

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

Wednesday, January 25, 2017
7:00 P.M.

- Article 1.** Supervisor Beahan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Present: Supervisor Beahan, Treasurer Peirce, Clerk Slater, Trustee Koessel, McDonald, Lewis and Shipley.
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 Shipley to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 4. Presentations/Public Comments (limit comments to 3 minutes)**
- Article 5. Approval of Consent Agenda**
- a. Receive and File Various Meeting Minutes
 - 1. Regular Township Board Minutes for 1/11/17.
 - 2. Planning Commission Minutes for 12/5/16 & 1/09/17.
 - 3. Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes for 10/11/16.
 - b. Receive and File Reports
 - 1. Building Department Yearly overview, 2016.
 - 2. Fire Department November/December, 2016 Month-end Report.
 - c. Education Requests
 - 1. Jim Mac Donald – Introduction to Leadership – Grand Rapids – 2/13/17.
 - d. Receive and File Communications
 - 1. Comcast – Price Changes
 - 2. Charter Communications – Broadband service.
 - 3. Memo from Treasurer Peirce – Financial Institutions in which the Township funds are placed.
- Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Lewis to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 6. Financial Actions**
- a. **Consider Approval of December, 2016 Payables, Payroll and Transfers.**
Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Shipley to approve the December, 2016 Payables, Payroll and Transfers. Discussion followed. Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 7. Unfinished Business**
- Article 8. New Business**
- 005-2017 Consider Approval of Everstream METRO Act Right of Way Permit Application.**
Manager Swayze reviewed the permit with the Board. Motion was made by Trustee Shipley and supported by Trustee Koessel. Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 9. Public Comments on any other matters. (limit comments to 3 minutes)**
Community Policing Officer Deputy Roe was present to update the Board on happenings in Cascade Township.
- Article 10. Manager Comments**
Manager Swayze offered the following comments:

- Thank all the Boardmembers that came to the meeting last night. The meeting was very productive.
- Also had a very productive meeting with the Schoolhouse Creek residents last week. We need to begin to negotiate our easements.

Article 11. Board Member Comments

Trustee Shipley offered the following comments:

- The meeting last night went very well compared to the last large meeting we had. I want to re-iterate we need to address those concerns that were brought up by the residents...most notably traffic, parking and security.
- I would like to see the transferring of more of the responsibility for the bus run go to the DDA.

Trustee Koessel offered the following comments:

- I don't disagree with Trustee Shipley's comment regarding the bus.
- I really think we need to push the County a little bit more on the no right hand turn from Thornapple River Dr. onto Cascade.
- Jack, Rob and I are meeting on Friday morning to finish Ben's review. When received, please review and make any changes if need be and send it back ASAP.

Treasurer Peirce offered the following comments:

- I agree with Trustee Koessel and taking the no right hand turn on red issue to a "higher level".
- I also agree the DDA should be putting up more for the bus.
- If Mr. Carey want to call us "crooks", I would appreciate if he could spell my name correctly.

Trustee Lewis offered the following comments:

- I also agree with Trustee Koessel regarding the no right hand turn.
- I will not be here the month of February.

Article 12. Adjournment

Motion was made by Treasurer Peirce and supported by Trustee Lewis to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise M. Biegalle
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

Susan B. Slater, Clerk

Robert S. Beahan, Supervisor