

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

Wednesday, July 8, 2009
7:00 P.M.

- Article 1.** Supervisor Beahan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Present: Supervisor Beahan, Trustee Lewis, Fox, Goldberg, Koessel and Treasurer Dood.
Absent: Clerk Goodyke
Also Present: Manager Cousins, Director of Planning Peterson, Karen McCarthy from Consumers Energy 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 Goldberg and supported by Trustee Fox to approve the Agenda as presented. Trustee Koessel asked that Happy Birthday be sung to Supervisor Beahan. Motion carried.
- Article 4.** **Approval of Consent Agenda**
- a. Receive and File Various Meeting Minutes
 1. Regular Board Meeting Minutes of 06/24/2009.
 2. Regular KCRC Minutes of May 12 and 26, 2009.
 - b. Receive and File Communications
 1. Letters from Comcast – re: Channel Additions/Changes.
 2. E-mail from Susan Roeder/Steve Young-re: Accommodation Fire Dept. Personnel.
 - c. Receive and File Various Reports
 1. Treasurer’s Office Report and Bank Balances for March and April, 2009.
 2. Treasurer Reports:
 - Tax units and Rates for Cascade Twp., Summer 2009.
 - Cascade Township Summer 2009 Tax Roll.
 - Cascade Township Tax Year 2009 Disbursement Schedule.
 3. Building Department Monthly Report for June, 2009.
- Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Goldberg to Approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Trustee Koessel questioned the Building Department Monthly report. Motion carried.
- Article 5.** **Financial Actions**
- a. Consider Approval of Payables, Payroll and Transfer Funds for June, 2009.
Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Goldberg to approve the Payables, Payroll and Transfer Funds for June, 2009. Trustee Koessel had several questions regarding payables.
Motion carried.
- Article 6.** **Public Actions**
- a. Public Hearing – Regarding Consumers Energy Company Natural Gas Franchise for Cascade Township, Section 24.
Manager Cousins reviewed the request by Consumers Energy. Karen McCarthy from Consumers Energy was present for questions.
Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Fox to adjourn the regular meeting and go into public hearing. Motion carried.
Mr. Carl H. Simmerer Sr., 9560 36th St., was present to talk on behalf of the Franchise approval for Consumers Energy. Discussion followed.
Motion from Trustee Fox and supported by Trustee Lewis to re-convene into regular session. Motion carried.

Article 7.

Public Comments

- a. Memo from Bill Cousins- re: Visit from Rep. Amash
 Manager Cousins introduced Representative Amash.
 Representative Amash stated that one thing that the government should not be cutting is the Revenue Sharing. The local governments are a lot more affected than the state government. Encouraged the community to give him/legislatures some feedback. Rep. Amash also has office hours once a month, anyone from the community is welcome to come in to ask him a question about any bill or talk to him about anything they want to talk to him about. Representative Amash fielded some questions from the Board.

Article 8.

Unfinished Business

Article 9.

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New Business

Consider Approval of Ordinance Granting Consumers Energy Company a Natural Gas Franchise for Cascade Township, Section 24.

Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee Koessel to approve the Ordinance Granting Consumers Energy Company a Natural Gas Franchise for Cascade Township, Section 24. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Ayes – 6

Absent – 1

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Consider PUD Rezoning Extension for Oak Harbor.

Planning Director Peterson stated that this was for the subdivision approved back in 2006. They have not started the project, our requirements state that you have to start construction no more than a year after the approval. Obviously, they haven't. Our Ordinance allows us to grant the extension, we have granted a couple...we also have granted others in the past. Typically, we have only done 2 or 3 extensions...we are at 3 for this one now that they are asking for. The recommendation is to approve the extension for another year. Motion was made by Trustee Lewis and supported by Trustee Fox to approve the PUD Rezoning Extension for Oak Harbor. Motion carried.

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Public Input from Burton St. Park

Planning Director Peterson stated that the Committee met along with three of the neighbors. They talked about a couple of different options for getting additional public input. It was clear that the one option that the neighbors liked was the one was similar process on how we did the Master Plan.

- Run an advertisement in the paper to the whole community to have people come in have little break out tables where steering team members would write down the notes for the issues. Have the folks from Progressive lead the effort, explaining how we're going to do this. Wrapping up the meetings.
- We would have two meetings, one here and one at Buttrick Station, July 29th and August 4th.
- Have that plan revised by Progressive after we get all the comments. Put it on display at the Township Hall for a short period of time.
- Come back to the Board on August 24th with Plan 2 for your consideration at that meeting.

