.
 - c. Receive and File Communications
 - 1. Letter from Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce – Membership.
- Motion was made by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Trustee Lewis to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.
- Article 6.** **Financial Actions**
- a. **Consider Pay Draw #1 for the DDA Sidewalk & Lights Along 28th St. – K&R Contract for Portion of Project.**
Motion was made by Trustee Lewis and supported by Clerk Goodyke to approve the Pay Draw #1 for the DDA Sidewalk & Lights along 28th St. – K&R Contract for Portion of project in the amount of \$27,768.80. Motion carried.
- Article 7.** **Unfinished Business**
- Article 8.** **New Business**
- 063-2013 Consider Hiring a Consultant for Recreation Plan Update.**
Planning Director Peterson reviewed the quotes from the (4) firms that had responded to the RFP. The Parks Committee has reviewed the quotes and recommend Williams & Works for the project. Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Lewis to approve

Williams & Works as the Consultant for the Recreation Plan Update in the amount of \$12,500. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

064-2013 Consider Setting a Public Hearing for Changes to the Burton Park Ordinance

Motion was made by Trustee Lewis and supported by Clerk Goodyke to set a public hearing for changes to the Burton Park Ordinance for October 23, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried.

065-2013 Consider Approval Resolution Authorizing Preparation Of Plans and Costs for Public Water Extension on Oak Terrace Ct.

Assistant to the Manager Korhorn stated the residents of Oak Terrace Ct. have submitted a petition requesting the extension of public water on their street. The Infrastructure Committee has met and recommended some guidelines regarding the special assessments. Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Lewis to approve the Resolution authorizing preparation of plans and costs for public water extension on Oak Terrace Ct. Motion carried by roll call vote.

066-2013 Consider Approval of Resolution to Amend Articles of Incorporation of GVMC.

Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Clerk Goodyke to approve the Resolution to amend articles of incorporation of GVMC. Motion carried by roll call vote.

067-2013 Consider Approval of Interurban Transit Partnership Transportation Service Contract.

Manger Swayze reviewed the FY2014 contract, with the proposed cost to be \$29,575 which represents a 7.1% contract rate increase from FY2013. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Trustee Lewis and supported by Treasurer Peirce to approve the Interurban Transit Partnership Transportation Service Contract. Motion carried.

068-2013 Consider Approval of Expansion of Services to Vergennes Township.

Building Official Brain Wilson reviewed the request from Vergennes Township to include electrical and mechanical inspections. Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Clerk Goodyke to approve the expansion of services to include electrical and mechanical inspections and the updating of the inspection services agreement. Motion carried.

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

- Deputy Ryan Roe from the Kent County Sheriff's Dept. was present to update the Board on East Precinct happenings in Cascade Township.

Article 10. Manager Comments

Manager Swayze offered the following comments:

- Next week we will be having meetings with both the Personnel Committee and the Infrastructure Committee.
- Last Friday I sent out a couple of educational items if anyone is interested, the GVMC will be having their quarterly luncheon, and then the MTA is doing their on the road series coming up in October.
- Planning Commission public hearing coming up on October 7th...that is for the multi-family unit that is being proposed on the property behind Walmart.
- Update the Board...we put the utility infrastructure on Kraft between 52nd and 60th. This past week we assisted a developer in reconfiguring some lot lines right before a sale. We have indications that hopefully sometime soon we will be getting plans from a developer for a 60,000 sq. ft. manufacturing facility on one of those parcels with the ability to expand to 100,000 sq. ft.

Article 11. Board Member Comments

Trustee Koessel offered the following comments:

- Strategic Plan...we are just about thru the 3rd quarter, are we going to get an update on where we are on it. Response: Quarterly report was presented at meeting you were absent.
- The parcel of land that we had all the discussion about the land bank...whatever was the resolution on that parcel. Response: I know it was sold at the auction...we do not have any other information on it.

Trustee Lewis offered the following comments:

- I stopped off at the shooting gallery...they seemed to be happy and have not heard about any other problems from the neighbors.

Treasurer Peirce offered the following comments:

- We had an incident in our neighborhood on Sunday afternoon; somebody was walking by one of the houses and smelled gas and came over and got my wife who called the gas company. The gas company came out immediately and fixed the problem. If there is a way we can put a little "blurb" in the newsletter regarding "smelling natural gas" and how to get in contact with DTE.

Supervisor Beahan offered the following comments:

- Tomorrow night is the benefit for Tom Boersma, our electrical inspector who has had some health issues. They are having a spaghetti dinner/fund raiser at Thornapple Community Reformed Church.

Article 12. Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise M. Biegalle
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

Ron Goodyke, Clerk

Robert S. Beahan, Supervisor