

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

Wednesday, February 22, 2017  
7:00 P.M.

- Article 1.** Supervisor Beahan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.  
Present: Supervisor Beahan, Clerk Slater, Treasurer Peirce, Trustee Koessel,  
McDonald and Shipley.  
Absent: Trustee Lewis  
Also Present: Manager Swayze, DDA/ED Director Korhorn, Fire Chief Sigg and  
those listed in Supplement #1.
- Article 2.** Supervisor Beahan led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
- Article 3. Approval of Agenda**  
Supervisor Beahan requested a couple of changes be made to the agenda:
- Remove Article 8: 012-2017 from the Agenda to enable Clerk Slater to get more information before we move ahead with the project.
  - Add under Presentation/Public comments a brief presentation from the Historical Society.
- Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee McDonald to approve the revised agenda per the request of Supervisor Beahan. Motion carried.
- Article 4. Presentations/Public Comments (limit comments to 3 minutes)**
- **2016 Historical Society presentation.**  
Ken Carey, 2929 Thornapple River Dr., was present to discuss the “community”.  
Vic Gillis, Ron Redman from the Historical Group was present to deliver a presentation to the Board regarding 2016 in review.
- Article 5. Approval of Consent Agenda**
- a. Receive and File Various Meeting Minutes
    1. Regular Township Board Minutes for 2/08/17.
    2. Regular Planning Commission Minutes for 1/16/17.
  - b. Receive and File Reports
    1. Fire Department Monthly Report for January, 2017.
    2. Kent County Sheriff Dept. – East Precinct 2016 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Report.
  - c. Receive and File Communications
    1. Cascade Historical Society – re: 2016 “In review”
    2. Letter from Right Place – re: Payment
    3. Letter from Charter Communications – re: Price Adjustments
    4. Letter from Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce – re: Accident Fund dividend.
    5. Letter from Comcast – re: Change to Channel Lineup.
- Motion was made by Trustee Shipley and supported by Trustee Koessel to approve Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried.
- Article 6. Financial Actions**
- Article 7. Unfinished Business**

**Article 8. New Business**

**007-2017**

**a. Public Hearing – Acceptance and Use of Community Development Block Grant. (CDBG)**

DDA/ED Director Korhorn reviewed the requested allocations for the use of the CDBG monies.

Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee McDonald to move into public hearing. Motion carried.

No public comments received.

Motion was made by Trustee McDonald and supported by Treasurer Peirce to reconvene into regular session. Motion carried.

**b. Consider approval of Resolutions of Acceptance and Use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).**

Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Shipley to approve the Resolution of the Acceptance of CDBG Funds with \$7,158.48 going to Hope Network and \$1,285.00 going to the Kent County Community Development Housing Rehabilitation Program. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Motion was made by Trustee Shipley and supported by Trustee McDonald to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Use of the Community Development Block Grant Funds. Motion carried by roll call vote.

**008-2017**

**Consider Approval of Resolution for Road Closures for July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration.**

Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee McDonald to approve the Resolution for Road Closures for July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration. Motion carried by roll call vote.

**009-2017**

**Consider Approval of Contract for July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration – Funny Business.**

Chief Sigg reviewed the contract with the Board. Motion was made by Trustee McDonald and supported by Trustee Shipley to approve the contract with Funny Business in the amount of \$41,875 for the July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration. Motion carried.

**010-2017**

**Consider Approval of the Consolidation of Precincts 1, 7 & 8 for the May 2, 2017 Election.**

Clerk Slater reviewed the consolidation with the Board. Motion was made by Trustee Shipley and supported by Clerk Slater. Motion carried by roll call vote.

**011-2017**

**Consider Approval of the Use of Cascade Recreation Park by Grand Rapids Amateur Astronomical Association.**

Motion was made by Trustee Shipley and supported by Trustee McDonald to approve the use of the Cascade Recreation Park by Grand Rapids Amateur Astronomical Association. Motion carried.

~~**012-2017**~~

~~**Consider Approval of the Purchase of a Storage System for the Library Storage Room.**~~

**012-2017 Consider Approval of Preliminary Engineering for Township Hall/Station #1/Station #2 Rehabilitation.**

Manager Swayze reviewed the projects regarding the rehabilitation:

- Roof Replacement
- HVAC Replacement
- Building Generator
- Parking Lot.

Discussion followed.

Motion was made by Clerk Slater and supported by Trustee Shipley to approve the Preliminary Engineering for Township Hall/Station #1 #2 Rehabilitation. Motion carried.

**Article 9. Public Comments on any other matters. (limit comments to 3 minutes)**

Kent County Deputy Ryan Roe, Community Policing Officer updated the Board on happenings in Cascade Township.

Ken Carey, 2929 Thornapple River Dr., addressed the Board on the gathering at Rec Park by the Astronomical Association.

**Article 10. Manager Comments**

Manager Swayze offered the following comments:

- The Utility Advisory Board has been discussing the City of Grand Rapids connection fees regarding the costs to the residents.
- The Thornapple Hills Drain project is going along smoothly.
- We have been having discussion regarding the pathway system going forward. The pathway millage expires in August, 2018 It has been suggested that we put together a committee with members from the community to guide us thru what they would like to see in the pathway system and whether or not we need to renew/extending the millage in 2018. Our Community Development Director Peterson will be heading up that effort from the Staff level. In the April newsletter, we will be putting out a “call to arms”, anybody that is interested in participating in the committee there will be a meeting.

**Article 11. Board Member Comments**

Trustee Shipley offered the following comments:

- At the last meeting several people in the audience were concerned about the occupancy in the new Fowling Warehouse.
- Over 90% of calls (police) seem to be along the 28<sup>th</sup> St. corridor. For future consideration, would it be appropriate for the DDA to pick up a portion of that extra car that we pay for.

Treasurer Peirce offered the following comments:

- Update on collection efforts for the Winter taxes...as of today we have collected 98.43%, which is a record going back 10 years.

Trustee McDonald offered the following comments:

- I will be out of the country for the next meeting on March 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Article 12. Adjournment**

Motion was made by Treasurer Peirce and supported by Trustee McDonald to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise M. Biegalle  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

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Susan B. Slater, Clerk

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Robert S. Beahan, Supervisor