

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

Wednesday, October 21, 2015

7:00 P.M.

Cascade Branch of the Kent District Library, Wisner Center  
2870 Jacksmith, S.E.

- Article 1.** Supervisor Beahan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.  
Present: Supervisor Beahan, Treasurer Peirce, Trustee Lewis, Koessel, Goldberg and McDonald.  
Absent: Clerk Goodyke (excused)  
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 Koessel and supported by Trustee Lewis to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.
- Article 4. Presentations/Public Comments (limit comments to 3 minutes)**
- a. LGROW Presentation on the Grand River Revitalization Efforts  
Wendy Ogilvie from the Grand Rapids Metro Council was present to explain the project and answer any question the Board might have regarding the revitalization project.
  - b. Diane Cutler from Cascade KDL was present to inform the Board of the “Sunday Afternoon Live Concerts” and some additional programs being offered.
- Article 5. Approval of Consent Agenda**
- a. Receive and File Various Meeting Minutes
    - 1. Regular Board Meeting Minutes for 10/07/15.
    - 2. Planning Commission Minutes for 9/14/15
  - b. Education Requests
    - 1. Clem Bell – Hazardous Materials CBRNE Training – December 13-19, 2015 – Anniston, AL
- Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Lewis to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried.
- Article 6. Financial Actions**
- a. **Consider Pay Draw #3 for the Museum Gardens Project**  
Manager Swayze reviewed the Pay Draw. Motion was made by Trustee McDonald and supported by Trustee Lewis to approve Pay Draw #3 for the Museum Gardens Project in the amount of \$57,558.85. Motion carried.
- Article 7. Unfinished Business**
- Article 8. New Business**
- 070-2015 Consider approval of calling the CASCADE CTWP 2005 CAP IMP Bond.**  
Manager Swayze reviewed the request to call the bond. Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee Koessel to call the CASCADE CTWP 2005 CAP IMP bond for interest due plus

the entire principal outstanding (\$175,000) at the first available call date. Motion carried.

**071-2015 Consider a resolution to close the Homeyer Fund (408) and commit the remaining funds in the CCT Open Space Fund (209) for the purpose of acquiring open space.**

Manager Swayze reviewed the request with the Board. Motion was made by Trustee McDonald and supported by Trustee Goldberg to Approve the Resolution to Close the Homeyer Fund (408) and Commit the Remaining Funds in the CCT Open Space Fund (209) for the Purpose of Acquiring Open Space. Motion carried by roll call vote.

**072-2015 Consider approval of a letter of financial support for Cascade Township projects in the Kent County CDBG-NDR grant application to be submitted by the MEDC.**

Manager Swayze reviewed the request to participate in the Kent County application (through the State of Michigan MEDC) for the HUD National Disaster Resiliency Competition. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Lewis to recuse Trustee Goldberg due to a potential conflict of interest. Motion carried. Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee McDonald to approve the Letter of Financial Support for Cascade Township projects in the Kent County CDBG-NDR Grant Application to be submitted by the MEDC. Motion carried.

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

**Article 10. Manager Comments**

Manager Swayze offered the following comments:

- All the construction projects will be “wrapping up” in a month or so.
  - Recreation Park is coming out really nice. It should be a huge asset for the park.
  - Village Area project continues to be just about a week and a half behind. They will be milling and re-paving the entire area on Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.
  - Museum Project will be wrapping up in the middle of November.
  - Pathway crack sealing were out yesterday and will be sealing the rest of the week.
- The financial staff has been working on making sure we are fully utilizing all of our financial suite software. For the past two days Mildred, Deb and I have been in training for our fixed asset program. This will be a huge benefit to the Township.

**Article 11. Board Member Comments**

Supervisor Beahan offered the following comments:

- Read a letter from Bill Stellen regarding the expanded bus service being extended to Cascade Township and his feeling towards the stand the Thornapple River Association has taken regarding the expanded bus service.

Trustee Koessel offered the following comments:

- Questioned the “right hand turn lane” on Thornapple River Dr.

Trustee Lewis offered the following comments:

- Received a commitment from the Community Foundation to write a letter to the US Postmaster regarding the “Zip Code” issue. Would like to see more organizations that are going to benefit from it to write a letter. (Federal Officials)

Trustee McDonald offered the following comments:

- Agreed with Trustee Lewis and shared a story regarding the changing of a city name vs. zip code.

**Article 12. Adjournment**

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 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