

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

Wednesday, November 14, 2012

7:00 P.M.

- Article 1.** Supervisor Beahan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Present: Supervisor Beahan, Trustee Lewis, Koessel, Goldberg and Clerk Goodyke
Absent: Trustee Janes and Treasurer Peirce
Also Present: Manager Cousins, Fire Chief Sigg and those listed in 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**
- a. Public Comments (Please limit comments to 3 minutes)**
Patty Raisch, Windcrest St., questions regarding opening up discussion on allowing bikes on the paved portion of Burton St. Park.
Karen McCarthy, Goodwood Dr., Area Manager for Consumers Energy, discussed system improvements that we are making in Cascade.
- Article 5. Approval of Consent Agenda**
- a. Receive and File Various Meeting Minutes**
1. Regular Board Meeting Minutes of 10/24/12.
- b. Receive and File Various Reports**
1. Fire Department Report for October, 2012.
2. Treasurer's Department Report for September, 2012.
- c. Education Requests**
1. Medical Training for Firefighter Brett Boonenberg for First Responder Class, January 8 – March 12.
- d. Receive and File Communications**
1. Comcast – re: Channel Line-up and Cable enhancements to XFINITY.
2. State of Michigan – Notice of Hearing for the Natural Gas Customers of Consumers Energy Company Cast No. U-16855 & Case No. U-16794.
3. Letter from MML – re: Applications received for Township Manager position.
Motion was made by Trustee Lewis and supported by Trustee Goldberg to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.
- Article 6. Financial Actions**
- a. Consider Approval of October, 2012 General/Special Funds.**
Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Clerk Goodyke to approve the October, 2012 General/Special Funds. Motion carried.
- b. Consider Approval of October, 2012 Public Utilities Funds.**
Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Clerk Goodyke to approve the October, 2012 Public Utilities Funds. Motion carried.

c. **Consider Approval of October, 2012 Payables, Payroll, and Transfers**

Motion was made by Trustee Lewis and supported by Trustee Koessel to approve the October, 2012 Payables, Payroll and Transfers. Motion carried.

Article 7. Unfinished Business (None)

**Article 8. New Business
105-2012**

Consider Approval of the Selling of Engine 8 to Grattan Fire Dept.

Fire Chief Sigg was present to review the sale of Engine 8 to Grattan Fire Dept. in the amount of \$45,000. Some of the items that would stay with the truck are: hard suction for drafting, ladders and the old "Jaws of Life". Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Goldberg to approve the sale of Engine 8 to Grattan Fire Department for \$ 45,000. Motion carried.

106-2012 Consider Approval of IFT District and Exemption Certificate for New Facility for Lacks Enterprises.

Manager Cousins explained this was the same resolution previously adopted with the change in name that Lacks has requested to be changed. Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Clerk Goodyke to re-adopt the corrected Resolution for Lack Enterprises. Motion carried by roll call vote.

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

Kent County Sheriff Deputy Roe was present to update the Board on East Precinct happenings.

Article 10. Manager Comments

Manager Cousins offered the following comments:

- Reminder applications have been received for the Manager's position; if you want any details on the thirty people that have applied...let me know. We will probably get another update next week from Bill Baldrige. Supervisor Beahan asked what the next steps would be. Bill Baldrige will meet the Personnel Committee to recommend somewhere around (8) candidates to be interviewed. The Personnel Committee will most likely interview (5) candidates and then recommend (3) to be interviewed by the Board on the 12th of December.
- 2013 Budget has been noticed in the newspaper and will be on the agenda November 28th for final adoption.
- We will also have the last round of budget adjustments on the meeting on the 28th.

Article 11. Board Member Comments

Trustee Koessel offered the following comments:

- You will see a few changes to the Budget. Fred, Ken & I have been talking about a "unique" occurrence next year where there is 27 pay periods. We asked Bill to talk to our CPA firm to determine the best way to handle it. What you are going to see are some adjustments to salary different than what you saw when we met and looked at the Budget as a

Board, that it include that one extra pay period that occurs once every 10 years. We kept it the same for everyone which made it fair.

Trustee Lewis offered the following comments:

- Are we looking into a “pan-handling” situation? I understand that we are looking at the possibility of putting together an ordinance dealing with that issue. What is the status? Discussion followed. Manager Cousins is looking into.

Supervisor Beahan offered the following comments:

- Had a DDA meeting this morning including some Planning Commission members to try to get a “focus/direction”.
- We also had an airport “de-icing” meeting today. They introduced Prein & Newhoff who is going to be doing the project for the pipeline for the de-icing.
- Monday I went to the Fire Department training on Career Survival. Would like to commend Chief Sigg for getting that training started.

Article 12. Adjournment

Motion was made by Trustee Lewis and supported by Clerk Goodyke to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise M. Biegalle
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

Ron Goodyke, Clerk

Robert S. Beahan, Supervisor