

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

Wednesday, January 13, 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, Lewis, Koessel, Clerk Goodyke and Treasurer Peirce.  
Absent: None  
Also Present: Manager Cousins, Assistant to Manager Otey 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 Lewis and supported by Clerk Goodyke to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 4. Approval of Consent Agenda**
- a. Receive and File Various Meeting Minutes
    - 1. Regular/Special Board Meeting Minutes of 12/09/09 and 12/16/09.
    - 2. Regular Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of 11/16/2009.
  - b. Receive and File Communications
    - 1. Letters from Charter Communications – re: Completion of Chapter 11 Restructuring.
    - 2. Letter from City of Grand Rapids – re: 2009 Preliminary Water-Sewer Rate Study.
    - 3. Letter from Kent County Department of Aeronautics – re: Highlights from 2009.
    - 4. Letter from Aquatic Consulting Services LLC - re: Survey for 2010 Gypsy Moth Season.
    - 5. Letter from Flora Bishop – re: Signs at Cascade Cemetery.
    - 6. Letter from Save Kids of Greater Grand Rapids – re: Firefighter James Walker.
    - 7. Letter from Gabe Schafer & Family – re: Fireman Porter/Knowles.
  - c. Receive and File Various Reports
    - 1. Fire Department Monthly reports – re: November/December 2009
    - 2. Treasurer’s Department Bank Balance Reports – re: October/November 2009.
    - 3. Building Department Monthly report – re: November/December 2009.
  - d. Education Requests
    - 1. Steve Peterson – Grand Valley State University – PA 680 Planning & Zoning – M.P.A. Requirement
    - 2. Mildred Pinder – Fund Accounting.NET Report Designer – Bath, MI, February 5, 2010.
    - 3. Doug Poolman – Michigan Fire Inspector’s Society Winter Conference – Lansing, MI February 9-10, 2010.
    - 4. Shawn Gaskin/Jon Snyder – EMT Class – Grand Rapids, MI
- Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee Fox to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Article 5.**

**Financial Actions**

- a. Consider Approval of December, 2009 Payables, Payroll and Transfers. Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Lewis to approve the December, 2009 Payables, Payroll and Transfers. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Consider Approval of November, 2009 Public Utilities Funds. Motion was made by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Trustee Lewis to approve the November, 2009 Public Utilities Funds. Motion carried unanimously.
- c. Consider Approval of November, 2009 General/Special Funds. Motion was made by Trustee Fox and supported by Trustee Goldberg to approve the November, 2009 General/Special Funds. Motion carried unanimously.

**Article 6.**

**Public Actions (None)**

**Article 7.**

**Public Comments**

**Article 8.**

**Unfinished Business (None)**

**Article 9.**

**New Business**

**001-2010**

**Consider Appointments of Board and Commission Members.**

Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Goldberg to approve the Appointments of Board and Commission members as presented by Supervisor Beahan. Motion carried unanimously.

**002-2010**

**Discussion and Consideration of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Money.**

Assistant Manager Otey was present to review the distribution of CDBG Funds through the Urban County Program. Motion by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee Fox to approve the Resolution Allocation Kent County Community Development Block Grant Funds for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 as follows:

- Housing Rehab \$15,000.00
- Housing Repair Services \$15,000.00
- ACSET \$ 5,000.00
- GO! Bus \$ 8,614.00

Discussion followed. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**Article 10.**

**Manager's Comments**

Manager Cousins offered the following comments:

- Grand Valley Metro Council Board had a luncheon meeting yesterday that I attended...very interesting conversation regarding the good/bad of a constitutional convention for the State of Michigan.
- The Grand Valley Council Legislative Committee met and worked on a Resolution that they are recommending to the Board regarding unfunded mandates.
- FDAC looking at Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup> for the next meeting
- Finance Committee need to get together regarding the Investment Policy...Community Media Center payment.
- Personnel Committee update of firefighter pay wage study and the Assessor's contract.

**Article 11. Board Member Comments**

**-Supervisor Appointments – re: Board Committees**

Supervisor Beahan kept the same appointments as last year.

Trustee Koessel offered the following comments:

- Is there any update on Burton Park situation?  
-the attorneys are working on setting up a mediation session
- Is there a lot of value that we get out of Grand Valley Metro Council, or is it just another layer of government that benefits Cascade?

Trustee Lewis offered the following comments:

- He will be gone in February

Treasurer Peirce offered the following comments:

- Thinks it is a good idea that we schedule a finance committee meeting.
- Everyone should have received a copy of the delinquency update.
- Have a call into our collection attorney regarding Tuscan Express Personal property taxes.

Trustee Goldberg offered the following comments:

- The Finance Committee should look at the GO! Bus ...what we spend, what we get, what the ridership issues are.
- My thoughts are with the folk in Haiti and the tragedy over there...

**Article 12. Adjournment**

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise M. Biegalle  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

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Ron Goodyke, Clerk

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Robert Beahan, Supervisor