

**MINUTES CASCADE CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

Wednesday, May 24, 2006

7:00 P.M.

Article 1. Supervisor Julien called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Present: Supervisor Julien, Clerk Goodyke, Treasurer Carpenter, trustees Parrish, Currier, Koessel and Beahan.
Absent: None
Also Present: Manager Cravens, Planner Deem, Deputy Clerk Biegalle, Reporter Wilson, and those listed on Supplement #1.

Article 2. Supervisor Julien led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Article 3. A motion by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Beahan. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 4. Approval of Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Township Board Minutes
 - 1. Regular Meeting Minutes of 05/10/06.
- b. Receive and File Various Meeting Minutes
 - 1. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of 05/01/06.
- c. Receive and File Various Reports
 - 1. Treasurer's Department April Bank Reconciliation
 - 2. Treasurer's Department March Quarterly investment report
- d. Education Requests
 - 1. Steve Peterson- re: Conference Registration/Hotel accommodations for Planners Training Service , June 14-17 in Chicago, ILL.

A motion by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Treasurer Carpenter to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 5. Financial Actions (None)

Article 6. Public Actions (None)

Article 7. Public Comments

Supervisor Julien acknowledged Mr. Al Page from the Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan. Mr. Page presented the Board with information regarding the upcoming Kent County Senior Millage that will be on the August 8th ballot.

Article 8. Unfinished Business (None)

Article 9. New Business

043-2006 Consider Preliminary Approval to create a site condominium with 10 lots in the R-1 Zone at 6155 Cascade Rd.

Planner Deem reviewed the project with the Board. Planner Deem stated the Planning Commission has recommended the Tentative

Preliminary Approval to the Board with a requirement that the center turn lane on Cascade Road needs to be indicated on the site plan. Mr. Robert W. Scott from Miller Johnson was present to address the center turn lane on behalf of the developer. Mr. Scott stated the developer was willing to put \$20,000 towards the extension of the center turn lane on Cascade Rd. for access to Beard Drive. Discussion followed. Motion by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Beahan to approve the request to develop 10 sites located at the Northwest corner of Cascade Road and Beard subject to the installation of a center turn lane and a \$20,000 contribution from the developer to put towards the installation of the turn lane. Motion carried unanimously.

044-2006 Consider Request from Centennial Park Business Owners to Partially Fund a Master Plan Study for Centennial Business Park.

Manager Cravens reviewed the request for the Master Plan Study. The Centennial Park Business Owners Association is interested in funding a portion of the Master Plan Study and would like the Township to fund the remainder of the Study with DDA Funds. A representative from Fleis & Vandenbrink made a power point presentation highlighting the exiting conditions within Centennial Park. Motion by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Trustee Koessel to partially fund a Master Plan Study for Centennial Business Park up to 50 percent but not to exceed \$35,000 with funds from the DDA. Discussion followed. Motion carried unanimously.

045-2006 Consider Approval of Resolution Opposing HB 5895 and SB 1157 which eliminates local control of Cable Franchising.

Motion by Treasurer Carpenter and supported by Trustee Koessel to approve the Resolution opposing HB 5895 and SB 1157 which eliminates local control of Cable Franchising. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Ayes – (6)

Nays – (1) Currier

046-2006 Consider Request from the Kent County Senior Millage Committee.

Manager Cravens reviewed the request. Manager Cravens explained the Kent County Senior Millage Committee is asking all tax authorities that capture taxes through a tax increment financing authority (like our DDA) to waive the tax capture for the upcoming millage. Motion by Trustee Parrish and supported by Trustee Currier to continue our policy to capture taxes through our DDA funding. Motion carried unanimously.

047-2006 Discussion of Proposed (Draft) Policy for the Township to Establish a “Green Fleet”.
Manager Cravens reviewed one of the Township Board goals regarding developing a policy to replace Township vehicles with fuel efficient vehicles, including hybrids. The draft proposal is taken from many “green fleet” policies already established by many cities, some as early as 1999. Discussion followed. Clerk Goodyke recommended that a sub-committee be formed to further investigate the concept of a “green fleet”. It was the concensus of the Board to form a sub-committee which would consist of the following Board members: Trustee Currier, Beahan, Supervisor Julien and Manager Cravens.

048-2006 Consider Supervisor Appointments to the Library Advisory Board (LAB).
Motion by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Trustee Beahan to appoint Mr. Richard Vaughn and Ms. Carol Lautenbach to the Library Advisory Board for a term of two years. Motion carried unanimously.

049-2006 Consider Proclamation Honoring Dr. J. Michael Washburn.
Motion by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Parrish to pass the Proclamation honoring Dr. J. Michael Washburn. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 10. Manager’s Comments

Manager Cravens presented the following comments:

- Today’s meeting will be the last Board meeting in the Historical Museum. The next regular scheduled meetings will be held at the Wisner Center.

Article 11. Board Member Comments

Trustee Beahan presented the following comments:

- When will the Museum be painted
- Car signs at Betten Motors.

Treasurer Carpenter presented the following comments:

- Will the Wisner Center be open for the 4th of July Celebration?

Trustee Parrish presented the following comments:

- Mr. Horton filed for Drain Commissioner
- Will be serving until the end of the year if she wins the County Commissioners seat.

Article 12. Adjournment

Motion by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Trustee Parrish to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise M. Biegalle
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

Ron Goodyke, Clerk

Michael R. Julien, Supervisor