

**MINUTES**  
**CASCADE CHARTER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
Wednesday, April 26, 2006  
7:00 P.M.

**Article 1.** Supervisor Julien called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.  
Present: Supervisor Julien, Clerk Goodyke, Treasurer Carpenter, Trustees Parrish, Currier and Beahan.  
Absent: Trustee Koessel  
Also Present: Manager Cravens, Fire Chief Sigg, Building Inspections Director Visser, Planning Director Peterson, Deputy Clerk Biegalle, Reporter Rick Wilson, Jeff Chamberlain from Haworth Homes and Mr. Wendelin Schmidt.

**Article 2.** Supervisor Julien led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**Article 3.** The Agenda was revised to include the following:

- **Article 4.d.1.** – Fire Department Month End Report for March, 2006.
- **Article 5a.** – Consider Pay Application No. 9 Dan Vos Construction re: Wisner Enrichment Center Construction.
- **Article 9. 033-2006** – Consider Approval of Resolution to Support Michigan’s Quality Home Help Program.
- **Article 9. 034-2006** – Consider 2006 Local Road Overlay and Micro Surfacing Projects.
- **Article 9. 035-2006** – Consider Payment to Northbrook Energy (STS HydroPower) for Capital Expenditures Related to the Cascade Dam.
- **Article 9. 036-2006** – Consider Contribution for the Cascade Township Community Directory.

The agenda was approved as revised on a motion by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Trustee Beahan. Motion carried.

**Article 4. Approval of Consent Agenda**

- a. Approval of Township Board Minutes
  1. Regular Meeting Minutes of 04/12/06.
- b. Receive and File Various Meeting Minutes
  1. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of 04/03/06.
- c. Receive and File Various Reports
  1. Treasurer’s Department Bank Balance Report for March, 2006.
  2. Fire Department Month End Report for March, 2006.
- d. Receive and File Communications
  1. Memo from Treasurer Carpenter – re: Recap of the Tax Roll Collections for 2005

A motion was made by Trustee Parrish and supported by Clerk Goodyke to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.

**Article 5. Financial Actions**

- a. Consider Pay Application No. 9 Dan Vos Construction re: Wisner Enrichment Center Construction.

A motion was made by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Treasurer Carpenter to approve the Pay Application No. 9 to Dan Vos Construction in the amount of \$145,542.85. Building Inspections Department Director Visser was present to address any questions/concerns regarding the final billing. Discussion followed. Motion carried by roll call vote.

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

**Article 7. Public Comments (None)**

**Article 8. Unfinished Business (None)**

**Article 9. New Business**

**028-2006 Consider Approval of Revised Landscaping Plan for the Cascade Pointe Subdivision.**

Planning Director Peterson reviewed some background information regarding the Cascade Pointe Subdivision Development. Planning Director Peterson submitted the revised landscape plan along Burton to the Board. Jeff Chamberlain from Haworth Homes was present for any questions. Motion by Trustee Beahan and supported by Clerk Goodyke to approve the revised landscaping plan for the Cascade Pointe subdivision as submitted. Motion carried.

**029-2006 Consider Approval of the Cascade Charter Township Emergency Management Plan.**

Fire Chief Sigg and Kent County Sheriff Department Lt. Jack Stewart reviewed the Cascade Charter Township Emergency Management Plan. The Plan includes the following:

- Designated emergency shelters in the Township.
- The Township Library will be certified as a Red Cross shelter area.
- Emergency Response Sequence Chart.
- Phone Tree of Township staff.
- E-Team training for Township staff.

Motion by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Trustee Parrish to approve the Cascade Charter Township Emergency Management Plan with a change to the Emergency Response Sequence Chart. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

**030-2006 Consider Approval of 2005 Fire Department Annual Report.**

Motion by Trustee Beahan and supported by Trustee Currier to Approve the 2005 Fire Department Annual Report. Motion carried.

**031-2006 Consider Approval of Park Committee Recommendation for Donated Funds.**

Planning Director Peterson relayed to the Board that Cascade Township was fortunate to be made a recipient of a portion of the Mildred Kesler Estate. According to her will, at least 10% of her estate is to be dedicated to the Parks Committee. The Parks Committee recommended that any money the Township receives from this should be used to buy new picnic tables at the newly renovated pavilion. Peterson stated the family was very happy with this decision. Peterson also noted the number of picnic tables being purchased will depend on the amount the Township receives. Motion by Treasurer Carpenter and supported by Trustee Parrish to approve the recommendation of the Parks Committee to purchase picnic tables with the funds received from the Donation from the Mildred Kesler Estate. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

**032-2006 Consider Proposals for the Construction and Installation of Community Entry Signs.**

Planning Director Peterson submitted three proposals for the construction and installation of Community entry signs. The proposals consisted of four (4) signs which would be placed at the following locations:

- Kraft and 28<sup>th</sup> St.
- M-37 and 60<sup>th</sup>
- Cascade Rd. and Hall St.
- Snow Ave. and Cascade Rd.

