

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

Wednesday, October 27, 2010

7:00 P.M.

Article 1. Supervisor Beahan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Present: Supervisor Beahan, Trustee Goldberg, Fox, Koessel, Lewis, Treasurer Peirce and Clerk Goodyke.
Absent: None
Also Present: Manager Cousins, Deputy Assessor McCarty, B&G Foreman Amy Waugh 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. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 4. Approval of Consent Agenda

- a. Receive and File Various Meeting Minutes
 - 1. Regular Board Meeting Minutes of 10/13/10.
 - 2. Regular Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of 10/04/2010.
 - 3. Regular Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting Minutes of 09/15/2010.
- b. Receive and File Communications
 - 1. Letter from Comcast – re: Channel Lineup
 - 2. Letter from C.J. Reiser Sr. – re: Thank You -- Fire Dept
- c. Education Requests
 - 1. Jim Walker – American Heart Association – Official 2010 AHA Guidelines for CPR & ECC Instructor Conference – Chicago, IL – Friday, November 12, 2010.

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

Article 5. Financial Actions

- a. Consider Approval of September, 2010 Public Utilities Fund.
Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Lewis to approve the September, 2010 Public Utilities Fund. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Consider Approval of September, 2010 General/Special Funds.
Motion was made by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Trustee Goldberg to approve the September, 2010 General/Special Funds. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 6. Public Actions

- a. **Public Hearing – Request for Approval of IFT District and Exemption Certificate for new facility for Clean Rooms International located at 3933-4939 Starr St.**

Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Lewis to adjourn the regular meeting and go into public hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

Deputy Assessor McCarty reviewed the request for Clean Rooms International. The amount of the exemption request is \$400,000 for real property changes and \$75,000 for personal property. The total request is \$475,000. It is recommended the certificate be granted for a period of 12 years.

- b. **Public Hearing – Consider Proposed Sewer Use Ordinance.**
Manager Cousins reviewed the request by the City of Grand Rapids. Mr. Gary DeKoch from the City of Grand Rapids ESD was present for any questions from the Board. Discussion followed.
Motion was made by Trustee Lewis and supported by Trustee Fox to reconvene into regular session. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 7. Public Comments

- a. **East Precinct Update from Deputy Vogelzang.**
Deputy Vogelzang reported that they were working on their “Shop with the Sheriff” program. They have also been working a little out at Tassell Park with some issues.
- b. **Comcast General Update with John Gardner the Government Affairs Manager.**
John Gardner from Comcast gave the Board an update on cable service in Cascade Township. Discussion followed.

Article 8. Unfinished Business

- 055-2010 Consider Approval of Wind/Solar Energy Proposal for Cascade Library.**
Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee Lewis to remove this item from the table. Motion carried unanimously. Clerk Goodyke brought the Board up-to-date on the project. The significant change to the project is the very generous offer from the Cascade Community Foundation to match what the Friends of the Library offered as a donation of \$5,000. We will now have \$10,000 plus the in-kind offer of \$15,000 from Cascade Engineering which amounts to half of the \$50,000 project. Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee Koessel to approve moving forward with the project. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 9. New Business

- 106-2010 Consider Approval of IFT District for new facility for Clean Rooms International located at 3933-4939 Starr St.**
Motion was made by Trustee Fox and supported by Treasurer Peirce to approve the IFT District for a new facility for Clean Rooms International located at 3933-4939 Starr St. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.
- 107-2010 Consider Approval of IFT Exemption Certificate for new facility for Clean Rooms International located at 3933-4939 Starr St.**
Motion was made by Trustee Lewis and supported by Trustee Koessel to approve the IFT Exemption Certificate for a new facility for Clean Rooms International located at 3933-4939 Starr St. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.
- 108-2010 Consider Approval of An Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances, Cascade Charter Township, Michigan, by Replacing in its Entirety Part 79, entitled “Sewage Disposal – Grand Rapids Service District”.**
Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Clerk Goodyke to approve the Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances, Cascade Charter Township, Michigan, by Replacing in its Entirety Part 79,

entitled “Sewage Disposal – Grand Rapids Service District”. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

109-2010 Consider Setting a Public Hearing for Amendments to the Park Ordinance.

Manager Cousins reported that the Parks Committee had met recently and discussed a couple of items that would be possible amendments to the Parks Ordinance. There are two issues that they would like to bring forward and request a public hearing; with the changes in the ordinance to affect all concerned parks. One is to prohibit smoking in the parks and the second is to allow bicycles in Burton Park. The suggestion has been made to alter the ordinance and allow bicycles only on the paved surface within the Burton Park. The Parks Committee has recommended to the Board that these be set for public hearing. Discussion followed. Trustee Goldberg stated that it might be too early to start changing the rules within the Burton Park...let’s give it a year and see what the usage pattern is. Let’s give these rules a chance to be in place for a little bit and we will see what tweaks need to be made and we’ll make them. Motion was made by Trustee Lewis and supported by Trustee Koessel to set a public hearing for prohibiting smoking in all our parks on December 8th Board Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

110-2010 Consider Approval of a Resolution to Modify the Law Enforcement Agreement with the Kent County Sheriff Department.

Manager Cousins reviewed the proposal proposed by representatives of each township that make up the East Precinct of the Kent County Sheriff Department to cut costs by the elimination of one Community Service Officer, two Sergeants and one Detective. These cuts are expected to reduce costs of operation of the East Precinct by about \$404,000 in 2011. Cascade is expected to realize a reduction in expenses of \$90,000 from 2010 with the adoption of this modification. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee Fox to approve the Resolution to Modify the Law Enforcement Agreement with the Kent County Sheriff Department. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

111-2010 Consider Approval of Change Order #1 for the 28th Street/I-96 DDA Streetscape Project.

Motion was made by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Trustee Koessel to approve the Change Order #1 for the 28th St./I-96 DDA Streetscape project in the amount of a reduction of \$31,711.22. Motion carried unanimously.

112-2010 Consider Approval of Pay Draw #4 for the 28th Street/I-96 DDA Streetscape Project.

Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Lewis to approve the Pay Draw #4 for the 28th St./I-96 DDA Streetscape Project in the amount of \$59,521.09. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 10. Manager’s Comments

Manager Cousins offered the following comments:

- The interview process for the Lt/Firefighter positions begin on Thursday/Friday.
- Liz Ripley has been working out at Peace Park; she has been eradicating Autumn Olive that is out in the Park. She also helped with the Garlic

Mustard pull in the spring. Expects to find some more Master Gardner candidates to come out and help with some of the evasive species.

- Cascade Township has had a Water & Sewer connection Ordinance since 1991. For whatever reason the city does not have that in their Ordinance. We have recently discussed the reasons they may consider that. It is on the table now for the City and has created some discussion with some of the public.
- The ongoing usage of the GoBus in Cascade...the numbers seem to be falling a little bit.

Article 11. Board Member Comments

No Board Comments.

Article 12. Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise M. Biegalle
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

Ron Goodyke, Clerk

Robert Beahan, Supervisor