

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

Wednesday, September 8, 2010

7:00 P.M.

**Article 1.** Supervisor Beahan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.  
Present: Supervisor Beahan, Trustee Lewis, Koessel, Fox, Goldberg and  
Treasurer Peirce.  
Absent: Clerk Goodyke (excused)  
Also Present: Manager Cousins, Planning Director Peterson, Attorney  
Dick Wendt and Michael Gromley (Mesirow Financial).

**Article 2.** Supervisor Beahan led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**Article 3.** Motion was made by Treasurer Peirce and supported by Trustee Fox to  
approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried.

**Article 4. Approval of Consent Agenda**

- a. Receive and File Various Meeting Minutes
  1. Regular Board Meeting Minutes of 08/25/10.
  2. Regular KCRC Meeting Minutes of 06/08, 06/22, 07/13,  
07/27/10.
- b. Receive and File Communications
  1. Letters from Charter – re: Upgrades to digital network
  2. Letter from Comcast – re: Channel Lineup
  3. Public Hearing Notice from Consumers Energy Company – re:  
Case No. U-16418.
  4. Public Hearing Notice from Consumers Energy Company – re:  
Case No. U-16300.
  5. NOTICE – Cascade Peace Park Dedication – September 11,  
2010.
  6. Letter from FHPS – re: Cascade Township Senior Picnic.
- c. Receive and File Various Reports
  1. Fire Dept. Report for July, 2010.
  2. Treasurer Dept. Report for July, 2010
- d. Education Requests
  1. Ken Peirce – Michigan Municipal Treasurers Annual  
Conference Thompsonville, MI – Oct. 10-13, 2010.
  2. Denise M. Biegalle – 2010 MISHRM Conference – Grand  
Rapids, MI – Oct. 4-6, 2010.
  3. Doug Poolman – Court Room Testimony Class for Fire  
Investigation Certification – Taylor, MI – Oct. 1-3, 2010.

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

Trustee Koessel asked Manager Cousins to ask Comcast/Charter to the  
next meeting that they have an item on the Agenda to explain all the  
notices we have been getting.

Trustee Lewis verified that the Public Hearing notices from the Utilities  
are being posted at Township Hall.

Motion carried.

**Article 5. Financial Actions**

- a. Consider Approval of August, 2010 Payables, Payroll and Transfers.

Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Lewis to approve the August, 2010 Payables, Payroll and Transfers. Motion carried.

- b. Consider Approval of Pay Draw #3 for the 28<sup>th</sup> St./I-96 DDA Streetscape Project.

Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Goldberg to approve the Pay Draw #3 in the amount of \$225,027.51. Motion carried.

**Article 6. Public Actions (None)**

**Article 7. Public Comments**

**Article 8. Unfinished Business**

**Article 9. New Business**

**086-2010 Consider Approval to deed Windcrest turn-around to KCRC.**

Planning Director Peterson reviewed the transfer of the Windcrest turn-around property the KCRC. The deed has been reviewed by our attorney as well as the County and is acceptable to both. Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee Koessel to approve the signing of the deed as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote.

**087-2010 Consider Approval of Resolution of Intent to allow the closing of Tall Timber St. for a neighborhood block party.**

Motion was made by Trustee Lewis and supported by Trustee Goldberg to approve the Resolution to allow the closing of Tall Timber St. for a neighborhood block party. Motion carried by roll call vote.

**088-2010 Request for Approval of Revision to Water & Sewer Agreement with the City of Grand Rapids.**

Manager Cousins reviewed the proposed changes to the Fourth Amendment to the Water & Sanitary Sewer Agreement with the City of Grand Rapids. The two specific modifications are:

- Use of the immediate past three fiscal years average billed flow rather than just the past fiscal year in the calculation of rates plus the consideration of usage trends and demographic changes to adjust that average.
- Reduction of the interest rate applied for the rate of return on zone-gated, ie., share between communities, fixed assets from the 20-year municipal bonds Bond Buyer Index plus 6.0% to such Index plus 4.5%

Discussion followed regarding the “smoothing” of the usage in the next three years. Manager Cousins was asked to contact the Grand Rapids Water & Sewer Dept. and obtain an estimated cost of the first year if the Township signed the Agreement.

Motion was made by Trustee Lewis and supported by Treasurer Peirce to table the item until the next Regular Board Meeting. Motion carried.

**089-2010 Consider Approval of the Proposed Rate Changes for Go! Bus.**  
Manager Cousins reviewed the proposed rate change for their next fiscal year (October 1, 2010 – September 30, 2011). The one-way fee would increase by \$.75. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Lewis to approve the proposed rate changes for the Go! Bus. Motion carried by roll call vote.

**090-2010 Consider Approval of the Bond Refinancing Agreement with Mesirow Financial.**  
Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Treasurer Peirce that Trustee Koessel to be excused from the discussion due to his being an employee of Chemical Bank and a possible “conflict of interest”. Motion carried.  
Michael Gormely of Mesirow Financial and Dick Wendt (Dickinson, Wright) were present to explain the Bond Refinancing. The new bonds are planned to be sold in a “private placement” through Chemical Bank. Preliminary figures for the October 1, 2010 closing indicate that the Township should save \$155,000 in interest payments on the refunded bonds. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee Lewis to approve the Township Manager to sign an agreement with Mesirow Financial for the refinancing of our bonds. Motion carried. Trustee Koessel recused himself.

**091-2010 Consider Approval of Resolution Authorizing Refinancing of DDA Bond.**  
Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee Lewis to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Refinancing of the DDA Bonds. Motion carried by roll call vote. Trustee Koessel recused himself.

**092-2010 Consider Approval of Resolution Authorizing Refinancing of Pathway Bonds.**  
Motion was made by Trustee Lewis and supported by Trustee Goldberg to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Refinancing of the Pathway Bonds. Motion carried by roll call vote. Trustee Koessel recused himself.

Trustee Koessel re-entered the meeting.

**Article 10. Manager's Comments**

Manager Cousins offered the following comments:

- Budget adjustments will be offered at the next Board meeting.
- Staff is working on 2011 Budget
- STS Hydro Power will be coming to a Board meeting soon.
- Have had some problems with issues at Tassel Park. Have been making hourly checks between the B&G and Fire Depts. Since school started the "issues" have subsided.

**Article 11. Board Member Comments**

Trustee Lewis offered the following comments:

- The dedication of Cascade Peace Park is Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 at the Grand River entrance to the Park.

Treasurer Peirce offered the following comments:

- Taxes are due on the 14<sup>th</sup> of September. As of the end of today, we have collected approximately 50% of the taxes due.

**Article 12. Adjournment**

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise M. Biegalle  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

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Ron Goodyke, Clerk

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Robert Beahan, Supervisor