

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

Wednesday, March 13, 2013

7:00 P.M.

- Article 1.** Supervisor Beahan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Present: Supervisor Beahan, Trustee Lewis, Koessel, Janes, Goldberg,
Clerk Goodyke and Treasurer Peirce.
Absent: None
Also Present: Manager Swayze, Assistant to the Manager Korhorn,
Engineer Mike Berrevoets 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 Janes to
approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 4. Presentations/Public Comments**
- a. Public Comments (Please limit comments to 3 minutes)**
-Mr. Dave Penninga, 7101 Windcrest St. was present to
submit a request by Windcrest Residents to allow bikes on the
paved roads of Cascade Burton Park.
-Presentation by John P. Gardner from Comcast.
Introduced a program that was introduced in 2011 called Internet
Essentials. Discussion followed with questions from the Board.
- Article 5. Approval of Consent Agenda**
- a. Receive and File Various Meeting Minutes**
1. Regular Board Meeting Minutes of 02/27/13.
 2. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of 01/22/13.
 3. Park Committee Meeting Minutes of 11/19/2012.
 4. Regis Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of 11/28/12.
 5. West Michigan Economic Partnership Meeting Minutes of
12/12/12.
 6. Kent County Chapter MTA Meeting Minutes of 11/29/12.
 7. Kent County Road Commission Meeting Minutes of:
 - 1/22/13, 02/12/13, 02/13/13, 02/19/13
- b. Receive and File Various Reports**
1. Treasurer's Monthly Report for January, 2013.
 2. Building Department Monthly Report for February, 2013.
- Motion was made by Trustee Janes and supported by Trustee Goldberg to
approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 6. Financial Actions**
- a. Consider Approval of February, 2013 Public Utilities
Fund.**
Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by
Clerk Goodyke to approve the February, 2013 Public
Utilities Fund. Motion carried unanimously.

- b. Consider Approval of February, 2013 General/Special Funds.**
Motion was made by Trustee Janes and supported by Trustee Koessel to approve the February, 2013 General/Special Funds. Motion carried unanimously.
- c. Consider Approval of February, 2013 Payables, Payroll and Transfers.**
Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Treasurer Peirce to approve February, 2013 Payables, Payroll and Transfers. Motion carried unanimously.
- d. Consider Approval of Change Order #1 and Pay Draw #5 for the Centennial Park Streetscape Project – Phase 2.**
Assistant to the Manager Korhorn reviewed the Change Order and the Pay Draw for the Centennial Park Streetscape Project – Phase 2. Motion was made by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Trustee Goldberg to approve Change Order #1 and Pay Draw #5 in the amount of \$20,863.21 for the Centennial Park Streetscape Project – Phase 2. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 7. Unfinished Business (None)

**Article 8. New Business
015-2013**

- a. Public Hearing – Consider Adoption of the Amendment to the Pedestrian Pathway System Opening Ordinance.**
Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Janes to move into public hearing. Motion carried unanimously. Assistant to the Manager Korhorn reported she had received two comments regarding the proposed Ordinance. No public comments received from the audience. Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Janes to reconvene into regular session. Motion carried unanimously.

- b. Consider Approval of the Amendments to the Pedestrian Pathway System Opening Ordinance.**
Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee Lewis to approve the Amendments to the Pedestrian Pathway System Opening Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

- 016-2013 Consider Approval of Plan for 28th Street Sidewalk and Street lighting.**
Assistant to the Manager Korhorn explained the 28th St. sidewalk and street lighting project bid came in higher than expected. Mike Berrevoets from Fishbeck was present to review the Board’s options and answer any questions or concerns. Motion was made by Trustee Janes and supported by Clerk Goodyke to move forward with the project as proposed by the Township Engineer. Motion carried unanimously.

017-2013 Consider Approval of Purchase of Buildings and Grounds Utility Vehicle.

Manager Swayze reviewed the proposed purchase of a new Utility Vehicle. Motion was made by Treasurer Peirce and supported by Trustee Koessel to approve the purchase of the Bobcat Utility Vehicle at a cost of \$11,501.66 for the Building and Grounds Department. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Robert VanStrein, 8960 28th St. was present to talk about how dangerous it is to walk on 28th St. Would appreciate it if the Board could conduct a study to find out if it would be feasible to build a bike path out there.

Article 10. Manager Comments

Manager Swayze offered the following comments:

-Rob Beahan and I attended a meeting of the West Michigan Economic Partnership today...that groups activities have kind of “stalled out” the past couple months. They have been waiting for some information from the State and MEDC.

-Infrastructure Committee met since our last meeting...we talked about a couple of topics. We met with Fishbeck and went over a potential storm water project for the Township. The Committee did recommend that we get an engineering proposal from Fishbeck. In addition, we went over our liquor license policy that we have been working with Ada and Grand Rapids Township. That policy will be in front of the Township Board at the next meeting.

-A couple of the staff people will be getting together starting this week...myself, Ron, Sandra, Steve and Roger. We are looking at a possible Commercial Rehabilitation Tax Abatement opportunity. It is a program that is authorized by Public Act 210 of 2005. It works similar to an IFT.

Article 11. Board Member Comments

Trustee Goldberg offered the following comments:

-Would like to thank Ben for asking Comcast to come to the Board meeting and visit with us.

-Looking to have AT&T come to a meeting soon.

Trustee Lewis offered the following comments:

-Saw in the paper that Meekhof Lumber Company is going out of business. I wish that there was a plaque/or something in recognition for their contributions in the growth of Cascade Township.

Trustee Koessel offered the following comments:

-I think we need to respond to Mr. VanStrein’s request. Maybe we should have the County look at the road (widening). There is not much we can do about signs. We should check with Kent County Road Commission.

Article 12. Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise M. Biegalle
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

Ron Goodyke, Clerk

Robert S. Beahan, Supervisor