

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

Wednesday, November 1, 2017

7:00 P.M.

- Article 1.** Supervisor Beahan called the meeting to order.  
Present: Supervisor Beahan, Clerk Slater, Treasurer Peirce, Trustee McDonald, Lewis and Shipley.  
Absent: Trustee Koessel (excused)  
Also Present: Manager Swayze, Community Development Director Peterson, Building Official Wilson 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 Lewis and supported by Trustee McDonald to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.
- Article 4. Presentations**
- a. Daniel Waugh, Citizens Pathway Committee – Pathway Recommendation.**  
Daniel Waugh highlighted the recommendations made by the Pathway Committee for the pathway system extensions.
- Article 5. Public Comments-Anything on the Agenda not scheduled for a public hearing. (limit comments to 3 minutes)**
- Article 6. Approval of Consent Agenda**
- a. Receive and File Various Meeting Minutes**
1. Regular Township Board Minutes for 10/25/17.
- b. Receive and File Communications**
1. Letter from Hidden Hills Neighborhood Association – re: Speed signs.  
Motion was made by Clerk Slater and supported by Trustee Lewis to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried.
- Article 7. Financial Actions**
- Article 8. Unfinished Business**
- Article 9. New Business**
- 074-2017 a. Public Hearing – Rezone to P.U.D. to allow for 31 lot Subdivision – 1701 Spaulding.**  
Motion was made by Trustee McDonald and supported by Trustee Shipley to move into public hearing. Motion carried.  
Community Development Director Peterson reviewed the rezone with the Board. Discussion followed.  
Ingrid Anastasiu, 1921 Deerfield Ct., HOA President of Abbeydale expressed some concerns regarding safety of our children with traffic going thru our neighborhood.  
Jack Sablan, 1850 Abbeydale Ct., addressed the Board regarding the drainage potential might cause issues.  
Stacey Zhao, 5091 Abbeydale Dr., voiced concern regarding the extension of Abbeydale Dr. and eliminate the existing cul-de-sac and removing many of the adjacent forests right next to our area.

Motion was made by Trustee Lewis and supported by Trustee Shipley to reconvene into regular session. Motion carried.

**b. Consider Ordinance to Amend the Cascade Charter Township Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map to Establish the Cascade One Planned Unit Development.**

Supervisor Beahan opened discussion with the Board.

Motion was made by Clerk Slater and supported by Trustee McDonald to approve the Ordinance to Amend the Cascade Charter Township Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map to Establish the Cascade One Planned Unit Development – 1701 Spaulding. Motion carried by roll call vote.

**075-2017 Consider Approval of Bid for 60<sup>th</sup> Street Water Main Connection and authorize the Township Manager to sign the contract documents on behalf of the Township.**

Manager Swayze reviewed the water main connection with the Board. Motion was made by Trustee McDonald and supported by Trustee Shipley to approve the Bid for 60<sup>th</sup> Street Water Main Connection to Dykema Excavators, Inc. in the amount of \$101,309.00, and authorize the Township Manager to sign the contract. Motion carried.

**Article 10. Public Comments – Any comments...whether it is on the Agenda or not. (limit comments to 3 minutes)**

Diane Cutler, Branch Manager for KDL informed the Board of some events coming up in November at KDL.

Tom Richardson, 3438 N. Applecrest Ct., addressed the Board again on his lack of confidence in Trustee Shipley's ability to carry out his duties based on his failure of oversight related to events in the Fire Department last year. "I continue to have concerns about his service on the Board. I believe it's in the interest of the Township to have a Board of Trustees that is capable of credibly advocating and providing oversight for best practices in all areas. Thus, I continue to believe it would be in the best interest of Cascade Township for Trustee Shipley to resign."

Supervisor Beahan offered an explanation on why the Township Board has not attempted to remove an elected board member. The short answer is "we can't." We have been advised that once a person has been lawfully elected to a public office, that person is entitled to serve in that position under Michigan law unless:

- That person dies or loses the right to serve by being defeated in another election.
- That person ceases to be a resident of the township.
- That person is removed by the Governor for misconduct directly related to the duties of the elected office.
- That person is recalled by voters.

To date, none of those conditions has occurred, so the Township Board is unable to take action. We appreciate your comments and concerns and it is something we share also...on the credibility of this whole Board.

**Article 11. Closed Session  
a. To Consider the lease of real property for the Building Inspections Department.**

Motion was made by Trustee McDonald and supported by Trustee Shipley to move into closed session regarding the lease of real property for the Building Inspections Department. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Motion was made by Trustee Shipley and supported by Trustee McDonald to reconvene into regular session. Motion carried by roll call vote.

**Article 12. New Business**

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**Consider the Lease of Real Property for the Building Inspections Department.**

Motion was made by Trustee Shipley and supported by Trustee Lewis to approve the Lease of the New Facility for the Building Inspections Department with the conditions and changes that were stipulated in the previous conversations. Motion carried.

**Article 13. Manager Comments**

Manager Swayze offered the following comment:

- “I wanted to say “thank you” to the Board for allowing me to attend the ICMA Conference last week. As always, it was a great opportunity to learn about some of the emerging trends in City Management from what cities of a million people are doing all the way down to what cities of 500 are doing. Some great takeaways, and some things I hope to implement in the coming years. Always appreciative of the education opportunity.”

**Article 14. Board Member Comments**

Treasurer Peirce offered the following comment:

- Question on the pathways...questioned the amount of millage to be levied, more or less?  
Manager Swayze stated that another sub-committee would probably be put together to just look at the numbers.

**Article 15. Adjournment**

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise M. Biegalle  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

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Susan B. Slater, Clerk

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Robert S. Beahan, Supervisor