

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

Wednesday, April 11, 2007

7:00 P.M.

**Article 1.** Supervisor Julien called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.  
Present: Supervisor Julien, Trustees Goldberg, Fox, Koessel, Beahan,  
Treasurer Carpenter and Clerk Goodyke.  
Also Present: Deputy Clerk Biegalle, Fire Chief Sigg, Planning Director  
Petersen, Engineer Vilmont and those listed on Supplement #1.

**Article 2.** Supervisor Julien led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

**Article 3.** The Agenda was revised to include the following:

- **Article 4b. 5.** – Letter from the KCRC – re: Act 50 of 1999 Reporting.
- **Article 9 026-2007** – Consider Resolution to approve the new MERS Exemption form approving the extension of “temporary employees” from six months to one year.

Motion to approve the revised agenda was made by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Trustee Goldberg. Motion carried unanimously.

**Article 4. Approval of Consent Agenda**

- a. Receive and File Various Reports
  1. Fire Department Month End Report for February 2007.
  2. Fire Department 2006 Annual Report for 2006.
  3. Treasurers Department Bank Balances February 2007.
  4. Cascade Fire Inspections Report /Invoice for 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter.
- b. Receive and File Communications
  1. Invitation from KCRC for Dinner Meeting – re: Presenting Programs and Policies for the Year 2007.
  2. Letter from KCRC – re: Meeting with Bill Hardiman as Chair Of the Senate Appropriations Sub Committee on Transportation.
  3. Letter from KCRC – re: Transportation Economic Development Fund – Category C.
  4. Letter from Department of History, Arts and Libraries – re: Whitney Tavern Stand, 5283 Whitneyville Avenue.
  5. *Letter from KCRC – re: Act 50 of 1999 Reporting.*
- c. Approval of Township Board Minutes
  1. Regular Board Meeting Minutes of February 28, 2007.
  2. Personnel Subcommittee Meeting Minutes of February 28, 2007.
  3. Regular Board Meeting Minutes of March 14, 2007.
- d. Receive and File Various Meeting Minutes
  1. Regular Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes of February 13, 2007.
  2. Regular Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of March 5, 2007.

3. Regular Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of March 19, 2007.
4. Board of County Road Commission Meeting Minutes of March 13, 2007.

Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Clerk Goodyke.

Trustee Koessel questioned the invoice submitted by Grand Rapids Township for the fire inspector position. He asked that the Board make sure we stay on track with the original quote given to the Township at the beginning of the year. The Board asked Chief Sigg to submit a report with the second quarter billing.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Article 5. Financial Actions**

- a. Consider Approval of Bills, Transfers and Payroll for March, 2007.  
Motion to approve the Bills, Transfers and Payroll for March, 2007 was made by Treasurer Carpenter and supported by Trustee Koessel.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**Article 6. Public Actions (None)**

**Article 7. Public Comments**

**Article 8. Unfinished Business (None)**

**Article 9. New Business**

**023-2007 Discussion regarding proposed weather siren locations.**

Planning Director Petersen reviewed the (5) proposed locations for the Weather sirens. It was also brought up that the height of the utility poles will need to be approved by the Zoning Board. Jeff DuPilka from Westshore Services was present to answer any questions from the Board or public.

Several residents were in attendance with the following concerns:

- Elevation of the poles
- What the output of the sirens
- Color of the sirens
- Radius to be covered
- Other municipality sirens
- How often would sirens be activated
- Reasons the sirens would be activated

Fire Chief Sigg and Jeff DuPilka fielded questions/concerns from the residents in attendance.

**024-2007 Presentation of Stormwater Master Plan and Discussion of New Storm Zone Map.**

Engineer Vilmont reviewed the Stormwater Mater Plan. This plan is required to be updated every ten years. The primary purpose of the document is to provide the technical background and support material for the new storm zone map.

The Board asked Interim Manager Beahan to pick one or two of the locations and start talking about what we might do and what the approaches might be to deal with the problems. Interim Manager Beahan stated he would get together with the Planning Staff and Fishbeck.

**025-2007**

**Discussion regarding Proposed Gunfire Ordinance.**

Interim Manager Beahan reported on the findings of the Gunfire Subcommittee. It was determined within the subcommittee that an ordinance should be drafted regarding the gunfire issue. The draft ordinance would be restricting gun fire from an area. It would be allowed in areas east of Buttrick and south of I-96. During certain hours on the second and the last Saturday of the month and the last Wednesday with a 3 hour window. It would be allowed with anyone with 10 acres or more or with the ability to join parcels of land with their neighbors and have a total of 10 acres and would be agreeable to it. The discussion tonight is if this (the draft ordinance) is the direction the Board wants to go to and if this is the ordinance the Board wants. Discussion followed.

It was suggested by Supervisor Julien a device that the Township used many years ago called a "Committee-of-the-Whole" meeting. It was also suggested that an advisory public hearing or to do a first reading and have a public hearing on the ordinance. It was the consensus of the Board to conduct an advisory public hearing including Law, Weathers and the Sheriffs Department along with a letter sent to the specific parties initially involved in this issue. This would also include a well publicized advisory public hearing.

**026-2007**

***Consider Resolution to approve the new MERS Exemption form approving the extension of "temporary employees" from six months to one year.***

Clerk Goodyke reviewed the Resolution with the Board. Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Clerk Goodyke to adopt the Resolution approving the MERS Exemption for temporary employees from six months to one year, also adding that if hired fulltime, the employees MERS benefit would be retroactive back to the employees first day. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**Article 10. Manager's Comments**

The following comments were made:

- FDAC visited a training session of the Fire Department.
- Need to schedule a Public Meeting with the Board and the Public (per Board 2007 Goals).
- Construction on 28<sup>th</sup> St. is underway.
- Open Space Committee is having an event on April 18<sup>th</sup> regarding open spaces. The meeting will be in the Good/Skutt rooms at the Library on Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**Article 11. Board Member Comments**

Treasurer Carpenter offered the following comments:

- Historical Society has made their 3<sup>rd</sup> installment payment of \$2,000.00 for the aphgans that the Historical Society is using for a fund raiser.
- A display of the Girl Scouts in the Historical Room in the Library.

Trustee Fox offered the following comments:

- Parks survey was sent in the Cascade newsletter and encourages everyone to fill it out.

**Article 12. Adjournment**

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Goodyke  
Township Clerk

Approved by:

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Ron Goodyke, Clerk

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Michael R. Julien, Supervisor