

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

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

7:00 P.M.

Article 1. Supervisor Beahan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Present: Supervisor Beahan, Trustee Koessel, Lewis, Fox, Goldberg, Clerk Goodyke and Treasurer Peirce.
Absent: None
Also Present: Manager Swayze 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 Fox to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 4. Presentations/Public Comments

a. Public Comments (Please limit comments to 3 minutes)

-John Meyer & Diana Meyer, 3444 Goodwood were present to ask what the Township is doing for the Association in regards to finding out and making sure the airport is doing the right thing with their disposal of the glycol and de-icing fluids in the river.

-Josh Sayers, Burger Dr. also was present to ask the Township for backing for the glycol issue at the airport.

-Vince Manohar, 4031 Maracaibo Shores Dr. was also present as a concerned citizen regarding the glycol issue at the airport.

-Todd Shaarda, 7788 Thornapple Bayou, was also present regarding the glycol issue at the airport.

Article 5. Approval of Consent Agenda

- a. Receive and File Various Meeting Minutes
 - 1. Regular Board Meeting Minutes of 04/10/13.
 - 2. Regular KCRC Meeting Minutes of 03/12/13 & 03/26/13.
- b. Receive and File Various Reports
 - 1. Fire Department Month end Report for March, 2013.
 - 2. Building Department Month end Report for March, 2013.
- c. Education Requests
 - 1. Doug Poolman/Robert Norris – IAAI Michigan Arson School – Bay City, MI – May 21-24, 2013.

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

Article 6. Financial Actions (None)

Article 7. Unfinished Business (None)

Article 8. New Business

021-2013 Consider Approval of IT Phone/Upgrade Project.

Manager Swayze reviewed the overall project. The following upgrades are being considered:

- Phone system upgrade..... \$37,000.00
- Township Hall cabling..... \$ 7,783.00
- Connectivity Contract..... \$ (590.00)
- Installation of (3) new servers... \$14,000.00

The recommendation from the staff is to purchase the (3) new servers at \$14,000, purchase/install the new VoIP Phone System with a separate system for Fire Station #2 at \$37,000, recable the Township Hall with the 50 new category 6 drops at \$7,783. The approximate cost of the overall project would be \$58,783.

Discussion followed. Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Clerk Goodyke to approve moving forward with the proposal as recommended. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 9. Public Comments on any other matters. (limit comments to 3 minutes)

-Officer Ryan Roe was present to update the Board on issues going on in the East Precinct.

-Resident, 4031 Maracaibo Shores Dr., was present to discuss the glycol at the airport.

Article 10. Manager Comments

Manager Swayze offered the following comments:

- The theme of the last week has been the “flooding”. Cascade Township was spared some of the issues that were experienced by other communities, such as Lowell, Ada and Grand Rapids. We reached just above moderate flood stage here in Cascade.
- Regarding damage to Township property, we will begin to look at Tassell Park; there is significant damage to the boardwalk along the river.
- Roger McCarty, Assessor is currently collecting all the damage assessment information for Kent County. The County has declared a state of emergency...as such they are looking for any damage related costs, no matter how big or how small.
- Our Fire Department was on “stand-by” while the flooding was going on in other communities. Specifically with Lowell.
- Our Building Department is still assisting our customer communities. Specifically in Plainfield Township where they did have wide spread damage.
- The other big topic in the past (2) weeks have been the millages. We have met with both the Finance Committee and FDAC to review our projections and make millage sizing recommendations. They both have made their recommendations and will be bringing those to the Board Meeting on May 8th...as well as a comprehensive presentation.
- I have been in contact with Ruth from AT&T. She has graciously accepted the invitation to come to the Board meeting on May 22nd.
- Over the past week I have met with all the strategic plan groups. I had hoped to have a strategic plan update in front of the Board at this meeting, however; when we were meeting we determined that there were some more updates that were needed to the work plan.
- The MDEQ will be scheduling those public hearings for the river. They will be having at least one if not two here at the Wisner Center. As soon as we confirm when those are, I will make sure to keep the Board updated and get the information out to the Thornapple River Association, the newspaper and in our Township newsletter.

Article 11. Board Member Comments

Trustee Koessel offered the following comments:

- The Finance Committee met a week ago today, we had a really good meeting. We will have our audit review soon. Once again...great news for the Township, they couldn't find anything. I would also like to commend Manager Swayze on the great job he did with the presentations for all the issues that were discussed.

Trustee Janes offered the following comments:

- I will be attending the LGROW half day session tomorrow and I will report back to the Board.

Supervisor Beahan offered the following comments:

- I met the other day with George Haga, Mike DeVries and Bryan Donovan in reviewing the vacancy for the KDL position that is coming up that was vacated by Rev. Frye. I believe we will be doing the interviews in late May.
- Ron, Cindy and I met with FDAC this morning...going over the millage. I would like to compliment Manager Swayze, Chief Sigg and Lt. Rowland for the work they did with their spread sheet. It was very helpful.

Article 12. Adjournment

Motion was made by Treasurer Peirce and supported by Clerk Goodyke to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise M. Biegalle
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

Ron Goodyke, Clerk

Robert S. Beahan, Supervisor