

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

Wednesday, March 24, 2010

7:00 P.M.

Article 1. Supervisor Beahan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Present: Supervisor Beahan, Trustee Fox, Goldberg, Koessel, Lewis, Treasurer Peirce and Clerk Goodyke.
Absent: None
Also Present: Manager Cousins, Planning Director Peterson 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 Koessel to approve the Agenda as presented with the addition of the following:

- **Article 9. 032-2010 Acknowledge Formally and Publically our action not to take any action and thereby join the class action suit that was mentioned in the note from Manager Cousins.**

Motion carried unanimously.

Article 4. Approval of Consent Agenda

- a. Receive and File Various Meeting Minutes
 1. Regular Board Meeting Minutes of 03/10/10.
 2. Regular Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of 02/16/10.
 3. Kent County Road Commission Meeting Minutes of 02/09/10 and 02/23/10.
- b. Receive and File Communications
 1. Letter to Kent County Road Commission – re: 2011 Road Projects for Cascade Charter Township.
 2. Letter from Shanda & Wade Thompson – re: Removal/Relocation of fence.
- c. Receive and File Various Reports
 1. Treasurer’s Department January, 2010 Reports.

Motion was made by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Trustee Fox to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Trustee Koessel asked if we were going to address the letter received from the Thompson’s. Manager Cousins responded that a letter had been sent. Manager Cousins stated that a proposal would be brought to the next meeting, April 14th with all the properties on the north and east side and recommendation of what the Township should do. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 5. Financial Actions

- a. **Consider Approval of February, 2010 Public Utilities (pre-audit).**

Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Lewis to approve the February, 2010 Public Utilities (pre-audit). Motion carried unanimously.
- b. **Consider Approval of February, 2010 General/Special Funds (pre-audit).**

Motion was made by Trustee Lewis and supported by Trustee Goldberg to approve the February 2010 General/Special Funds (pre-audit). Motion carried unanimously.

c. Consider Approval of 2010 Budget Adjustments.

Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee Koessel to approve the 2010 Budget Adjustments for the following funds:

- General Fund
- Fire Fund
- Improvement Revolving Fund
- DDA Fund
- Building Fund
- Maracaibo Shores-Road Fund

Clerk Goodyke asked if the Board was going to review each adjustment separately. Trustee Koessel stated that the Finance Committee did meet last Friday and did review the “fairly minor” budget adjustments. They came out in the minutes of the meeting and everything seemed reasonable that we are seeing tonight. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Article 6. Public Actions (None)

Article 7. Public Comments

Joann King, Burton St. offered the following comments:

- Naming opportunity on Burton Park.
- Community gathering at Ada School last week.
- I keep learning and wanting to serve, hopefully I can be helpful to you.

Dick Gottlieb, 7100 Hidden Ridge Dr. offered the following comments:

- Submitted letters to all Board members, in which we made our feeling known also about the fence system that you were talking about.
- Reminder that we had submitted a recommendation on a name for the park. (i.e., Mike Julien Park)
- We were told a while ago that all plans for the Park were going to be on hold for a year.(provided pictures to the Board of specific activities going on within the park)
- Encouragement to use the Park.
- Vehicle usage at Park.
- Suggested at one point that the west access be open for pedestrian entrance.

Article 8. Unfinished Business

Article 9. New Business

026-2010 Consider Naming of Burton Park

Supervisor Beahan stated that this was a recommendation of the Infrastructure Committee. The recommendation is “Cascade Burton Park”. Trustee Goldberg stated that under the Township’s Naming Policy, we have not received any compliant proposals for naming that comport with the policy. The idea was to pick a good generic name that would be recognized by people in the Township. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Trustee Fox to approve the name of Cascade Burton Park. Motion carried unanimously.

- 027-2010 Consider Approval of Resolution in Support of the Findings and Recommendations of the Michigan Legislative Commission on Statutory Mandates.**
Motion was made by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Trustee Goldberg to approve the Resolution in Support of the Findings and Recommendations of the Michigan Legislative Commission on Statutory Mandates. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.
- 028-2010 Consider Approval of Resolution in Support of Protecting the Great Lakes from Asian Carp.**
Motion was made by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Trustee Koessel to approve the Resolution in Support of Protecting the Great Lakes from Asian Carp. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.
- 029-2010 Consider Setting Public Hearing for Burton Park Ordinance.**
Motion was made by Trustee Fox and supported by Trustee Koessel to set a public hearing for the Regular Board Meeting on April 14th on the Cascade Burton Park Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.
- 030-2010 Consider Resolution to Permit Applications for work in Kent County Right of Ways**
Motion was made by Trustee Lewis and supported by Trustee Koessel to approve the Resolution to Permit Application for work in Kent County Right of Ways. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.
- 031-2010 Community Media Center Presentation**
Laurie Cirivello from the Community Media Center was present to convey to the Board on how Cascade Township benefits from or annual contribution to the media center.
- 032-2010 Discussion regarding joining a class action lawsuit.**
Motion was made by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Trustee Goldberg that by taking no action we do in fact join in this class action lawsuit which can have a benefit for the Township for which we will not be charged. Trustee Goldberg stated that the idea is that we do not opt out, and therefore we participate. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 10. Manager's Comments

Manager Cousins offered the following comments:

- Weight restrictions will be lifted this Friday at 6:00 a.m.

Article 11. Board Member Comments

Trustee Koessel offered the following comments:

- I think the Board received this week an RFP that the Finance Committee sent out regarding Bank Services. They will be mailed this Friday.

Trustee Lewis offered the following comments:

- Claude Robinson came home today.

Treasurer Peirce offered the following comments:

- An additional comment on the RFP, I have to thank Trustee Fox for doing a good catch on an item attached to the RFP that we did not realize.
- Bill, Oxana, Mildred and I are going to undertake, with the approval of the Finance Committee, an analysis of our millage responsibilities to determine whether there are any opportunities for lowering our cost of borrowing.

Clerk Goodyke offered the following comments:

- Walmart was denied their SDD by the State Liquor Control Commission.
- Every year we pay Accident Fund for our Worker's Compensation coverage, if we have a good record, we get money back. This year we received a check back for around \$2,000.

Supervisor Beahan offered the following comments:

- Went out yesterday with an arborist and hiked the Cascade Peace Park and the Cascade Burton Park. He was amazed at the number of variety of trees. He was really pleased that we were able to purchase those properties.

Article 12. Adjournment

Motion by Trustee Lewis and supported by Trustee Goldberg to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise M. Biegalle
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

Ron Goodyke, Clerk

Robert Beahan, Supervisor