I have met with Progressive and talked with them about this and they have given the cost of \$1,200 to do this additional process. This was the preferred method. Trustee Koessel asked if this was an action item...what we were supposed to do. Planning Director stated that from the last meeting we were supposed to come back for the Board's decision on how the Board wanted to do the public input after we met with the neighbors. Trustee Koessel asked if the dollar amount proposed was negotiable. Planning Director Peterson stated that he supposed it was. Trustee Koessel stated that he also had (along with Trustee Fox) a problem with the additional fee. Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee Lewis to approve this process and that we delegate to the Township Manager the authority to negotiate with the consultant...express our displeasure for being charged for additional money for this process and negotiate with them and see if there is not some middle ground that can be reached where we

acknowledge some fault... we took a bid that had that process in it but they acknowledged some fault because they put in a bid that didn't have sufficient process in it, maybe between the two of us we will find a way to get it done. Motion carried.

Ayes – 5 Nays – 1 Absent – 1

Dick Gottlieb of 7100 Hidden Ridge Drive stated that in terms of the planning process, you hired a firm that has architectural expertise it is not clear that they have planning expertise. In my profession, one of the things I do is plan with corporations and other groups on process and development of a program. I would be willing to volunteer my services to design the process; it is pretty much what was done before when we did the Master Plan. It is dividing people up into groups and having them sit at tables around one issue for each table. People can move around they develop a list of recommendations prioritize those recommendations and then we type it up and hand it to A&E. As far as I'm concerned, A&E can be there or not be there they will get the same information either way. But, if they want the data and want to enrich it they can attend the meeting s...if they want the data they can receive the typed report, and I would be willing to do that.

Trustee Fox stated that A&E is highly qualified in terms of planning and consensus building and so forth. I do not want to besmirch their reputation at all; they are highly qualified to do this job. Supervisor thanked Mr. Gottlieb for his offer and stated that we will work with A&E.

Article 10.

Manager's Comments

Manager Cousins offered the following comments:

- Reminder – Finance committee will meet a week from today at 7:30 a.m.
- Park Committee has met regarding the mowing issues at the Park. They are working on creating a final recommendation to the Board. They should be meeting within the next two weeks.
- There is a concert at Tassell Park tomorrow night at 7:00 p.m. The Scottsville Clown band will be performing.
- Supervisor Beahan and I will be attending the Super 8 Motel ribbon cutting. They have remodeled the hotel and having a re-opening. That is at the corner of 28th and Patterson on July 16th at 11:00 a.m.
- Earlier this week I met with a group that unfortunately, I cannot announce any more about but we are talking preliminarily about a Renaissance zone request, which is another form of tax abatement. The company is looking to stay in business and hopefully start a couple of new ventures and expand over the course of 15 years which is the maximum time for a Renaissance zone.

Article 11.

Board Member Comments

Trustee Lewis offered the following comments:

- Mowing...who is responsible for mowing around the Library? Manager Cousins responded that we do it in house. I would like to compliment somebody who chopped down the tallest cactus plants that I have seen (weeds) and they are half way there around this...updating of trimming the Library grounds and I would compliment them for what they have done so far and look forward to having them finish the de-weeding.

Trustee Koessel offered the following comments:

- Kudos to everyone who worked on the 4th of July Celebration it seemed to go extremely smoothly this year.

Treasurer Dood offered the following comments:

- Tax bills are out again. Tax collection process is underway again.

Trustee Fox offered the following comments:

- Wanted to mention the concert tomorrow night. Hope everyone brings their kids, grandkids etc...

Trustee Goldberg offered the following comments:

- Would also like to extend my thanks to everyone connected with the 4th of July Celebration.
 - Thank Representative Amash for coming and speaking with us today.
- Supervisor Beahan offered the following comments:
- Would also like to thank everyone on the 4th of July, especially Jim and Bill. Jim was directing traffic in the Burton St. parking lot at 8:00 a.m. for the parade and worked a number of hours there. Bill was there also helping out all over the place. He covered a lot more ground than we did. He had a bicycle. The Fire Department and Sandra Otey really did a nice job. Stephen Korhorn from the Fire Department and Sandra spear headed this celebration and really did a bang up job. Clean-up went extremely well and was very well organized by staff.

Article 12.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Trustee Fox and supported by Treasurer Dood to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise M. Biegalle
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

Ron Goodyke, Clerk

Robert Beahan, Supervisor