

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

Wednesday, February 28, 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 and Beahan,
Treasurer Carpenter.
Absent: Clerk Goodyke
Also Present: Manager Cravens, Deputy Clerk Biegalle, Fire Chief Sigg
and Kent County Deputy Ryan Coyle.

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

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

- **Article 9. 019-2007** – Consider Recommendation of Personnel Sub Committee to appoint an Interim Township Manager.

Motion to approve the revised agenda was made by Trustee Beahan and supported by Trustee Fox. Motion carried.

Article 4. Approval of Consent Agenda

- a. Receive and File Various Reports
 - 1. Fire Department Month End Report for January 2007
- b. Receive and File Communications
 - 1. Letter from Manager Cravens re: Resignation
 - 2. Letter from Mr. Todd Merrill re: Fire Department
 - 3. Memo from Planning Director Petersen. re: KCRC Five Year Road Improvement Plans.
- c. Education Requests
 - 1. Fire Fighter Dan Gillespie – Instructor Coordinator Conference- March 8 – 11 in Travers City, MI.
 - 2. Deputy Treasurer Mildred Pinder – MMTA Conference – April 29 – May 4 in Mt. Pleasant, MI.
- d. Approval of Township Board Minutes
 - 1. Regular Meeting Minutes 2/14/07.

Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Goldberg. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

Article 5. Financial Actions

- a. Consider Approval of Special Funds for January, 2007.
Motion to approve the Special Funds for January, 2007 was made by Treasurer Carpenter and supported by Trustee Koessel. Motion carried.
- b. Consider Approval of Public Utilities Funds for January, 2007.
Motion to approve the Public Utilities Funds for January, 2007 was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Beahan. Motion carried.

Article 6. Public Actions (None)

Article 7. Public Comments

Deputy Ryan Coyle for the Kent County Sheriff's Department was present To speak to the Board regarding getting (5) top priorities from the Township on how the Sheriff's Department could help the Township. The Board stated they would look at the Sheriff's Department's request at their Goal setting Meeting on March 13th.

Article 8. Unfinished Business

007-2007 Consider Fire – Inspection Service Agreement with Grand Rapids Charter Township.

Motion to remove the issue from the table was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Beahan. Motion carried. Manager Cravens reviewed the question of “administrative cost.” with the Board. Trustee Koessel still questioned whether or not there should be an hourly rate for the cost of the fire inspector. Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Fox to approve the Fire Inspection Service Agreement with Grand Rapids Charter Township with the addition of language addressing an hourly rate. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 9. New Business

015-2007 Consider Purchase of Additional Warning Sirens.

Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Fox to approve the purchase of Additional Warning Sirens. Motion carried unanimously.

016-2007 Discussion to Consider Changes to the Open Burning Ordinance.

Manager Cravens reviewed the proposed changes for discussion purposes only:

- Extending the hours of burning from three (3) to (6).
- Change the days of allowed burning to Saturday and/or Sunday.

Chief Sigg also would like to incorporate the following items:

- Cooking/recreational fires
- Burning of construction materials
- Penalties
- Supervision of fires

Discussion followed. The Board asked Manager Cravens to bring back to the board a re-draft of the Ordinance.

017-2007 Consider Gypsy Moth Suppression Agreement with Mid-Michigan Helicopters, Inc.

Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Goldberg to approve the Gypsy Moth Suppression Agreement with Mid-Michigan Helicopters, Inc. at the cost of \$10,388. Motion carried unanimously.

018-2007 Consider Kent County Road Commission Local Road Construction Authorization for 28th Street Reconstruction and Sewer Replacement.

Motion was made by Trustee Beahan and supported by Trustee Koessel to approve the Kent County Road Commission Local Road Construction Authorization for 28th St. Reconstruction and Sewer Replacement at a cost of \$981,492.30. Motion carried.

019-2007 Consider Recommendation of Personnel Subcommittee to Appoint an Interim Township Manager.

Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Treasurer Carpenter to approve the recommendation of Trustee Rob Beahan as the interim Township Manager. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 10. Manager's Comments

Manager Cravens presented the following comments:

- There will be an open house at the Wisner Center on March 1st regarding the 28th St. Reconstruction.
- 400 letters sent out to residents regarding Burton St.

Article 11. Board Member Comments

Trustee Beahan presented the following comments:

- Thanking everyone for their vote of confidence and was looking for a good transition.

Trustee Koessel presented the following comments:

- Appreciates Rob taking on the challenge of the interim position.

Trustee Goldberg presented the following comments:

- Asked Manager Cravens for an updated Organizational Chart.

Supervisor Julien presented the following comments:

- Accepted Manager Cravens resignation letter

Article 12. Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise M. Biegalle
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

Ron Goodyke, Clerk

Michael R. Julien, Supervisor