

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

Wednesday, May 13, 2009

7:00 P.M.

Cascade Branch of the Kent District Library, Wisner Center

Article 1. Supervisor Beahan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Present: Supervisor Beahan, Trustee Koessel, Lewis, Fox, Goldberg,
Treasurer Dood 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 Trustee Goldberg 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 04/22/2009.
 - 2. FDAC Subcommittee Meeting Minutes of 4/29/09.
 - 3. Finance Subcommittee Meeting Minutes of 4/30/09.
 - 4. Infrastructure Subcommittee Meeting Minutes of 5/1/09.
- b. Receive and File Communications
 - 1. Letter from Charles and Sharon Marks – re: Fire Department.
 - 2. Letter from Elizabeth Keyes – re: Fire Department
 - 3. Letter to KCRC – re: 2010 Road Projects
 - 4. Letter from Comcast – re: Additions and Changes to Channel Lineup.
- c. Receive and File Various Reports
 - 1. Fire Department Monthly Report for March, 2009
 - 2. Treasurer’s Department Office Report for January, 2009.

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

Article 5. Financial Actions

- a. Consider Approval of Payables, Payroll and Transfers for April,
2009.
Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee
Lewis to approve the Payables, Payroll and Transfers for April,
2009. Discussion followed. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 6. Public Actions (None)

Article 7. Public Comments

Article 8. Unfinished Business (None)

Article 9. New Business

**027-2009 Consider Resolution for the Removal of Four (4) Street Lights on
28th St. between Thornhills and Kraft Ave.**

Planning Director Peterson reviewed the request. This is as a result of
the new DDA lights we put along 28th St. Motion was made by Trustee

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Goldberg and supported by Trustee Fox to remove all of the Lights including the one on Foremost. Discussion followed. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

028-2009 Consider Use of Williams and Works to Assist with Master Plan Implementation.

Planning Director Peterson stated his suggestion was to continue to use Williams and Works to try to get a little bit more done in terms of the implementation than obviously what I could get done by myself. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee Lewis to approve the expenditure of up to \$20,000 from this budget for Williams and Works services to work on projects that Planning Director Peterson determines are advisable from this list after consulting with Williams and Works. Motion carried unanimously.

029-2009 Consider Adoption of Proposed Naming Policy of Township Assets.

Manager Cousins reported the Infrastructure Committee has met quite a few times regarding creating a policy for Naming of Township Assets. They started with a suggested policy that was quite a few pages, very intricate and detailed. They determined that it might be best for the Township if we had a policy that was short...to the point...but provided some criteria for naming but gave the Township Board flexibility on individual requests. The committee determined that this one page policy is probably our best starting point. Discussion followed. Trustee Goldberg stated that the policy is strictly a “guideline” in order to give us some standards by which to weigh someone who approaches the Township with an idea. These guidelines can be given to a prospective donor or someone who believes someone is worthy of recognition. These guidelines can be used to help the Board make a decision that at the end of the day is ours. Treasurer Dood stated she totally agreed that we need a policy and appreciate all the hard work that has gone into it. I appreciate playing the “what if” game and the “34 page policy”. I understand the desire to keep it short. What I am struggling with...is that I don’t feel that we should take action to name something without a public comment hearing first. There might be public opinion/sentiment that perhaps as a Board we are not “in touch” with. I think it protects the donor and it protects us to at least have some sort of minimum public comment period. That would be my suggestion; I am leaning towards not voting for the policy as it is stated now, for that one particular reason. Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Goldberg to approve the policy with the addition in Section B...all official names shall be approved by the Township Board after first being reviewed by the Infrastructure Committee, also with the addition by adding the “entity” to the wording of contributors. Motion carried.

Yeas – 6

Nays – 1 (Dood)

Article 10.

Manager’s Comments

Manager Cousins offered the following comments:

- We entered into our final agreement tonight on the Bond Sale. As of this afternoon \$3,000,000.00 worth of Bonds have been sold. Raymond James is going to underwrite the other \$1,300,000.00. So that we can finalize our deal and move forward. It has been in the past. We expect to close approximately June 2nd and funds should be released in a month after that.

- I attended a meeting in Lansing last week that was a “meet and greet” Legislators put on by GVMC. It happened to be the day that the Executive Order was released and discussed/voted on at the Capitol. In addition to GVMC there were a few hundred state police officers there along with many other groups. Our Revenue Sharing was cut as a result of this executive order. On paper it is a \$50,000.00 cut for us. But, they are having another Revenue Sharing Conference this Friday and the expectation that there will be another Executive Order before the end of the fiscal year for the State, which ends September 30th.
- Need to see about setting up another meeting of the Infrastructure Committee. Fishbeck was asked to provide or come up with some “scope of services” regarding a nickel plume at Lack’s. They are ready to do that.
- Finished review of the Personnel Manual. We have a print out now that is “blue-lined” and “red-lined” that has been e-mailed to the Personnel Committee, so that you can do a review. Also need to set up a Personnel Committee meeting.

Article 11.

Board Member Comments

Trustee Lewis offered the following comments:

- Stunned/disappointed by the reduction of Revenue Sharing.

Treasurer Dood offered the following comments:

- Wanted to give a “heads up” that we will be sending out shortly a RFP for the Investment Manager. We will get back to you in terms of that process and how that is going. You reserve the right within the RFP not to hire anybody. So just because a proposal is out there, it doesn’t mean we are necessarily going to be hiring an Investment Manager. It is a good convenient way for me to be able to get a lot of information at once. And evaluate the “fruitfulness” of doing that.

Supervisor Beahan asked if this was decided by the Finance Committee. Treasurer Dood stated she prepared the RFP, we had quite a bit of discussion ...the RFP went to the Finance Committee to solicit any input they had in it, but the Investment Policy contemplates the possibility of an Investment Manager. So I am not sending out an RFP for anything that would be outside the scope of what the Investment Policy allows for. So, what we will do is get the information, we will look at it, see if it is worthwhile to pursue anybody any further. The RFP proposal is consistent with the Investment Policy.

Discussion followed.

Clerk Goodyke offered the following comments:

- Also is disappointed in the reduction of Revenue Sharing. In addition to that we also need to look at what our revenue stream is going to look like given our decrease in taxable value.
- Election Results...8.5% of registered voters voted in the May 5th School Election.

Trustee Goldberg offered the following comments:

- In regard to Finance Committee issues, I believe in the possibility that an Investment Advisor could work out for us...it could well work out that way. Because of the restricted nature of the investments that we are permitted to invest in, the greater value may not be in the enhanced return but in the benchmarking

process that Treasurer Dood mentioned, so that we know that we are doing that we might expect to be doing.

Article 12.

Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise M. Biegalle
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

Ron Goodyke, Clerk

Robert Beahan, Supervisor