

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

Wednesday, January 27, 2010
7:00 P.M.

Article 1. Supervisor Beahan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Present: Supervisor Beahan, Trustee Fox, Lewis, Koessel, Treasurer Peirce and Clerk Goodyke.
Absent: Trustee Goldberg
Also Present: Manager Cousins and those listed on Supplement #1.

Article 2. Supervisor Beahan led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Article 3. Motion was made by Clerk Goodyke 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 01/13/10.
- b. Receive and File Communications
 - 1. Letters from The Right Place – re: Contribution
 - 2. Notice of Hearing for the customers of Michigan consolidated Gas Company – re: Case No. U-16146
- c. Receive and File Various Reports
 - 1. Treasurer’s Department List of Current Depositories and Investment Advisors

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

Article 5. Financial Actions (None)

Article 6. Public Actions (None)

Article 7. Public Comments

East Precinct representatives Lt. Steve Chanter and Community Liaison Deputy Julie Vogelzang were present. Discussion followed.
Sara Homeyer, 3539 Quiggle Ave., was present to say thank you for the establishment of the new Open Space Park.

Article 8. Unfinished Business (None)

Article 9. New Business

003-2010 Consider Approval of 4th of July Streetfair Contract for Rides and Amusements.

Firefighter Stephen Korhorn was present to review the 2010 Contract with Funny Business in the amount of \$48,600 with ½ of the amount to be paid up front as down payment. Firefighter Korhorn also explained that the Streetfair will be held on Saturday, July 3rd. Mailings have been sent out notifying township residents/businesses to let them know that between 9:00 and noon they will not be able to get out of or get into their residence/business. We are working hard on the sponsorship end of it. Discussion followed.

Trustee Koessel left the meeting with prior approval.

Motion was made by Trustee Fox and supported by Clerk Goodyke to approve the 4th of July Streetfair Contract for Rides and Amusements to Funny Business in the amount of \$48,600 with ½ paid as a down payment. Motion carried.

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0 Absent – 2

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Discussion and Consideration of Naming the Recently Purchased Park Property at Bolt and Grand River Avenues.

Manager Cousins reviewed the Infrastructure Committee recommendation of the Homeyer's naming of the park at Bolt and Grand River Avenues to be called Cascade Peace Park. The applicants have met all the requirements of our Naming Policy. Motion was made by Trustee Fox and supported by Treasurer Peirce to officially name the Park property at Bolt and Grand River Avenues as Cascade Peace Park and also to include a plaque with the poem that helped the Homeyers choose the name of the park. Motion carried.

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Consider Revisions to the Township Investment Policy.

Treasurer Peirce reviewed the revisions to the Township Investment Policy:

- Reducing the Bauer Financial rating requirement from 3.5 to 3.0
- Repeal what was categorized as the Cascade Township Bank relationship policy.

Discussion followed.

Motion was made by Trustee Lewis and supported by Clerk Goodyke to approve the outlined revisions to the Township Investment Policy. Motion carried.

Article 10. Manager's Comments

Manager Cousins offered the following comments:

- Our attorney's are still working to work out a date for mediation for the Burton St. property issues.
- Been in attendance at Michigan Township Association Convention this week at the Amway Grand. Sat in on a very good class on grant writing...hope to do a little more on grants in the next few months.

Article 11. Board Member Comments

Trustee Lewis offered the following comments:

- In reading the Sunday paper, an intelligence report regarding the merging of different governments. This particular article points out that not necessarily does that guarantee that you are going to cut some expense/overhead if you do merge. If you do fire departments and one is lower and is higher ...this could be a disadvantage. When I do hear about the merging of different governmental agencies, I don't think that everybody is on board. I think there are some disadvantages of doing such, and it is brought out in this article.

Clerk Goodyke offered the following comments:

- I too attended some seminars at the MTA Conference and it looks like the State has some HAVA money to purchase laptops for precinct use for all elections.

Article 12. Adjournment

Motion was made by Trustee Lewis and supported by Trustee Fox to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise M. Biegalle
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

Ron Goodyke, Clerk

Robert Beahan, Supervisor