

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

Wednesday, December 11, 2013

7:00 P.M.

- Article 1.** Supervisor Beahan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Present: Supervisor Beahan, Clerk Goodyke, Trustee Lewis, Janes Goldberg, Koessel and Treasurer Peirce.
Absent: None
Also Present: Manager Swayze 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)**
Librarian Diane Cutler was present to give the Board a quick year end report on the Library.
- Article 5.** **Approval of Consent Agenda**
- a. Receive and File Various Meeting Minutes
 - 1. Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes of 11/13/13.
 - 2. Regular Board Meeting Minutes of 11/20/13.
 - 3. Minutes of the Planning Commission Meeting of 11/04/13.
 - b. Receive and File Communications
 - 1. Letter from Comcast – re: New pricing
 - 2. Letter from Charter – re: New pricing
 - c. Receive and File Various Reports
 - 1. Building Department Monthly Report for November, 2013.
 - 2. Notice of Hearing – State of Michigan – Consumers Energy Company – Case No. U-17317.
- Motion was made by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Trustee Goldberg to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 6.** **Financial Actions**
- a. **Consider Approval of Amendment to Budget Resolution 46-2013 (error in printed material presented at 11/20 meeting)**
Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Lewis to approve the Amendment to Budget Resolution 46-2013. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.
 - b. **Consider Approval of Resolution to Release Previously committed fund balance for the purpose of paying MERS Unfunded Liability.**
Manager Swayze reviewed the request with the Board. Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Lewis to approve the Resolution to Release Previously committed fund balance for the purpose of paying MERS Unfunded Liability in the amount of \$375,435.00. Discussion followed. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Article 7. Unfinished Business

Article 8. New Business

085-2013 a. Public Hearing – Proposed 2014 General/Special Budgets.

Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Janes to adjourn the regular meeting and move into the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

No comments received.

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

b. Consider Approval of Resolution Adopting 2014 Budget for the General/Special Funds.

Motion was made by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Trustee Lewis to approve the Resolution Adopting the 2014 Budget for the General/Special Funds. Discussion followed. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

086-2013 Consider Approval of Resolution to Approve the Intent to Levy the 2014 Millage Rates.

Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee Koessel to approve the Resolution to Approve the Intent to Levy the 2014 Millage Rates. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

087-2013 Consider Approval of Resolution of General Fund to Support the Fire Fund.

Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee Janes to approve the Resolution of General Fund to Support the Fire Fund in the amount of \$400,000.

Discussion followed. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

088-2013 Consider Approval to Purchase Buildings & Grounds Replacement Vehicle.

Manager Swayze reviewed the need for the new vehicles in the Buildings & Grounds (B&G) Dept. Motion was made by Treasurer Peirce and supported by Trustee Goldberg to approve the purchase of B&G Replacement Truck # 2. Discussion followed. Motion carried unanimously.

089-2013 Consider Approval to Amend the Township Ordinance Telecommunications Provider Right-of-Way Management.

Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Clerk Goodyke to approve the first reading of the ordinance and schedule a public hearing for the proposed ordinance Amendment on January 8, 2014. Discussion followed. Motion carried unanimously.

- 090-2014 Consider Approval of 2014 Township Meeting Schedule.**
 Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Clerk Goodyke to approve the 2014 Township Meeting Schedule. Motion carried unanimously.
- 091-2014 Consider Approval of Resolution to Recognize the Forest Hills PTO and Booster Council as a Non-Profit Organization. (roll call)**
 Manager Swayze reviewed the request by the Forest Hills PTO and Booster Council. Motion was made by Trustee Lewis and supported by Clerk Goodyke to approve the Resolution to Recognize the Forest Hills PTO and Booster Council as a non-profit organization. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.
- 092-2014 Consider Approval of Supervisors Recommendations of Appointments to Various Boards and Commissions.**
 Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee Koessel to approve the following recommendations:
- Planning Commission
 - Jeff Hammond
 - Al Penning
 - John Sperla
 - ZBA
 - Tom McDonald
 - Bill Cousins (alternate)
 - DDA
 - Tom McDonald
 - David Huhn
- Motion carried unanimously.

Article 9. Public Comments on any other matters. (limit comments to 3 minutes)
 Lynn Mason, 11637 West Ellis, Belding, MI was present to introduce herself as she is a candidate for the 86th House District.

Article 10. Manager Comments
 Manager Swayze offered the following comments:

- Tassel Park has been completed
- Tonight we had our Parks & Recreation Master Plan Open House.
- There is another Public meeting Thursday night at Caledonia Township Hall for the 60th St. reconstruction project.

Article 11. Board Member Comments
 Trustee Janes offered the following comments:

- Submitted her letter of resignation due to her family moving out of the Township.

All Board members gave Trustee Janes “best wishes”.

Trustee Goldberg offered the following comments:

- The Budget that we just adopted and the surplus that has developed, given what I have seen on long term projections for revenues and what we can project on a long term basis in terms of our expenses...I for one would be very happy to see us take a hard look at what we have for millages.

Trustee Lewis offered the following comments:

- I will not be at the next couple of meetings will be in Florida.
- Agree with Fred...would also like to look at our own ambulance service for the Township.

Trustee Koessel offered the following comments:

- We have good committee structure here and get a lot of work done in the committees. While the public only sees what the Board works on, there is a lot of work done at the committee level.

Discussion on the process to be taken in the replacement of Trustee Janes pursued.

Article 12. Adjournment

Motion was made by Trustee Janes 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