

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

Wednesday, November 18, 2009  
7:00 P.M.

**Article 1.** Supervisor Beahan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.  
Present: Supervisor Beahan, Trustee Fox, Goldberg, Lewis, Koessel, Clerk Goodyke and Treasurer Peirce.  
Absent: None  
Also Present: Manager Cousins, Planning Director Peterson, Craig Hondorp and Greg Scott from Progressive A&E 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 Goldberg 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 Township Board Meeting Minutes of 11/04/09.
  - 2. Kent County Road Commission Meeting Minutes of 9/22/09 and 10/13/09.
- b. Receive and File Various Reports
  - 1. Treasurer's Department Report – re: September 2009.
  - 2. Building Department Monthly report for October, 2009.
  - 3. Fire Department Monthly report for October, 2009.
- c. Receive and File Communications
  - 1. Memo from Planning Director Peterson re: - Kent County Road Commission Five-Year Road Improvement Plans.
  - 2. Letter from Charter re: - Price adjustments.
- d. Education Requests
  - 1. Bill Cousins – MTA Annual Conference – Grand Rapids, MI - October 28, 2009.

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

**Article 5. Financial Actions**

- a. Consider Approval of General/Special Funds for October, 2009.

Motion was made by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Trustee Goldberg to approve the General/Special Funds for October, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

- b. Consider Approval of Public Utility Funds for October, 2009. Motion was made by Trustee Fox and supported by Clerk Goodyke to approve the Public Utility Funds for October, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.
- c. Consider Approval of Payables, Payroll, and Transfers for October, 2009. Motion was made by Trustee Lewis and supported by Trustee Koessel to approve the Payables, Payroll and Transfers for October, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**Article 7. Public Comments**

- a. Lt. Chanter from the East Precinct will be in attendance. Supervisor Beahan introduced Lt. Chanter from the East Precinct.

**Article 8. Unfinished Business**

**036-2009 Discussion on Burton Park – Revised Plan.**

Supervisor Beahan explained the procedure/protocol for this section of the meeting.

Letters were received at the Township Hall from the following residents: Joanne King of 6820 Burton St., Wayne Meulendyk of 2468 Burton Woods Ct., and Jim & Julie Johnson of 6718 Burton. Progressive A&E was introduced to review the notable revisions made in the Master Plan.

Supervisor Beahan opened discussion to public comments asking that comments be made brief. The following residents made comments:

- Abbey Dilley of 6840 Sunrise Ct. (letter was also submitted for record)
- Jim Aidala of 6840 Sunrise Ct.
- Richard Gottlieb of 7100 Hidden Ridge Dr. (also submitted written comments for the record)
- Rick Litts of 8686 Lilly Ridge Dr. (also submitted written comments for the record)
- Mike Julien of 1650 Tammaron.
- Wallace Boelkins of 7101 Hidden Ridge
- Julie Johnson of 6718 Burton St.
- Scott Haebich of 1930 Laraway Lane

Motion was made by Trustee Lewis and supported by Trustee Fox to adopt the Master Plan for the Burton Park as presented by Progressive A&E. Discussion followed. Motion carried unanimously.

**Article 9. New Business**

**075-2009 Consider Approval of Storm Water Improvement Petition in the 2300 Block of Buttrick Ave.**

Planning Director Peterson reviewed the petition for the Board. If approved, Fishbeck will work with the neighbors to analyze the problem and provide a recommendation(s) along with a cost

estimate. Motion was made by Trustee Fox and supported by Trustee Koessel to have the petition sent to the Infrastructure Committee for complete analysis and work with Steve to ascertain whether the project moves forward. Motion carried unanimously.

**076-2009 Discussion on 30<sup>th</sup> Street & Buttrick Street Pocket Park (Concept).**

Manager Cousins reviewed the concept of the proposed park. The proposal is to grant an easement to the Township for a triangle of property that is about 25 ft. each way from the corner with an arc between the points. The Infrastructure Committee is recommending that the Board authorize the Administration to work with the property owners to accept a suitable easement agreement. Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Treasurer Peirce to approve in concept the acceptance of the donation of the 30<sup>th</sup> St. and Buttrick St. Pocket Park subject to an easement agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

**077-2009 Set Public Hearing to receive comments on 2010 Budget.**

Motion was made by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Trustee Goldberg to set the Public Hearing to receive comments on 2010 Budget for December 9, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

**078-2009 Consider Approval of Resolution Authorizing the Imposition of a 1% Property Tax Administration Fee on all Property Taxes.**

Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Goldberg to approve the Resolution to authorize the Imposition of a 1% Property Tax Administration Fee on all property taxes. Motion carried unanimously with roll call vote.

**079-2009 Consider Approval of Resolution to warrant to the 2009 Tax Roll the Hydrant Roll, the Street Lighting Roll, the Delinquent Sewer and Water Assessments, and the Delinquent Sewer and Water Usages.**

Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee Fox to approve the Resolution to warrant to the 2009 Tax Roll the Hydrant Roll, the Street Lighting Roll, the Delinquent Sewer and Water Assessments, and the Delinquent Sewer and Water Usages. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**Article 10.**

**Manager Comments**

Manager Cousins offered the following comments:

- The parking ramp at the Gerald R. Ford International Airport is being dedicated on Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:30 a.m., everyone is invited to attend.
- Final step in the hiring of a new firefighter.

**Article 11.**

**Board Member Comments**

Trustee Lewis offered the following comments:

- MTA is offering a book on Township Cemetery Management, would like the Township to purchase the book.

Treasurer Peirce offered the following comments:

- Looking forward to working with everyone.

**Article 12.**

**Adjournment**

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 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