

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

Wednesday, June 13, 2012

7:00 P.M.

**Article 1.** Supervisor Beahan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.  
Present: Supervisor Beahan, Clerk Goodyke, Treasurer Peirce, Trustee Goldberg, Janes, Lewis and Koessel.

Also Present: Manager Cousins, Planning Director Peterson, Fire Chief Sigg, Assistant to the Manager Korhorn, Deputy Roe 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 Koessel to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Article 4. Presentations/Public Comments**

**a. Public Comments (Please limit comments to 3 minutes)**

Ethan Wilson, Troop 290 working on Citizenship and Community Merit Badge.  
Deputy Ryan Roe was present to update the Board on issues within the East Precinct.

**Article 5. Approval of Consent Agenda**

- a. Receive and File Various Meeting Minutes
  - 1. Regular Board Meeting Minutes of 05/23/12.
  - 2. Regular Planning Commission Minutes of 05/14/12 & 05/21/2012.
  - 3. Minutes of the Board of County Road Commission for 4/10, 4/24, 5/08, 5/16/2012.
- b. Receive and File Communications
  - 1. Letters from Charter - re: Digital Television Options/Pricing adjustments to Residential fees.
  - 2. Letter from Comcast – re: Digital Adapter Additional Outlet Service charge.
  - 3. Thank you card from the Chestnut Family– re: Kitchen Fire
- c. Receive and File Various Reports
  - 1. Treasurer’s Department Report for April, 2012.
  - 2. Building Department Report for April, 2012.
- d. Education Requests
  - 1. Bill Cousins – Michigan Economic Developer’s Association Conference – August 22-24, 2012 – Mackinac Island, MI.
  - 2. Kelli Pflug – Medical First Responder Training – Reimbursement
  - 3. Roger McCarty – MI Assessor Association Conference – August 4-8, 2012 Crystal Mountain, MI.

Motion was made by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Trustee Janes to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Article 6. Financial Actions**

- a. **Consider Approval of May, 2012 Payables, Payroll and Transfers.**  
Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Goldberg to approve the May, 2012 Payables, Payroll and Transfers. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. **Consider Approval of 2012 Budget Adjustments.**  
Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Goldberg to approve the 2012 Budget Adjustments. Motion carried by roll call vote.

**Article 7. Unfinished Business (None)**

**Consider Approval of Agreement with the City of Lowell to provide Building, Plumbing, Mechanical and Electrical inspection services of residential, commercial and industrial structures.**

Motion was made by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Trustee Janes to approve the Agreement with the City of Lowell to provide Building, Plumbing, Mechanical and Electrical inspection services of residential, commercial and industrial structures. Motion carried unanimously.

047-2012

**a. Public Hearing – Request for Amendment of Sommerset PUD to allow for larger attached garages.**

Planning Director Petersen reviewed the request to increase garage size.

Motion was made by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Trustee Lewis to move into public hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

Tom Larabel, 795 Clyde Ct., Byron Center, Vice President of Engineering at Allan Edwin Homes. Owners of (13) lots in this neighborhood. They are in favor of this amendment. Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee Koessel to re-convene into regular session. Motion carried unanimously.

**b. Consider Approval to amend Ordinance #12 of 2002, the Sommerset PUD to allow for larger attached garages.**

Motion was made by Trustee Lewis and supported by Trustee Goldberg to approve the Ordinance to amend the Sommerset PUD to allow for larger attached garages. Motion carried by roll call vote.

048-2012

**Consider Approval of Plan for Centennial Park Streetscape Project.**

Assistant to the Manager Korhorn presented the Plan for the Centennial Park Streetscape Project. This will travel down Lucerne to Tahoe and then up the east side of Charlevoix to connect with the existing sidewalk that we constructed last summer. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Clerk Goodyke to approve the Plan for Centennial Park Streetscape Project. Motion carried unanimously.

