

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

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

7:00 P.M.

Article 1. Supervisor Beahan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Present: Supervisor Beahan, Trustee Goldberg, Fox, Koessel, Lewis, Clerk Goodyke and Treasurer Dood.
Absent: None
Also Present: Manager Cousins and those listed on Supplement #1.

Article 2. Supervisor Beahan led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Article 3. Motion by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Goldberg to amend the agenda by removing Article 9. 045-2009 until further discussion by the Finance Committee. Motion carried unanimously.
Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee Fox to approve the agenda as revised. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 4. Approval of Consent Agenda

- a. Receive and File Various Meeting Minutes
 1. Regular Board Meeting Minutes of 07/08/2009.
 2. Regular KCRC Minutes of June 9, 2009.
 3. Regular Planning Commission Minutes of June 15, 2009.
- b. Receive and File Communications
 1. Letter from Kent County Board of Commissioners – re: 63rd District Court New Facility.
 2. Letter from Synargro Central, LLC – re: Land Application of Waste Water Treated Biosolids.
 3. Letter from A.C.C.E.S.S. – re: Poverty Level.
 4. Memo regarding 4th of July Celebration.
- c. Receive and File Various Reports
 1. Fire Department Month End Report for June, 2009.
- d. Education Requests
 1. Mildred Pinder – Michigan Government Finance Officers Association Annual Fall Training Institute – September 20-23, 2009 – Boyne Mountain Resort.

Motion was made by Trustee Fox and supported by Trustee Lewis to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 5. Financial Actions

- a. Consider Approval of General/Special Funds for June, 2009.
Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Goldberg to approve the General/Special Funds for June, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Consider Approval of Public Utilities Funds for June, 2009.
Motion was made by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Trustee Goldberg to approve the Public Utilities Funds for June, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 6. Public Actions

- a. Presentations by Supervisor Beahan:
 - Dave Dvorak – Gardner – not present
 - John McCarthy – Eagle Scout

Article 7. Public Comments

Several Residents were present to address issues regarding the newly proposed park on Burton St.

- Richard Gottlieb, 7100 Hidden Ridge Dr., S.E.
- Abby Dilley, 6840 Sunrise Ct.
- Jim Johnson, 6718 Burton
- Ryan Bruneau, 7109 Hidden Ridge Dr., S.E.
- Julie Johnson, 6718 Burton

Rosie Briggs of 3475 Goodwood Dr. was present to inquire about an article in the Cadence regarding staffing in our Fire Department.

Article 8. Unfinished Business

Article 9. New Business

041-2009

Consider Approval of Bid for 2009 Pathway & Parking Lot Repairs.

Manager Cousins reviewed the bids with the Board. The recommendation of staff is to go with the lowest bidder Midwest Asphalt Maintenance for the work this year in the amount of \$8,006.49. He would like to be authorized to spend an additional \$10,000.00 with Midwest to recover some of the older portions of the pathway. Discussion followed regarding the “disparity “ in the bids. Motion was made by Trustee Fox and supported by Trustee Goldberg to accept the lower bidder Midwest Asphalt Maintenance at the cost of \$8,006.49 with additional work to be done at the same sq. ft. price or lower, not to exceed \$10,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

042-2009

Consider Approval of Interurban Transit Partnership Agreement Renewal.

Manager Cousins stated the only change to the agreement is that the cost to the township for each one-way trip will increase by 1% . There will be no change to the \$3.00 charge for persons with disabilities or the \$7.00 charge for non-disabled seniors. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee Koessel to approve the Interurban Transit Partnership Agreement Renewal. Motion carried unanimously.

043-2009

Consider Approval of Resolution of Dissolution of the Urban Cooperation Agreement and Board.

Motion was made by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Treasurer Dood to approve the Resolution of Dissolution of the Urban Cooperation Agreement and Board. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

044-2009

Consider Approval of Resolution for JT’s Pizza Inc. for a New Class C License to be Located at 6716 28th Street Grand Rapids, Michigan, 49546, Cascade Township, Kent County.

Clerk Goodyke reported to the Board that this new Class C License is the first Class C license issued since 1991. If approved by the Board, it goes on to the Liquor Control Commission and they continue with their normal adjudication process for whatever they do for new licenses. Motion was made by Trustee Lewis and supported by Trustee Fox to approve the Resolution for JT’s Pizza Inc. for a New Class C License to be located at 6716 28th Street, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 49546, Cascade Township, Kent County. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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~~**Consider Approval of Refund to General Fund from the Library Fund.**~~

Article 10.

Manager’s Comments

Manager Cousins reported on the following:

- The County is working on a county drain at the 6600 block of Thornapple River Dr. The cost to the Township will be approximately \$6,000.00.
- Asking the members of the Infrastructure Committee to see if we can meet prior to the next Board Meeting. There is a storm water issue on Goodwood with a drain about 30 years old.
- We also have a renewal of our 30 year agreement with the City Water & Sewer.
- We will be starting the Budget process in August. Staff is working on the Capital Improvement 5-year plan.
- We have had some issues at Tassell Park recently; there has been some damage to the park. We had tried for awhile to not lock the gates at night. We are now locking the gates at dark.
- FDAC will be meeting next week, either Wednesday or Thursday.
- Today at the office, we had a Lunch n’ Learn put on by National City Bank. It was well received by the employees and we all got a chance to talk about retirement planning either long range or short range. We are trying to do that type of thing quarterly.
- I was at a meeting today with the City of Grand Rapids, the Water & Sewer Department are working on a customer information system project.
- Week from this Friday will be a pre-construction meeting on the Patterson Road resurfacing...from 44th St. to M-37. This project should start in a couple of weeks.

Article 11.

Board Member Comments

Treasurer Dood offered the following comments:

- Thanked the citizens for coming tonight.
- Tax bills are being collected.

- Spending my time in the next month or two focusing on developing relationships with either a broker or an investment manager. I will come back to the Board with more details and the Finance Committee when we get closer.

Trustee Lewis offered the following comments:

- Appreciate the people in the audience coming to the meeting.

Trustee Koessel offered the following comments:

- Make the Board aware of the Finance Committee meetings that we met last week, it was a lengthy meeting but it was an extremely productive meeting. Going to go out for competitive bids for auditing.
- We weren't able to finalize any language for the fund balance policy. That is something that staff is working on.
- Appreciate everyone coming tonight.

Trustee Goldberg offered the following comments:

- Talked about issues in the park (regarding Bill's comments earlier in the meeting) There is some damage that has done around there...it is one of those things that with any park we have an ordinance that we shouldn't be there after dark and it is something that we need to pay some attention to.
- All feel we can get comments from the community it is good for us.

Trustee Fox offered the following comments:

- Appreciate comments from audience.
- The Foundation has the concert in the park tomorrow evening.
- Better enforcement of our helmet ordinance is needed.

Article 12.

Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise M. Biegalle
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

Ron Goodyke, Clerk

Robert Beahan, Supervisor