

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

Wednesday, August 14, 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 (excused)
Also Present: Manager Swayze, Planning Director Peterson, Fire Chief Sigg 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 Koessel and supported by Trustee Janes to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.
- Article 4. Presentations/Public Comments**
- Article 5. Approval of Consent Agenda**
- a. Receive and File Various Meeting Minutes
 1. Regular Board Meeting Minutes of 07/24/13.
 2. Regular Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of 07/15/13.
 - b. Receive and File Various Reports
 1. Building Department Monthly Report for July, 2013.
 2. Fire Department Monthly Report for July, 2013.
 - c. Receive and File Communications
 1. Letter from AT&T re: Annual Report
 2. State of Michigan – Notice of Hearing – Consumers Energy – Case No. U-17429.
 3. State of Michigan – Notice of Hearing – Consumers Energy – Case No. U-17321.
 - d. Education Requests
 1. Mildred Pinder – 2013 GFOA Annual Conference, Sept. 29 – Oct 2, 1013, Grand Rapids, MI.
 2. Assessing Staff – Michigan Assessor Association Short Course Training classes:
 - Roger McCarty – Land Value Modeling, Oct. 9-11, 2013, Traverse City, MI.
 - Jeff Miller – Budget Preparation/Government Finance, Oct. 9-11, 2013, Traverse City, MI.
 - Janet Ogden – MI Assessors Association Education Program, September 3-6, 2013, Novi, MI.
 3. Doug Poolman – Michigan Fire Inspectors Conference, July 17, 2013, East Lansing, MI.
- Motion was made by Trustee Janes and supported by Clerk Goodyke to approve the proposed consent agenda. Motion was carried.

- Article 6. Financial Actions**
- a. **Consider Approval of July, 2013 Public Utilities Fund.**
Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by

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Trustee Koessel to approve the July, 2013 Public Utilities Fund. Motion carried.

b. Consider Approval of July, 2013 General/Special Funds.

Motion was made by Treasurer Peirce and supported by Trustee Goldberg to approve the July, 2013 General/Special Funds. Motion carried.

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

Motion was made by Trustee Janes and supported by Trustee Koessel to approve the July, 2013 Payables, Payroll and Transfers. Motion carried.

Article 7. Unfinished Business

Article 8. New Business

049-2013 Consider Approval of Meadowbrooke Lot Split at 5300 Patterson Ave.

Planning Director reviewed the request by the applicant. Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee Janes to approve the Meadowbrooke Lot Split at 5300 Patterson Ave. subject to the condition in regard to pending approval from the Building Department. Motion carried.

050-2013 Consider Approval of Resolution to initiate Automatic Aid Agreement with City of Grand Rapids, Kent County International Airport Rescue and Kentwood Fire Departments. (roll call)

Fire Chief Sigg explained the intent of the Resolution. Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Clerk Goodyke to approve the Resolution to initiate Automatic Aid Agreement with City of Grand Rapids, Kent County International Airport Rescue and Kentwood Fire Departments. Motion carried by roll call vote.

051-2013 Consider Approval of Resolution to initiate Michigan Region 6 Urban Search and Rescue Memorandum of Understanding. (roll call)

Fire Chief Sigg reviewed the purpose of the proposed Resolution. Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and Supported by Trustee Janes to approve the Resolution to initiate Michigan Region 6 Urban Search and Rescue Memorandum of Understanding. Motion carried by roll call vote.

052-2013 Consider Approval of Resolution to Approve an Automatic Aid Agreement with Caledonia Township Fire Department. (roll call)

Chief Sigg reviewed the Resolution. Motion was made by

Trustee Janes and supported by Trustee Goldberg to approve the Resolution for an Automatic Aid Agreement with Caledonia Township Fire Department. Motion carried with roll call vote.

053-2013 Consider Approval of a Shelter Agreement with the Red Cross for the Wisner Center.

Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee Koessel to approve the Shelter Agreement with the Red Cross for the Wisner Center with the approval of the Township Attorney. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

054-2013 Consider Approval of Resolution to Amend Articles of Incorporation of GVMC. (roll call)

Manager Swayze reviewed the amended articles. Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Janes to approve the Resolution to Amend Articles of Incorporation of GVMC. Motion carried by roll call vote.

055-2013 Consider Approval to Update the CCT Classification, Compensation & Staffing Level Study.

Manager Swayze presented the proposal from the Michigan Municipal League (MML). Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Goldberg to approve the update the 2006 Cascade Charter Township – Classification, Compensation & Staffing Level Study at a cost not to exceed \$9,000. Motion carried.

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

- Ann Swisher, 6218 Santiago Ct. was present to address the Board regarding our ordinance regarding parked cars in yards.
- Deputy Ryan Roe, from the Kent County Community Policing Unit was present to update the Board on issues going on in Cascade Township.

Article 10. Manager Comments

- Manager Swayze offered the following comments:
 - All millage renewals passed by at least a 7-1 margin.
 - Road Commission is continuing to do road projects in the Township.
 - Reminder – the MTA is having their Regional Picnic, Thursday, August 22nd.

Article 11. Board Member Comments

- Trustee Koessel offered the following comments:
 - Brought up issue of “houses not being lived in” i.e., grass cutting.
 - Good to see Ron back.
 - I will not be able to attend the next Board Meeting.
- Treasurer Peirce offered the following comments:
 - Compliments to Ben regarding “27th St.” in getting fixed.

- Clerk Goodyke offered the following comments:
-We had our Senior Picnic/Lunch this week. It was very well attended.
- Trustee Goldberg offered the following comments:
-Appreciate Ben's work on pulling together a response to the letter received from Ms. Brozak.
-Noticed today that the 6th circuit court of appeals today invalidated the State of Michigan prohibition of "begging".
- Supervisor Beahan offered the following comments:
-We met with Grand Rapids Township and Ada Township along with Lt. DeVries regarding a possible regulation of fireworks.
-I would like to mention that Jack Buys who was a long time resident of Cascade and owed Dykhouse and Buys Marathon Station and also was a member of our Fire Dept for 30 years has passed away.

Article 12. Closed Session

a. Pending Litigation

Motion was made by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Trustee Janes to suspend the regular meeting and move into closed session.

Motion carried.

Motion was made by Trustee Janes and supported by Treasurer Peirce to reconvene into regular session. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee Koessel to approve the proposed settlement with the Cotter heirs on the terms said forth in the description provided. Motion carried.

Article 13. Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise M. Biegalle
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

Ron Goodyke, Clerk

Robert S. Beahan, Supervisor