

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

Wednesday, September 12, 2012

7:00 P.M.

- Article 1.** Supervisor Beahan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.  
Present: Supervisor Beahan, Treasurer Peirce, Clerk Goodyke, Trustee Lewis, Koessel, Janes and Goldberg.  
Absent: None  
Also Present: Manager Cousins, Planning Director Peterson, Assistant to the Manager Korhorn, Human Resource Director Biegalle 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 Janes to approve the agenda as presented. Clerk Goodyke asked that a request for an Outdoor Gathering Permit be added to the Agenda. Motion was made by Trustee Janes and supported by Trustee Goldberg to amend the motion to add the request made by Clerk Goodyke. Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 4. Presentations/Public Comments**
- a. Public Comments (Please limit comments to 3 minutes)**  
Kris Taylor, 6027 Champagne, questioned the “left over” silt fences on many of the construction sites in Cascade.
- Article 5. Approval of Consent Agenda**
- a. Receive and File Various Meeting Minutes
1. Regular Board Meeting Minutes of 08/22/12.
  2. Regular Planning Commission Minutes of 08/13/2012.
  3. Regular Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes of 04/10/2012.
- b. Receive and File Various Reports
1. Treasurer’s Department July, 2012 Report.
  2. Kent County Sheriff Department East Precinct Quarterly Report
- c. Receive and File Communications
1. Letter from Forest Hills Public Schools Senior Center – re: Senior Picnic
  2. Invitation from Attorney Dick Wendt of Dickinson Wright – re: Art Prize
  3. State of Michigan Notice of Hearing – re: Consumers Energy Case No. U-16485-R
- d. Education Requests
1. Denise M. Biegalle and Janet Ogden – MERS Conference – Grand Rapids-  
October 4-5, 2012.
- Motion was made by Trustee Lewis and supported by Trustee Koessel to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 6. Financial Actions**
- a. Consider Approval of August, 2012 General/Special Funds.**  
Motion was made by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Trustee Koessel to approve the August, 2012 General/Special Funds. Motion carried unanimously.

- b. **Consider Approval of August, 2012 Public Utilities Funds.**  
Motion was made by Trustee Janes and supported by Trustee Goldberg to approve the August, 2012 Public Utilities Funds. Motion carried unanimously.
- c. **Consider Approval of August, 2012 Payables, Payroll, and Transfers.**  
Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Lewis to approve the 2012 Payables, Payroll and Transfers. Motion carried unanimously.
- d. **Consider Approval of 2012 Budget Adjustments.**  
Motion was made Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Lewis to approve the 2012 Budget Adjustments. Motion carried unanimously.

**Article 7. Unfinished Business (None)**

**Article 8. New Business**

- 087-2012**
  - a. **Public Hearing –Proposed Snow Removal Ordinance**  
Motion was made by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Trustee Goldberg to convene into Public Hearing. Motion carried unanimously.  
Kathy Taylor, 6027 Champagne was present to state that she was extremely in favor of having a real ordinance about snow removal.  
Richard Kohn, 3142 Thorncrest, asked what the proposed snow removal ordinance is. Sandra read the ordinance.  
Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Lewis to reconvene into regular session. Motion carried unanimously.
  - b. **Consider Adoption of the Snow Removal Ordinance.**  
Motion was made by Trustee Janes and supported by Trustee Koessel to approve the adoption of the Snow Removal Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**088-2012 Consider Approval of Personnel Committee recommendation for Search Firm for Township Manager Position.**

Trustee Lewis gave a synopsis of the Personnel Committee's recommendation. Discussion followed addressing the following topics:

- Hiring an outside firm
- Cost factor
- Additional input from other Board Members
- Testing of applicants
- Residency requirement

Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee Koessel to accept the recommendation of the Personnel Committee that we hire a search firm. Discussion followed. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Lewis to hire the Michigan Municipal League (MML) to conduct the Manager search. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee Lewis to amend the

original motion to request that a provision be added giving the Township some “relief” if the candidate doesn’t stay. Motion carried unanimously.

**089-2012 Consider Approval of Resolution for the Removal of Eleven Streetlights in Centennial Park – Phase 1 of Sidewalk Project**  
Motion was made by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Trustee Koessel to approve the Resolution for the Removal of Eleven Streetlights in Centennial Park – Phase I of Sidewalk Project. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**090-2012 Consider Approval of Resolution for the Removal of Three Streetlights in Centennial Park – Phase 2 of Sidewalk Project.** Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Lewis to approve the Resolution for the Removal of Three Streetlights in Centennial Park – Phase 2 of Sidewalk Project. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**091-2012 Consider Approval of Appointments to the West Michigan Economic Partnership (WMEP) Board.**  
Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Janes to appoint Manager Cousins as the Representative and Supervisor Beahan as the alternate. Motion carried unanimously.

**092-2012 Consider Approval of Gypsy Moth Monitoring Program for 2013.**  
Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Lewis to approve the Contract with Aquatic Consulting for the Gypsy Moth Monitoring Program for 2013 in the amount of \$8,600.00. Motion carried unanimously.

**093-2012 Consider Approval of Outdoor Gathering Permit Request by The Community Foundation.**  
Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Janes to approve the Outdoor Gathering Permit Request by the Community Foundation to be held on September 25, 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

**Article 9. Public Comments on any other matters. (limit comments to 3 minutes)**  
Kent County Sheriff Deputy Ryan Roe was present to update the Board with Precinct activity.

**Article 10. Manager Comments**

Manager Cousins offered the following comments:

- Reminder tomorrow morning is the Forest Hills Business Association is having their “early morning” meeting at the Airport.
- I spent today and tomorrow at the West Michigan Policy Forum.
- The Library parking lot is still underway...making headway...should be just another week.
- Clerk Goodyke is helping me working on plaques for the sculptures that are outside the Wisner Center and Tassell Park.
- Received an e-mail from the County, they have an opening on the Kent County Land Bank Authority. If there is anyone interested please let me know.

- I talked with the County Road Commission this afternoon, and they have done such a good job of saving money with their projects, Hall St. will be coming in under budget (and they are finding this around the County). They have enough money left over...the last week of September they are going to re-pave Burton from Spaulding to Patterson.

**Article 11. Board Member Comments**

Trustee Koessel offered the following comments:

- Had a chance to observe the new sidewalks along Hall St., they did a nice job.

I have to believe it will be a lot safer for people walking along Hall St. especially during the school year.

Trustee Lewis offered the following comments:

- Suggested that the Township “highlight” new/old business’s in the Township in our newsletter.

Treasurer Peirce offered the following comments:

- Do we know if the sub-station at Spaulding and Cascade is in operation yet? Response from Planning Director Peterson stated that he believed it was.
- Friday is the last tax day...I statutorily have to be in the office all day. I will “pop” for pizza for the office staff, if anyone would like to come you are more than welcome.

Trustee Goldberg offered the following comments:

- Can we somehow have our e-mail accounts get forwarded to one of my other e-mail accounts...that way it would get checked more frequently?

**Article 12. Adjournment**

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise M. Biegalle  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

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Ron Goodyke, Clerk

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Robert S. Beahan, Supervisor