049-2012

**Consider Approval of a Long Term Loan of a Bronze Sculpture of a Leaping Frog from Meijer Gardens to be placed in Tassell Park.**

Supervisor Beahan explained to the Board how the sculpture became available to Cascade Township. Meijer Gardens does require that the sculpture be mounted in a professional manner and they have certain standards. This is estimated to cost less than \$10,000 to do the mounting of the sculpture. Supervisor Beahan stated that there might possibly be an opportunity to get some of the funding from a grant from the Community Foundation. Treasurer Peirce inquired on how we would insure the sculpture. Trustee Goldberg questioned whether Meijer Gardens would reimburse the Township the mounting costs if they took back the sculpture within 3-5 years. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee Janes to send a "Resolution of Intent" to Meijer Gardens regarding the Sculpture. Motion carried unanimously.

050-2012

**Consider Approval of Sidewalk Contract for Hall Street.**

Manager Cousins reviewed the Sidewalk Contract for Hall Street. Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Lewis to excuse Trustee Goldberg due to a possible conflict of interest.

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Trustee Goldberg left the meeting.

Motion was made by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Trustee Lewis to award the sidewalk contract to DeYoung Concrete in the amount of \$210,454.62 with Cascade's portion to be \$114,899.96. Motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Goldberg re-entered the meeting.

**051-2012 Consider Approval of the Resolution for Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS).**

Fire Chief Sigg reviewed the purpose of MABAS. This gives local fire chiefs another resource to use to ask for more resources to fight fires. This will enhance our mutual aid agreement. Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee Janes to approve the Resolution for Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS). Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**052-2012 Consider Approval of the Resolution for Michigan Emergency Management Assistance Compact (MEMAC).**

Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee Janes for approve the Resolution for Michigan Emergency Management Assistance Compact (MEMAC). Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**053-2012 Consider Approval of the Automatic Aid Agreement with the City of Grand Rapids.**

Motion was made by Trustee Janes and supported by Clerk Goodyke to approve the Automatic Aid Agreement with the City of Grand Rapids. Motion carried unanimously.

**054-2012 Consider Approval of Resolution for the Road Closures for July 4, 2012. (Parade/celebration)**

Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported Trustee Goldberg to approve the Resolution for the Road Closures for July 4, 2012. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**055-2012 Consider Approval of Resolution to Adopt the Hazard Mitigation Plan.**

Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Clerk Goodyke to approve the Resolution to adopt the Hazard Mitigation Plan. Motion carried unanimously 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:

- I was in Lansing last week to visit with our Legislatures. As a result of those meetings, I have convinced a couple of our representatives to come and visit with the Board. Representative Lyons will be here at our next Board meeting on June 27<sup>th</sup>. Senator Hildenbrand will be here on July 25<sup>th</sup>.
- We are still waiting on our approval of the Aerotropolis Plan. This should be soon and will be starting a budget.
- Sadly last Friday, the community lost Mayor Richard Root of Kentwood. His family has asked for donations to go to the KDL Children's book fund.
- We are looking at re-doing the library parking lot this year. We do have a few issues to work out. I may be asking for infrastructure committee to take a look at the plan.

- The Forest Hills Business Association meets tomorrow morning at the Cascade Country Club with a presentation from Goodwill.

**Article 11. Board Member Comments**

Trustee Koessel offered the following comments:

- Some of the internal (neighborhood) street repair that we have been doing...what do we do in the case where some of the previous work that was done is getting bad. Can we just let the County know to look at that? Can they go back and patch up some really bad spots?

Trustee Lewis offered the following comments:

- Questioned signage at airport "Welcome to Cascade". Would like to see signs expanded to have a "motto". I would like to see our signs re-visited to better promote the Cascade Community.

Clerk Goodyke offered the following comments"

- Codification - This week I received a schedule A which lists all the substantive changes that were made to the ordinance. I did not send you the whole packet. We are going to send it to you electronically, as soon as we get it on a PDF form. You can use it as a reference.

Trustee Janes offered the following comments:

- Just wanted to say that everyone should stop by our newest coffee shop in the Township. It is being staffed by the kids from Forest Hills Central. It is really nice. They have done a beautiful job with the landscaping and the decking.

**Article 12. Adjournment**

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise M. Biegalle  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

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Ron Goodyke, Clerk