

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

Wednesday, March 8, 2017

7:00 P.M.

**Article 1.** Supervisor Beahan called the meeting to order.  
Present: Supervisor Beahan, Clerk Slater, Trustee Koessel, Shipley, Lewis  
Absent: Trustee MacDonald (excused) and Treasurer Peirce (excused).  
Also Present: Manager Swayze, Community Development Director Peterson and those listed in 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 Trustee Koessel to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried.

**Article 4. Presentations/Public Comments (limit comments to 3 minutes)**  
Lindsey Dorfman, Director of Branch Services and Operations for KDL regarding the power outage and how the Library accommodated our residents.

**Article 5. Approval of Consent Agenda**

- a. Receive and File Various Meeting Minutes
  - 1. Regular Township Board Minutes for 2/22/17.
- b. Receive and File Reports
  - 1. Building Department Monthly Report for February, 2017.
  - 2. Hope Network – FY16 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Ridership Data
  - 3. Treasurer’s Monthly Report for December, 2016.
- c. Receive and File Communications
  - 1. Letter from Comcast – re: TV Boxes and Modems
  - 2. Letter from Kent County Prosecuting Attorney – re: New Medical Marijuana Legislation.
  - 3. State of Michigan Notice of Hearing – re: Consumers Energy Case No. U-18250
- d. Education Requests
  - 1. Ron Sabin/Bill Benoit – Code Officials Conference – Bay City, MI – May 8-11, 2017.

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

**Article 6. Financial Actions**

**Article 7. Unfinished Business**

**Article 8. New Business**  
**013-2017**

**a. Public Hearing – Consider Amending the Existing PUD at 6010 28<sup>th</sup> St. to Allow for New Fast Food Restaurants.**

Community Development Director Peterson reviewed the request with the Board regarding the property at 6010 28<sup>th</sup> St. Motion was made by Trustee Shipley and supported by Trustee Koessel to open the public hearing. Motion carried.  
Scott Vansolkema, 2570 Orange, asked if there was enough parking..landscape? Double drive-thru?

Jim Vandenberg representative from Taco Bell was present to address the Board.

Motion was made by Trustee Lewis and supported by Trustee Koessel to reconvene into regular session. Motion carried.

**b. Consider approval of Ordinance to Amend Ordinance #4 of 1994, the Cascade Rapids LLC Planned Unit Development Project.**

Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Lewis to approve the Ordinance to Amend Ordinance #4 of 1994, the Cascade Rapids LLC Planned Unit Development Project. Motion carried by roll call vote.

**014-2017 Consider Approval of the Purchase of a Storage System for the Library Storage Room.**

Community Development Peterson addressed the Board regarding the purchase. Motion was made by Trustee Lewis and supported by Trustee Koessel to approve the purchase of a Storage System for the Library Storage Room in the amount of \$34,970. Motion carried.

**Article 9. Public Comments on any other matters. (limit comments to 3 minutes)**  
Scott VanSolkema, 2570 Orange addressed the Board regarding the ridership of RAPID, Medical Marijuana, and bringing in local business.  
Paul Piotrowski, 2586 Orange Ct., addressed the Board regarding homeless people at the old Family Fair Center.

**Article 10. Manager Comments**  
Manager Swayze offered the following comments:

- California Closets have announced they have chosen Cascade Township to locate their new “east side of the country” manufacturing facility. They will be locating at 4390 Kraft Ave.
- The Thornapple River Dr. Utility Project has started this week.
- Thornapple Hills Drain Project is wrapping up.

**Article 11. Board Member Comments**  
Trustee Shipley offered the following comments:

- Thanked the residents in attendance for coming.
- Irritated by an article in the Grand Rapids Press on some “bad information.”

Trustee Koessel offered the following comments:

- Looking for information on the “no turn on red light” at Thornapple River and Cascade Rd.

**Article 12. Adjournment**  
Motion was made by Trustee Shipley and supported by Trustee Lewis to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 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