

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

Wednesday, June 23, 2010

7:00 P.M.

- Article 1.** Supervisor Beahan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.  
Present: Supervisor Beahan, Trustee Fox, Lewis, Koessel, Goldberg,  
Treasurer Peirce and Clerk Goodyke.  
Absent: None  
Also Present: Manager Cousins, KDL Representative Diane Cutler, and  
those listed on Supplement #1.
- Article 2.** Supervisor Beahan led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
- Article 3.** Motion was made by Clerk Goodyke 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 Board Meeting Minutes of 06/09/10.
    - 2. Regular Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes of 02/09/10.
    - 3. Regular Planning Commission Minutes of 05/10/10.
  - b. Receive and File Communications
    - 1. Letter from Comcast – re: Price Adjustments
    - 2. Letter from Charter – re: Channel Lineup
    - 3. Letter from Senator Carl Levin – re: Asian Carp
  - c. Receive and File Various Reports
    - 1. Building Department May, 2010 Monthly Report.
- Motion was made by Trustee Lewis and supported by Trustee Koessel to  
approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 5. Financial Actions**
- a. **Consider Approval of May, 2010 General/Special Funds.**  
Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee  
Lewis to approve the May, 2010 General/Special Funds. Motion  
carried unanimously.
  - b. **Consider Approval of May, 2010 Public Utilities Funds.**  
Motion was made by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Trustee  
Goldberg to approve the May, 2010 Public Utilities Funds. Motion  
carried unanimously.
  - c. **Consider Invoice for the Construction of Peace Park Parking  
Lots.**  
Motion was made Trustee Koessel and supported by Clerk  
Goodyke to approve the Invoice for the Construction of Peace Park  
Parking Lots in the amount of \$32,400. Motion carried  
unanimously.

**d. Consider Invoice for the Construction of Burton Park Parking Lots.**

Motion was made by Trustee Lewis and supported by Trustee Lewis to approve the Invoice for the Construction of Burton Park Parking Lots in the amount of \$11,855. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**Article 7. Public Comments**

Ken Yonker a candidate for the State House of Representative was present to introduce himself to the Board.

**Article 8. Unfinished Business**

**Article 9. New Business**

**055-2010 Consider Approval of Wind/Solar Energy Proposal for Cascade Library.**

Trustee Goldberg a member of the Infrastructure committee introduced the proposal to the Board. The committee likes the idea; we are supportive of the concept of bringing a demonstration type wind/energy type project to the Library. We feel this can be a benefit to the community and education to the community. We think this is a worthwhile thing to do. What is still being discussed is which specific project and how to pay for it. There are a number of grants out there. Clerk Goodyke has sought and obtained some funding from the Friends of the Library, but there are other agencies out there as well. From the perspective of the committee, this is not quite ready to be approved tonight.

Clerk Goodyke stated that this is something that we have been looking at for quite some time. The primary motive for doing this project is that this adds an educational dimension to our Library that just isn't there. Everyone is talking about finding ways for renewable energy, to run our houses and our cars...other than with fossil fuels. This would be an opportunity for us to study this; the project is an educational tool. People who come to our Library would have access to see the swift wind turbine on a pole just outside the entrance. They would be able to see the solar panel on that pole. When they go into the Library, right at the beginning when you walk in the Library there would be a kiosk mounted on a pole with a screen that would give information about how the wind/solar is doing. Clerk Goodyke stated that he has some conversations with the two schools that are within Cascade Township and they are very interested in using this information with a number of their classes in the fall. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Lewis to table the item. Motion carried unanimously.

**056-2010 Consider Resolution to Eliminate the Refunds of Overpayments on Taxes under \$5.00.**  
Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Clerk Goodyke to approve the Resolution to Eliminate the Refunds of Overpayments on Taxes under \$5.00. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**057-2010 Consider Resolution to Provide Deferment from Summer Taxes without Penalty for Certain Taxpayers.**  
Motion was made by Treasurer Peirce and supported by Clerk Goodyke to approve the Resolution to Provide Deferment from Summer Taxes without Penalty for Certain Taxpayers. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**058-2010 Consider Purchase of New Fire Apparatus.**  
Chief Sigg and Lt. Rowland were present to review the request for a new Fire Truck to replace Engine 5. According to the replacement program and CIP the Fire Dept. has set aside funds to purchase a new fire truck this year. There is \$485,000.00 available for the purchase and are estimating \$372,500.00 for the purchase of the truck. After looking at several manufacturers, the choice has been made to purchase from Rosenbauer. The truck will be ready for delivery by the end of this year. We will remove some of the secondary equipment from Engine 5 to use on the new truck. We are also looking at different options to sell Engine 5. Chief Sigg also stated that FDAC has reviewed and approved the purchase of this truck and has requested that it be submitted to the Board for approval. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Trustee Fox and supported by Trustee Koessel to approve FDAC's recommendation to purchase the new Fire Apparatus. Clerk Goodyke asked if we were going to pay cash for this apparatus. Manager Cousins stated that we would. Motion carried unanimously.

**Article 10. Manager's Comments**

Manager Cousins offered the following comments:

- Denise will be out of the office Thursday/Friday due to the loss of her grandmother.
- Received a notice of a treatment of the Thornapple River in July and in August. Need to verify if notice was sent to every homeowner on the river. July 5<sup>th</sup> there will be a Eurasian water mill foil treatment that will require 24 hour restriction on swimming and an indefinite on potable water out of the river. On August 2<sup>nd</sup> there will be another treatment.

**Article 11. Board Member Comments**

Trustee Koessel offered the following comments:

- Question – at the last meeting, we had talked a little bit about some of the pot holes that we have on private property and also on 27<sup>th</sup> St. behind Gordon Foods. I think we decided that we at least send

a letter to the property owners letting them know that we would like to have them fix that. Did these go out...or get a response. Manager Cousins stated that we did send out letters, I don't know that we have had any response. Food for thought, maybe we ought to revisit that ordinance. I would like to see us try to figure out a way to address this issue.

Trustee Lewis offered the following comments:

- Would like to caution the Township that before we go out and tell people that they have to improve their parking lots and mow their grass and to take care of their projects, we ought to take care of ours first also. Just an observation.

Treasurer Peirce offered the following comments:

- A brief update on our collection efforts on personal property tax delinquencies. We started 2010 season with \$270,000.00, as of today it is down to \$81,000.00.

Clerk Goodyke offered the following comments:

- We are gearing up for the August Election.

Supervisor Beahan offered the following comments:

- Reminder of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July activities which are on Saturday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you are available, we do need volunteers to help out.

## **Article 12. Adjournment**

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 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