Peterson stated the proposals ranged from \$9,000 to \$30,000. Discussion within the Board revolved around the locations of the community signs. Trustee Currier asked what we were getting for \$10,000? Supervisor Julien stated that it gave people a sense of place, community, identity and a sense of arrival. Motion by Trustee Parrish and supported by Trustee Beahan to approve the expenditure of three (3) community signs to Sign Art with the exact locations determined at a later date. Motion carried.

**033-2006 Consider Approval of Resolution to Support Michigan's Quality Home Help Program.**

Motion by Trustee Beahan and supported by Trustee Parrish to table the approval of a Resolution to Support Michigan's Quality Home Help Program until more information was available regarding the legislation wording. Motion carried.

**034-2006 Consider 2006 Local Road Overlay and Micro Surfacing Projects.**

Manager Cravens reviewed the 2006 Local Road Overlay and Micro Surfacing Projects. Manager Cravens stated the Township has budgeted \$300,000 for local road repairs. The total for all the projects mentioned would be \$316,400. Motion by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Trustee Parrish to approve the 2006 Local Road

Overlay and Micro Surfacing Project at a cost not to exceed \$316,400. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

**035-2006 Consider Payment to Northbrook Energy (STS HydroPower) for Capital Expenditures Related to the Cascade Dam.**  
Manager Cravens reviewed the work STS HydroPower had undertaken for compliance with the Federal Energy Regulation Commission (FERC) requirements. Motion by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Treasurer Carpenter to approve the payment to Northbrook Energy (STS HydroPower) for a Capital Expenditure related to the Cascade Dam in the amount of \$10,315.12. Motion carried by roll call vote.

**036-2006 Consider Contribution for the Cascade Township Community Directory.**  
Manager Cravens submitted the request by Claude Robinson and Jack Lewis on behalf of the Community Foundation for a contribution of \$12,500 for the 2007 Community Directory. Supervisor Julien asked for input from all Board Members regarding their thoughts on the 2006 Community Directory and the contribution the Community Foundation was asking for 2007. Trustee Parrish stated the Township should support for another year. Treasurer Carpenter stated there had been a lot of inquiries at Township Hall on how businesses could get into the Directory. Trustee Beahan had stated he felt that it would be easier to pick up more advertisers this year. Supervisor Julien thought the directory was a wonderful project, but didn't think it was a permanent subsidy. Julien felt it should be a reduced amount from 2006. Clerk Goodyke also felt it should be a reduced amount from the townships 2006 contribution. Goodyke also stated he would like to see what the ad revenue was going to be before the township approved a specified amount. Motion by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Trustee Currier to approve a \$10,000 contribution for the Cascade Township Community Directory. Motion carried by roll call.

**Article 10. Manager's Comments**

Township Manager Cravens submitted the following item for Manager Comments:

- Commended Clerk Goodyke and Building Inspections Director Visser on an excellent job on the ribbon cutting ceremony at the Wisner Center. Job well done.

**Article 11. Board Member Comments**

Trustee Beahan submitted the following comments:

- Queried when the gardens/landscaping would be cut down at the Historical Museum.
- Noise complaints at Buttrick and 36<sup>th</sup> St. regarding firearms.

- The new light at Thornapple River Dr. and 36<sup>th</sup> St. situated on a 45 degree angle and glares into drivers eyes at night.

Trustee Parrish submitted the following comment:

- The Wisner Center dedication was fabulous.

Trustee Currier submitted the following comment:

- Firefighter John Porter could possibly be deployed to Iraq in the near future. Mr. Porter had concerns regarding his family being covered by health benefits while he was deployed.

Supervisor Julien submitted the following comment:

- Thanked the Library Advisory Board for allowing him to speak at the Wisner Center dedication.

**Article 12. Adjournment**

Motion by Trustee Parrish and supported by Trustee Currier to adjourn.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise M. Biegalle  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

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Ron Goodyke, Clerk

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Michael R. Julien, Supervisor