

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

Wednesday, July 14, 2010

7:00 P.M.

Cascade Branch of the Kent District Library, Wisner Center
2870 Jacksmith, S.E.

Article 1. Supervisor Beahan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Present: Supervisor Beahan, Trustee Goldberg, Koessel, Lewis, Fox, Clerk Goodyke and Treasurer Peirce.
Absent: None
Also Present: Manager Cousins, Planning Director Peterson, Attorney Cliff Bloom 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 Lewis 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 06/23/10.
 2. Planning Commission Board Meeting Minutes of 06/07/10.
- b. Receive and File Communications
 1. Letter from Comcast – re: Enhancement of Network
 2. Letter from Donald Zerial – re: Renewable Energy
 3. Letter from William Wood – re: Flags at Cemeteries
- c. Receive and File Various Reports
 1. Treasurer’s Department May, 2010 Monthly Report.
- d. Education Requests
 1. Steve Peterson – Grand Valley State University – PA 620
Examines Theories and Practice of Metropolitan Politics and Administration.

Trustee Lewis asked that a Comcast representative attend one of the Board meetings to address all the correspondence we have been receiving from them. Trustee Lewis also questioned the Treasurer’s Monthly Report. Clerk Goodyke also noted an error in the Minutes of the 6/23/10 Board Meeting.

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

Article 5. Financial Actions

- a. **Consider Approval of June, 2010 Payables, Payroll, and Transfers.**
Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Clerk Goodyke to approve the June, 2010 Payables, Payroll and Transfers. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. **Consider Approval of 2010 Budget Adjustments.**
Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Clerk Goodyke to approve the 2010 Budget increases to the following Funds:
 - General Fund
 - Fire Fund
 - CCT Open Space Fund
 - Improvement Revolving Fund
 - DDA Fund
 - Building Fund
 - Maracaibo Shores-Road Fund.Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

c. **Pay Draw #1 for the 28th & I-96 Streetscape Project.**

Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee Fox to approve the Pay Draw #1 for the 28th & I-96 Streetscape Project in the amount of \$31,634.73. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 6.

Public Actions

a. **Public Hearing – Consider Amendments to Section 4.33 of Zoning Ordinance – Keyhole Development**

Motion was made by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Trustee Koessel to open the Public Hearing.

Planning Director Peterson reviewed the application from the Cascade Thornapple River Association (CTRA) for an amendment to the Keyhole Development section of the Zoning Ordinance. The proposed amendments being requested by the CTRA would allow them to ask for permission to use one or more of the existing ramps on the upper portion of the Thornapple River. If the amendments are approved, the CTRA would have to apply for a Special Use permit in order for the Township to be able to work out the details of the proposal. Approving these amendments would allow the CTRA to ask such permission. The Planning Commission has recommended that the ordinance not be adopted by a vote of 5-2. Staff continues to recommend approval of the amended language.

Attorney Bloom stated legally he was comfortable that this amendment will not undermine the Keyhole regulations and it's a pretty narrow exception.

Public comments included the following:

- Ned Quinn, 7382 Whispering Ridge, past president of the CTRA gave a short “look back” on the issue of access to the river.
- Scott Rissi, 11270 Cascade Rd., addressed the question of “back lot owners” from Trustee Koessel. He also stated that he felt this amendment strengthened the Ordinance not “weakening it”.
- Andrew Gill, 7483 Pirates Cove Ct., stated he does not live on the river but has river access thru the keyhole. Mr. Gill stated that the perspective of the Maracaibo Shores Association is first and foremost to protect the keyhole access that we are very fortunate to enjoy. The last thing that they want to do is allow anything that will undermine that. His interpretation is this ordinance change is essentially allowing the permission to be sought but in no way compelling the Association.
- Pam Stegink, 7487 Buccaneer Dr., stated that she was opposed to the adoption of this amendment. A couple of concerns: 1) small amendment that can have very far reaching impact. 2) Also believes it would weaken the keyhole provision. It has a potential of “snowballing”. A concern is that we will be increasing the traffic on the river and have concerns regarding the safety on the river.
- Brian Logue, 6210 Santigo Ct., current member of the Planning Commission. The Ordinance does not address the river people's request to make things legal. His concern is more for the unintended consequences possibly of adopting this amendment.
- Rosie Briggs, 3475 Goodwood Dr., It seems to be a policy that has been working. What has happened so far seems to be working.
- John Toben, 3888 Goodwood Dr., stated that his single concern was erosion. The more people that put in boat ramps, the more erosion occurs. If the Board should choose to act positively on this, it would be an encouragement to individuals not to keep putting in more ramps. But to use a common ramp that would be established. That would be a good thing for the river and our neighbors.

