

**MINUTES OF THE CASCADE CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
Wednesday, October 13, 2010**

**Article 1.** Supervisor Beahan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.  
Present: Supervisor Beahan, Trustee Lewis, Koessel, Fox, Treasurer Peirce and Clerk Goodyke.  
Absent: Trustee Goldberg  
Also Present: Manager Cousins, Deputy Assessor McCarty, Chief Sigg 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.

**Article 4. Approval of Consent Agenda**

- a. Receive and File Various Meeting Minutes
  - 1. Regular Board Meeting Minutes of 09/22/10.
  - 2. Regular Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of 09/13/2010.
  - 3. Kent County Road Commission Meeting Minutes of 08/10/10 and 08/24/10.
- b. Receive and File Communications
  - 1. Letter from Charter – re: Channel Line-up.
  - 2. Letter from Comcast – re: Change of Address of Principal Place of Business and Additional Addresses for Legal Notice.
  - 3. Letters from Spencer Township – re: Fire Truck
- c. Receive and File Various Reports
  - 1. Fire Department Monthly Report for August, 2010.
  - 2. Treasurer’s Department Bank Balance Reports for August, 2010.
  - 3. Building Department Monthly Report for September, 2010.

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

**Article 5. Financial Actions**

- a. Consider Approval of September, 2010 Payables, Payroll and Transfers.  
Motion was made by Trustee Lewis and supported by Trustee Fox to approve the September, 2010 Payables, Payroll and Transfers. Motion carried.

**Article 6. Public Actions**

- a. **Public Hearing – Request for Approval of IFT District and Exemption Certificate for new facility for Lacks Enterprises at 3500 Raleigh Drive.**

Motion was made by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Trustee Koessel to convene into public hearing. Motion carried.

Deputy Assessor McCarty was present to review the request by Lacks Enterprise. The project is to add three presses for plastic parts at the facility. Two presses are to be added this year and one press is to be added in 2012. With this project they will be adding six new jobs. The amount of the exemption request is 2 million dollars. It is recommended that the certificate be granted for 12 years. Representatives from Lacks

were present for questions/concerns from the Board. Motion was made by Trustee Lewis and supported by Trustee Fox to re-convene into regular session. Motion carried.

**Article 7. Public Comments**

**Article 8. Unfinished Business**

**082-2010 Discussion on Caretaker house at Burton Park.**

Motion was made by Trustee Lewis and supported by Trustee Koessel to remove the item from the table. Motion carried. Manager Cousins reviewed the prices for re-locating and demolishing the house. It is staff recommendation that we enter into a contract with Pitsch Companies and demolish the house. Clerk Goodyke proposed finding someone to pay all the costs that the Township would incur to move the house to the Windcrest lot. Discussion followed. Treasurer Peirce stated that it sounded like we had two different issues...one if we wanted the lot on Windcrest to be “carved out” and if the Township wants to come out ahead financially on the issue. Trustee Koessel stated that he would like to see the Township not incur any expense, if that’s possible. If no-one is willing to step up within 2 weeks to purchase the home. Then we would allow Pitsch to take it down. Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Treasurer Peirce to advertise the Caretaker house for Sale for a period of two weeks and offer it to anyone interested in purchasing. The purchaser would be obligated to cover all expenses incurred on moving the home to the lot, including legal fees and also reimburse the Township for the cost of the lot at the amount of \$24,000 plus interest until the time we can redeem that Bond in ten years from now. If we don’t find a buyer, we would then accept the bid from Pitsch in the amount of \$8,500 to demolish the home and allow Habitat and Home Repair Services to salvage whatever items they could salvage before demolition. Discussion followed. Trustee Fox offered an amendment to the motion to also accept bids for the home and take it off-site. Treasurer Peirce supported the amendment. Motion carried. Supervisor offered the motion including the amendment. Motion carried.

**Article 9. New Business**

**101-2010 Consider Approval of IFT District and Exemption Certificate for new facility for Lacks Enterprises.**

Motion was made by Trustee Lewis and supported by Trustee Koessel to approve the Resolution establishing an Industrial Development District for Lacks Enterprises. Motion carried by roll call vote. Motion was made by Treasurer Peirce and supported by Clerk Goodyke to approve the Resolution to approve the Application for Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for Lacks Enterprises. Motion carried by roll call vote.

**102-2010 Consider Approval of Resolution to Approve the 2011 Employee Contribution Rate to MERS.**

Clerk Goodyke reviewed the Resolution. Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Lewis to approve the Resolution to Approve the 2011 Employee Contribution Rate to MERS as 5.46%. Motion carried by roll call vote.

- 103-2010 Consider Approval of Resolution to Approve the Transfer of the Liquor License located at 6246 28<sup>th</sup> St.**  
Motion was made by Trustee Lewis and supported by Trustee Fox to approve the Resolution to Approve the Transfer of the Liquor License located at 6246 28<sup>th</sup> St. Motion carried by roll call vote.
- 104-2010 Consider Approval of the 2010-11 Contract for Bus Service in the Township.**  
Manager Cousins reviewed the renewal contract for the period of October 1, 2010 thru September 30, 2011. The Route service cost has decrease slightly for 2011. The 2010 – 11 contract is for a total of \$25,827. Motion carried.
- 105-2010 Consider Approval of 4<sup>th</sup> of July Streetfair Contract for Rides and Amusements.**  
Chief Sigg reviewed the pricing with the Board from Funny Business for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Streetfair. The price is the same as last year in the amount of \$48,600. Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Fox to approve the contract from Funny Business in the amount of \$48,600.00 and authorize an up-front payment of no more than 50% of the total cost. Motion carried.

**Article 10. Manager's Comments**

Manager Cousins offered the following comments:

- Reminder – our first Budge Work session is next Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.
- Comcast will have a representative at the next Board meeting to talk about how they operate. I have not yet heard from Charter, but it has been 3 weeks, I will try to give them a call to see when they would like to come by and meet with the Board.
- Deputy Vogelzang is in training the week, she has advised me she will be at the next board meeting.

**Article 11. Board Member Comments**

Treasurer Peirce offered the following comments:

- Quick update on tax collections...we have collected a little over 93% as of today. Last year our delinquent tax base was \$112,000. This year the delinquent base is \$81,000.

Trustee Lewis offered the following comments:

- On 27<sup>th</sup> St. the pits in the middle of the road ...the people that own the private road have responded favorably and they have agreed to patch those pits.

Trustee Koessel offered the following comments:

- The bike path out by Mr. Koessel's home...when are they going to be striped? Manager Cousins stated that he would expect that it would happen yet this week.
- Status of the construction of the pathway up to Burton Park. Manager Cousins stated that trees are down and the path is cut.

**Article 12. Adjournment**

Motion was made by Treasurer Peirce and supported by Trustee Fox to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 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