

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

Wednesday, May 9, 2012  
7:00 P.M.

- Article 1.** Supervisor Beahan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.  
Present: Supervisor Beahan, Treasurer Peirce, Clerk Goodyke, Trustee Janes and Koessel.  
Absent: Trustee Lewis and Goldberg  
Also Present: Manager Cousins, Fire Chief Sigg, Lt. Rowland 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 Janes and supported by Clerk Goodyke to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried.
- Article 4. Presentations/Public Comments**  
**a. Public Comments (Please limit comments to 3 minutes)**
- Article 5. Approval of Consent Agenda**  
a. Receive and File Various Meeting Minutes  
1. Regular Board Meeting Minutes of 04/25/12.  
2. Minutes of the Board of County Road Commission for 3/27/12.  
b. Receive and File Communications  
1. Letter from Sarah MacLachlan – re: Thank you Fire Dept.  
2. Letter from Comcast – re: Change in Channel Lineup  
c. Receive and File Various Reports  
1. Fire Department Monthly Report for April, 2012.  
2. Treasurer’s Department Monthly Report for March, 2012.  
3. Kent County Sheriff Department Quarterly Report for Jan – March, 2012.  
Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Clerk Goodyke to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried.
- Article 6. Financial Actions (None)**
- Article 7. Unfinished Business (None)**
- Article 8. New Business**  
**039-2012 Consider Approval of New Fire Apparatus.**  
Fire Chief Sigg was present to review the proposals with the Board. Lt. Rowland was present to answer any questions/concerns regarding the purchase. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Trustee Janes and supported by Clerk Goodyke to approve the FDAC recommendation to purchase the Rosenbauer Fire Apparatus in the amount of \$412,495.00 along with the requested Jaws of Life in the amount not to exceed \$20,100.00 with the appropriate line item adjustments. Motion carried.
- 040-012 Consider Approval of Contract and Resolution for Consumers Energy.**  
Manager Cousins stated that Consumers Energy had recently conducted a study of street lights in the Township. The outcome of the survey recognized a discrepancy in the current street light billing and the actual quantity in the field. Due to this discrepancy, Consumers will provide a refund (as a credit) to the township in the amount of \$46,173.00. Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Treasurer Peirce to approve a new contract and Resolution with Consumers Energy. Discussion followed. Motion carried by roll call vote.

**041-012 Consider Approval of a Resolution to Adopt a FOIA Policy.**  
Manager Cousins reviewed the proposed FOIA policy/forms with the Board. Motion was made by Treasurer Peirce and supported by Trustee Koessel to approve the Resolution to Adopt a FOIA Policy. Motion carried by roll call vote.

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

**Article 10. Manager's Comments**

Manager Cousins offered the following comments:

- Plainfield Township has acted on a proposed contract to have Cascade Township Building Department provide them with Plumbing, Mechanical and Electrical Inspections. We will have a contract before the Board at either the next meeting or the one after that. We are working with Plainfield on that process.
- MTA is meeting for the Kent County District on May 24<sup>th</sup> at Grand Rapids Township. Currently, I have Rob, Ken, Cindy and Ron going.
- We have finalized the re-financing of our Bond today. Our savings is about \$85,000 after we pay for the cost of issuance of the Bond, \$20,057 our net final savings of interest will be \$65,608.14. The Bond will still expire in 2017.
- We are trying to set up an Infrastructure meeting. We have a snow removal proposal for the committee and a group of residents have requested to have Buttrick paved from 60<sup>th</sup> St. north to current pavement.

**Article 11. Board Member Comments**

Trustee Koessel offered the following comments:

- The Gathering Place has a brand new parking lot.
- Library parking lot remains a concern... Manager Cousins responded the process has been started.

**Article 12. Adjournment**

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 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