Planning Director Peterson stated that he did not receive any phone calls or written comments.

Motion was made by Trustee Lewis and supported by Trustee Fox to close the public hearing and reconvene into regular session. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 7. Public Comments

Mr. Don Zerial, 7377 Cascade Terrace was present regarding his letter to Mr. Fred Keller of Cascade Engineering.

Article 8. Unfinished Business

Article 9. New Business

059-2010 Consider Amendments to Section 4.33 of Zoning Ordinance – Keyhole Development

Trustee Koessel feels that it really is a policing issue that you have to do from the outside. Trustee Koessel stated that he was convinced that this particular ordinance is NOT going to provide additional access to the river than what has already been given by deed and pre-dated 1995 when we adopted the keyhole ordinance. Trustee Koessel made a motion that we approve the adoption of the amendment to Section 4.33 of the Keyhole Ordinance as presented by staff; Clerk Goodyke supported the motion. Discussion followed. Treasurer Peirce stated that he felt it should go back to the Planning Commission. Trustee Lewis stated that in this particular case he was in support of the motion. Motion carried.

Ayes – 5

Nays – 2 (Fox, Peirce)

060-2010 Consider PUD Rezoning Extension for Oak Harbor.

Motion was made by Trustee Fox and supported by Trustee Goldberg to approve the PUD Rezoning Extension for Oak Harbor. Motion carried unanimously.

061-2010 Consider Amending 2010 Meeting Schedule

Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Clerk Goodyke to approve the amending of the 2010 Meeting Schedule. Motion carried unanimously.

062-2010 Consider Appointments to the Centennial Park Review Board.

Motion was made by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Trustee Fox to approve the appointment of Jeff Hammond and Helene Wagner as the Township representatives to the Centennial Park Review Board. Motion carried unanimously.

063-2010 Consider Resolution Regarding an Amendment to the GVMC Articles of Incorporation.

Motion was made by Trustee Lewis and supported by Trustee Koessel to approve the Resolution regarding an Amendment to the GVMC Articles of Incorporation which would remove Jamestown Township as a member. Motion carried unanimously.

064-2010 Consider Approval of 2010 Pathway Maintenance Bids.

Manager Cousins reviewed the miscellaneous areas that needed repairs on the pathways. Motion was made by Trustee Fox and supported by Trustee Goldberg to approve the 2010 Pathway Maintenance Bid to Michigan Paving & Materials in the amount of \$38,143.30. Motion carried unanimously.

065-2010 Consider Re-Financing of Pathway and DDA Bonds.

Manager Cousins reviewed the re-financing of Pathway and DDA Bonds. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee Fox to continue to investigate and if it looks advantageous to pursue this opportunity. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 10. Manager’s Comments

Manager Cousins offered the following comments:

- The 4th of July Celebration went smoothly. We had an “after event” meeting today to talk about the things that we could do to further improve the event.

- A cell phone company approached him about digging up our lawn next to the parking lot at the office. They believe they have an easement to get from the street back to the cell phone tower. We have been unable to find that easement to be recorded anywhere, but we are working with this group.
- Mildred and I met with Hungerford to talk about GASBY 54.

Article 11. Board Member Comments

Trustee Koessel offered the following comments:

- Congratulations to the staff and all the volunteers considering that were a little bit short on staff this year, I think everyone stepped up and did a great job on the 4th of July Parade.

Treasurer Peirce offered the following comments:

- This was his first time working the parade, and would like to echo the “filling in the gap” on the leadership part of it, I think Bill and Chief Sigg did a terrific job in picking up the slack.
- Update on personal property tax delinquencies...we are down to \$29,000.00.

Article 12. Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise M. Biegalle
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

Ron Goodyke, Clerk

Robert Beahan, Supervisor