

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

Wednesday, May 24, 2017  
7:00 P.M.

- Article 1.** Supervisor Beahan called the meeting to order.  
Present: Supervisor Beahan, Clerk Slater, Trustee Koessel, Shipley, Lewis and McDonald.  
Absent: Treasurer Peirce (excused)  
Also Present: Manager Swayze, Community Development Director Peterson and those listed in 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 Shipley to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried.
- Article 4. Presentations**
- Article 5. Public Comments-Anything on the Agenda not scheduled for a public hearing. (limit comments to 3 minutes)**
- Article 6. Approval of Consent Agenda**  
a. Receive and File Various Meeting Minutes  
1. Regular/Township Board Minutes for 5/10/17.  
2. DDA Board Minutes for 3/21/17.  
3. Planning Commission Minutes for 4/17/2017.  
4. Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes for 4/18/17.  
Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Shipley to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried.
- Article 7. Financial Actions**  
a. **Consider Approval of April, 2017 Payroll, Payables and Transfers.**  
Motion was made by Trustee Lewis and supported by Trustee Shipley to approve the April, 2017 Payroll, Payables and Transfers. Motion carried.
- Article 8. Unfinished Business**  
**024-2017 Consider Approval of Township Hall/Station #1/Station #2/Rehabilitation – Preliminary Engineering and Integrated Services Agreement.**  
Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Clerk Slater to remove the item from the table. Motion carried.  
Manager Swayze reviewed the revised renovation proposal that would get the Township thru the next 3-5 years, in the current Township Hall and Fire Station 1.  
Fishbeck reviewed the cost estimates with the Board. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Shipley to approve the recommendation of not to exceed \$503,800 for the described projects as stated in the Engineering and Integrated Services Agreement. Motion carried.

**Article 9.**

**New Business**

**028-2017**

**Consider Acceptance of FY 2016 Audit and Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.**

A presentation was made by Doug Vredeveld from the firm of Vredeveld Haefner LLC regarding the 2016 Audit. Motion was made by Trustee Shipley and supported by Trustee Lewis to accept the FY 2016 Audit and Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. Motion carried.

**029-2017**

**Discuss/Consider Approval of Laraway Lake Drainage Project.**

Community Development Director Peterson presented the Laraway Lake Drainage Project. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Trustee Shipley and supported by Trustee Koessel to approve the Laraway Lake Drainage Project. Motion carried.

**030-2017**

**Consider Approval of 2017 Local Road Improvements – Additional Work.**

Manager Swayze reviewed the proposed additional work on Thornapple River Drive with the Board. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Trustee McDonald and supported by Trustee Shipley to approve the additional road work on Thornapple River Dr. Motion carried.

**Article 10.**

**Public Comments – Any comments...whether it is on the Agenda or not. (limit comments to 3 minutes)**

Jeff DeJonge, 2984 Thornapple River Dr., wanted to thank the Township regarding the road crew working on Thornapple River Dr. as being very courteous of the residents and concerned about safety. Also commented on the traffic routing on Thornapple River Dr.

Ron McCowan, 1400 Dewberry Place, why didn't we do curb and gutter on Thornapple River Dr. Also addressed

Harold Roy, 3039 Thornapple River, talked about the road improvement on Thornapple River...issue with speed.

Ken Carey, 2929 Thornapple River Dr., good addition on new language for public comments. Would like to have questioned the auditors this evening.

Nick Katsarelas, 2985 Burrwick Dr., commented on the Article 5 – Public Comments.

**Article 11.**

**Manager Comments**

Manager Swayze offered the following comments:

- Reminded the Township Board next Wednesday at 11:00 they are having the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new airport viewing park.

**Article 12.**

**Board Member Comments**

Trustee Shipley offered the following comments:

- Thanked everyone in attendance.
- Addressed resident concern regarding speed on Thornapple River Dr.

Trustee Koessel offered the following comments:

- Addressed the speed issue on Thornapple River Dr.

Trustee Lewis offered the following comments:

- Kraft Ave. improved.
- Spoke regarding the audit/budget.

Supervisor Beahan offered the following comments:

- Ben & I attended the Grand Re-opening of Kawasaki Engines on 36<sup>th</sup> St.

- I was able to attend KCRC annual spring meeting.
- We have a Memorial Day service on Monday at 10:00 a.m. in front of the Library entrance.

**Article 13. Adjournment**

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise M. Biegalle  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

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Susan B. Slater, Clerk

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Robert S. Beahan, Supervisor