

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

Wednesday, February 12, 2014

7:00 P.M.

Article 1. Supervisor Beahan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Present: Supervisor Beahan, Trustee Goldberg, Koessel,
Treasurer Peirce and Trustee Lewis
Absent: Clerk Goodyke
Also Present: Manager Swayze, Assistant to the Manager Korhorn, Fire
Chief Sigg, Planning Director Peterson 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 01/22/14.
 - 2. Regular Planning Commission Minutes of 12/2/13.
 - 3. Regular Planning Commission Minutes of 1/27/14.
- b. Receive and File Various Reports
 - 1. Treasurer's Department monthly Report for Dec. 2013.
- c. Receive and File Communications
 - 1. Letters from Comcast – re: Changes in Channels
- d. Education Requests
 - 1. Doug Poolman – Michigan Fire Inspector's Society – Winter Education Seminar, February 4-5, East Lansing, MI
 - 2. Jim Walker – Society of Michigan EMS Instructors Coordinators. March 6-9, Traverse City, MI.

Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Goldberg
to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Article 6. Financial Actions (None)

Article 7. Unfinished Business

Article 8. New Business

**010-2014 a. Public Hearing – Authorize Preliminary Plan
and Authorize Preparation of Special
Assessment Roll for Oak Terrace Ct. Water
Improvement.**

Assistant to the Manager Korhorn stated that this
was the third step in the process for Special
Assessments.

Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Lewis to move into public hearing.

Motion carried.

Steve Waalkes, 3623 Oak Terrace Ct., is looking forward to hooking up to water due to the poor well water quality in our neighborhood. Want to thank the Board in being support of this project.

Mike Rash, 3620 Oak Terrace Ct., wanted to show support. We have pretty poor water quality and would hook up right away and pay the fees in order to not have to treat the water as we do so aggressively every month.

Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee Lewis to reconvene into regular session. Motion carried.

b. Consider Approval or Resolution of Preliminary Plan and to Authorize the Preparation of Special Assessment Roll for Oak Terrace Water Improvement.

Motion was made by Treasurer Peirce and supported by Trustee Lewis to approve the Resolution of Preliminary Plan and to Authorize the Preparation of Special Assessment Roll for Oak Terrace Water Improvement. Motion carried by roll call vote.

011-2014 Consider Approval of Resolution for Kraft Ave. Water Improvement Fee.

Planning Director Peterson stated that this was the last step in this process since we decided to put sewer/water down Kraft Ave. The Township paid for the sewer and are assessing back the water costs to these property owners. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Lewis to approve the Resolution for Kraft Ave. Water Improvement Fee. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Yeas – 4 Nays – 2 (Goldberg/Peirce) Absent – 1

012-2014 Consider Approval of the Audit Contract

Manager Swayze reviewed the process regarding the request for proposals for audit services for fiscal years 2014-2018. The Finance Committee is recommending the Township Board award the contract to Vredveld & Haefner, LLC. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee McDonald to reward the Audit Contract to Vredveld & Haefner. Motion carried.

013-2014 Consider Approval of Board Appointments.
Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Lewis to approve the Board appointments as follows:

- Tom McDonald (Board liason)
Zoning Board of Appeals
- Jack Lewis (Board liason)
Planning Commission

Motion carried.

014-2014 Consider Delegation Agreement & Resolution for Fireworks State of Michigan.
Chief Sigg reviewed the Resolution with the Board. Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported By Treasurer Peirce to approve the Delegation Agreement and Resolution for Conducting Inspections or Permanent and Temporary Consumer Fireworks Sales Facilities for the State Bureau of Fire Services. Motion carried.

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

Article 10. Manager Comments

Manager Swayze offered the following comments:

- I attended the Kent County Road Commission Public Hearing on the 60th St. paving project. The general tone of the public hearing was very positive for the project.
- We are in the process of setting up a Personnel Subcommittee meeting. The Compensation Study draft is done. Looking for the MML to come and give a presentation to the committee so they can make a recommendation to the Board on that project.
- The Recreation Plan is currently open for public comments. We are accepting comments until the first of the month.
- There is a joint meeting between the DDA and the Planning Commission on the 18th. They are going to be reviewing the Complete Streets Plan.
- Just a reminder, on February 20th the Metro Council is having an Open Board meeting. They are inviting not only Board members but elected officials from all their communities to come.
- We are a member of West Michigan Economic Development Partnership...I have been elected as chairman of the group.

Article 11. Board Member Comments

Trustee Koessel offered the following comments:

- Inquired about the snow plowing issue. What is the process in finding fire hydrants when under snow?

Trustee Lewis offered the following comments:

- Also offered comments on snow removal.

Treasurer Peirce offered the following comments:

- Tax collections as of noon today...summer at 98.25%, winter taxes have been collected up to 78.68%.
- Ron Goodyke started the idea about liquor license reviews...Doug Poolman stopped by my office a week or two ago...a great resource.
- Also commented on snow removal.
- Supervisor Beahan inquired about the news stories on the Crowne Plaza.

Trustee Goldberg offered the following comments:

- Inquired about the change to the “uncapping law” of the State, beginning 2014. If you transfer property to a blood relative to the first degree that there is no “uncapping”.

Article 12. Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise M. Biegalle
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

Ron Goodyke, Clerk

Robert S. Beahan, Supervisor