

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

Wednesday, June 10, 2009
7:00 P.M.

Article 1. Supervisor Beahan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Present: Supervisor Beahan, Trustee Lewis, Fox, Goldberg, Koessel, Treasurer Dood and Clerk Goodyke.
Absent: None
Also Present: Township Manager Cousins, Charles Fry/ Diane Cutler/Pamela VanderPloeg from KDL 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 Fox to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 4. Approval of Consent Agenda

- a. Receive and File Various Meeting Minutes
 - 1. Regular Board Meeting Minutes of 05/27/2009.
 - 2. Regular Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of 05/11/2009.
 - 3. Kent County Road Commission Meeting Minutes of 4/14/09 and 4/28/09.
- b. Receive and File Communications
 - 1. Letters from Comcast – re: DTV and Changes in Grand Rapids Area Service Center.
 - 2. Letter from Michigan Community Blood Center – re: Blood Drive
 - 3. Letter from Department of Agriculture – re: Michigan Agricultural Preservation Fund Qualification.

Motion was made by Trustee Fox and supported by Clerk Goodyke to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 5. Financial Actions

- a. Consider Approval of Payables, Payroll and Transfers for May, 2009.
Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Fox to approve the Payables, Payroll and Transfers for May, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Consider Approval of 28th Street DDA Sidewalk and Lighting Improvements – Change Order #2.
Motion was made by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Trustee Goldberg to approve the 28th Street DDA Sidewalk and Lighting Improvements – Changer Order #2. Motion carried unanimously.
- c. Consider Approval of 28th Street DDA Sidewalk and Lighting Improvements – Final Pay Application.
Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Clerk Goodyke to approve the 28th Street DDA Sidewalk and Lighting Improvements – Final Pay Application. Motion carried unanimously.
- d. Consider Approval of 2009 Local Road Maintenance.
Clerk Goodyke asked if he could make a comment prior to the motion of approval. Some years ago, we decided as a Board that when we repaired what we call Local Roads/Residential Streets that we would do them with bituminous overlay and get away from what we called “tar & slag”. In making that decision, we looked at our return on investment of the cost of “tar & slag” vs. overlay and the way the road finishes. Clerk Goodyke felt that the proposed road maintenance was a divergence from what we have been doing for years on these Local/Residential Streets. Clerk Goodyke stated he wanted to make sure that everyone was aware of that. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee Fox to approve all the Local Road Improvements except Hillsboro and let the Infrastructure Committee consider the Hillsboro situation and get back

with a recommendation to the Board at the next Regular Meeting.
Motion carried unanimously.

Article 6. Public Actions (None)

Article 7. Public Comments

Rick Harris of 3751 Oak Creek Ct., who lives right behind the Cascade Recreation Park. The grass and the trees on the north end of the Park. Mr. Harris stated that he is highly disappointed about the tall grass at the park; it is unsightly and could possibly be unsafe. It will probably produce bugs in time, maybe rodents and possibly a fire when it gets dry outside. Mr. Harris also commented on the number of dead trees in the stand of trees on the north side of the park. Discussion followed within the Board.

Article 8. Unfinished Business (None)

Article 9. New Business

032-2009 A Presentation of 2008 KDL Annual Report.

Representatives from the Kent District Library gave a presentation to the Board regarding the 2008 Annual Report.

033-2009 Consider Approval of Cascade Community Foundation Board Member.

Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Fox to approve the appointment of Steve Waalkes to the Cascade Community Foundation. Motion carried unanimously.

034-2009 Consider Approval of Request to Change the Appointment Procedure of the Cascade Community Foundation.

Supervisor Beahan reviewed the request by the Community Foundation to revise paragraph 7(a) (iv) of the Endowment Agreement to allow more flexibility in appointing Board members. Currently the agreement states members are appointed by the Township Supervisor and approved by the Township Board. Also being proposed is a change regarding the requirement for membership on the Community Foundation Board that each candidate must be a Cascade resident. The change proposed would be that each candidate must be a Cascade resident or be employed in Cascade. Discussion followed. It was discussed that we review the Grand Rapids Community Foundation's document/agreement then we will know what is our affiliation, and what impact that has on our document. Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Clerk Goodyke to put together a committee of three volunteer board members look into the whole background of the Foundation and what the rules are that they operate under... and make a recommendation to the Board on this request.. Motion carried unanimously.

Ayes – 6

Nays – 2

The request was made for volunteers to serve on the group. The sub-committee will consist of Treasurer Dood, Trustee Lewis and Goldberg.

Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee Koessel to table Article 9. 034-2009 pending the report back from the sub-committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 10. Manager's Comments

Manager Cousins offered the following comments:

- Reminder that the Fire Department Advisory Committee meets tomorrow morning at 7:30 a.m.
- The Infrastructure Committee meets next Tuesday morning at 7:30 a.m.
- The Burton Park proposal is mounted in the entry way at Township Office. We have quite a few people that have come in and look at it and make comments. We should have a good turn-out in two weeks.

Article 11.

Board Member Comments

Clerk Goodyke offered the following comments:

- Thank you to the representatives from KDL for the nice presentation.

Treasurer Dood offered the following comments:

- Express appreciation to Bill for hosting a Township party this Saturday at his home.
- Requests for proposals were sent out for a potential investment manager. There were thirteen RFP's sent out and we have heard back from two organizations that they will not be submitting a proposal. Have met with five organizations that we plan to get RFP's from. The deadline in Monday, June 15th.
- Several of us went to a seminar yesterday, which was quite good. It was put on by an accounting firm; Siegfried Crandall. It was very well done.
- Have had some on -going discussions with Tuscan. We will continue to work with him.
- Food for thought, at the conference yesterday, a representative from the MTA was present. He relayed to us that revenue sharing for the 09-10 year that will start October 1st of this year, would not be more than 5% below where we are this year.

Trustee Fox offered the following comments:

- She was appointed to the Executive Committee of Metro Council Board.

Article 12.

Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise M. Biegalle
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

Ron Goodyke, Clerk

Robert Beahan, Supervisor