

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

Wednesday May 25, 2016
7:00 P.M.

- Article 1.** Supervisor Beahan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Present: Supervisor Beahan, Clerk Bell, Treasurer Peirce, Trustee Lewis, Koessel, Goldberg and McDonald.
Absent: None
Also Present: Manager Swayze, Community Development Director Peterson 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 Lewis and supported by Trustee Koessel to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 4.** **Presentations/Public Comments (limit comments to 3 minutes)**
Shane Underwood, 2945 Overlook Summit addressed the Board on two issues:
- Walking path proposed from Tassell Library to the center of Cascade Village.
 - Grave concerns regarding the pedestrian walk in the middle of Cascade Road.
- Penny Minhinnick Burns, 6650 Tanglewood Dr., had concerns regarding the purchase of 3500 Thornapple River Dr.
Nick Katsavelas, 2985 Burrwick Dr., addressed the Board on the pedestrian walk in the middle of Cascade Road. Also addressed the Board regarding the flags on the Bridge on Cascade Road...who makes the decision to put flags on the bridge, what is the cost of the flags. Are there any other flags that are being planned to go up on the bridge?
Ken Carey, 2929 Thornapple River, was present to ask why a referendum wasn't called on the new Township Hall.
- Article 5.** **Approval of Consent Agenda**
- a. Receive and File Various Meeting Minutes
 1. Regular Township Board Minutes of 5/11/16.
 2. Regular Planning Commission Minutes of 4/18/16.
 - b. Receive and File Reports
 1. Treasurer's Department Monthly Report – February, 2016 and March, 2016.
 - c. Education Requests
 1. Shawn Holzhei – MCAO Program – (6) month on-line program for Assessing position.
- Motion was made by Treasurer Peirce and supported by Trustee Lewis to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 6.** **Financial Actions**
- a. **Consider Approval of April 2016, Payables, Payroll and Transfers.**
Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee McDonald to approve the April 2016, Payables, Payroll and Transfers. Motion carried unanimously.
 - b. **Consider Approval of April 2016, General/Special Funds.**
Motion was made by Trustee Lewis and supported by Trustee Goldberg to approve the April 2016, General/Special Funds. Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 7.** **Unfinished Business**
- 024-2016** **Consider Approval of Township Social Media Usage Policy.**
Manager Swayze reviewed the policy with the Board. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Clerk Bell and supported by Trustee McDonald to approve the Township Social Media Usage Policy as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 8.

**New Business
038-2016**

a. Public Hearing – A Request to rezone 5800 Thornapple River Dr. from ARC to R-1

Community Development Director Peterson reviewed the request with the Board. Motion was made by Trustee Lewis and supported Trustee McDonald to move into public hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

No public comments.

Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee McDonald to reconvene into regular session. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Consider Approval of Rezoning of Approximately 74 Acres from ARC, Agricultural Rural Conservation to R-1 Residential for 5800 Thornapple River Dr.

Motion was made by Trustee McDonald and supported by Trustee Lewis to approve the Rezoning of 5800 Thornapple River Dr. from ARC to R-1. Motion carried unanimously.

039-2016

Consider Approval of P.U.D. Rezoning and Site Plan Extension for the Thornapple Hilltop Project.

Community Development Director Peterson reviewed the request for the extension. Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Treasurer Peirce to exercise our discretion to allow it to remain P.U.D. at this time, but deny the request for extension as untimely. Motion carried unanimously.

040-2016

Consider Approval of Type II Special Use Permit to Allow River Association Members to Launch and Retrieve Boats at 7238 Cascade Rd.

Community Development Director Peterson reviewed the Type II Special Use Permit to allow river association members to launch and retrieve boats at 7238 Cascade Rd. The Board questioned Mr. Rissi regarding the request from the River Association. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Clerk Bell to approve the Type II Special Use Permit to allow River Association Members to Launch and Retrieve Boats at 7238 Cascade Rd. with a review to occur in January, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

041-2016

Consider Approval of Resolution to Recognize the Cascade Community Foundation as a Non-Profit Organization.

Manager Swayze stated the Township has received a request from the Community Foundation to recognize their 501c(3) status as a non-profit in our community. Laura McDowell was present to address any questions/concerns from the Board. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee Lewis to approve the Resolution to Recognize the Cascade Community Foundation as a Non-Profit Organization. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Article 9.

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

Scot VanSolkema, 2570 Orange St. was present to address the building of a new Township Hall. Mr. VanSolkema also inquired about the large empty “anchor” store on Cascade Rd.

Ken Carey, 2929 Thornapple River Dr., addressed the Board regarding his law suit. He also distributed a “token” to each Board member. Also stated the new Township Hall is a “travesty”.

Diane Cutler, Cascade Library was present to thank the Board for the social media policy that was approved tonight.

Nick Katsavelas, 2985 Burrwick Dr., commented on the social media policy. Also inquired about the facts and information page regarding the new Township Hall.

Penny Minhinnick Burns, 6650 Tanglewood Dr., questioned signage repair going into her subdivision.

Article 10. Manager Comments

Manager Swayze offered the following comments:

- The Finance Committee met this morning and received a positive review from our auditor. They will coming in front of the Board at the next regular meeting.
- The Right Place is coming to talk to us in July...KDL will be coming in early August.
- Update on Schoolhouse Creek...we now have all of our authorization forms in. We have made contact with the DEQ and they are working to schedule the site visit.
- The Board approved a Planning Contract a couple of meetings ago for the property at Jacksmith and 28th St. We are starting that process.

Article 11. Board Member Comments

Trustee Koessel offered the following comments:

- Want to thank the audience for coming tonight and commenting. I do hope anyone that has concerns about the Township Hall does take the fact sheet and look at it.

Treasurer Peirce offered the following comments:

- We are having a Memorial Day Program on May 30th.
- The Pedestrian Crosswalk...concerned about the confusion of the people. Would like to re-visit this.

Trustee McDonald offered the following comments:

- Addressed the Township Hall "mis-conceptions".

Trustee Goldberg offered the following comments:

- Spoke to the issues with the building of a new Township Hall.

Article 12. Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise M. Biegalle
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

Clem Bell, Clerk

Robert S. Beahan, Supervisor