

**MINUTES CASCADE CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

Wednesday, January 10, 2007

7:00 P.M.

- Article 1.** Supervisor Julien called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.  
Present: Supervisor Julien, Trustees Beahan, Koessel, Currier, Treasurer Carpenter and Clerk Goodyke.  
Absent: None  
Also Present: Manager Cravens, Planning Director Petersen, Deputy Clerk Biegalle, Assistant to the Manager Otey and those listed on Supplement #1.
- Article 2.** Supervisor Julien led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.
- Article 3.** The Agenda was revised to include the following:
- **Article 4b. 4** – Copy of Resolution from GRCC regarding the Summer Tax Levy.
- The agenda was approved with the above revision on a motion by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Trustee Koessel. Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 4. Approval of Consent Agenda**
- a. Receive and File Various Reports
    1. Treasurer's Department Bank Balances November 2006.
  - b. Receive and File Communications
    1. Copy of Resolution from Caledonia Community Schools – Re: Summer property tax levy.
    2. Copy of Resolution from Kent Intermediate School District – Re: Summer property tax levy.
    3. Letter from Assessor Judith Hedke – re: Retirement
  - c. Receive and File Various Meeting Minutes
    1. Regular Planning Commission Minutes for 12/04/06
  - d. Approval of Township Board Minutes
    1. Special Board Meeting Minutes for 12/07/06.
    2. Regular Budget Meeting Minutes for 12/13/06.
  - e. Education Requests
    1. Colin Forzley – Medical First Responder Class
- Motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Treasurer Carpenter and supported by Trustee Koessel. Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 5. Financial Actions**
- a. Consider Approval of December 2006 Bills, Transfers and Payroll.  
Motion to approve the December 2006 Bills, Transfers and Payroll was made by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Treasurer Carpenter. Trustee Beahan questioned a line item on the Bills regarding backhoe charges. Clerk Goodyke addressed the question. Trustee Beahan also questioned a disbursement for fire uniforms. Trustee Currier addressed the question. Motion carried unanimously.

**Article 6. Public Actions**

**a. Public Hearing – Redevelop existing P.U.D. as a result of the new MVP acquiring some of the vacant portion of Spruce Meadows.**

Motion to open the Public Hearing was made by Treasurer Carpenter and supported by Trustee Koessel. Motion carried unanimously. Planning Director Petersen reviewed the “clean-up” half of the MVP project. There was no public input.

**b. Public Hearing – Consider Resolution for the proposed Centennial Park Special Assessment District #30.**

Planning Director Petersen reviewed the proposed Special Assessment District. There was no public input.

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

**Article 7. Public Comments**

**Article 8. Unfinished Business (None)**

**Article 9. New Business**

**001-2007 Consider approval to Redevelop existing P.U.D. as a result of the new MVP acquiring some of the vacant portion of Spruce Meadows.**

Motion to approve the redevelopment of the existing P.U. D. as a result of the new MVP acquiring some of the vacant portion of Spruce Meadows was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Clerk Goodyke. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**002-2007 Consider Resolution for the proposed Centennial Park Special Assessment District #30.**

Motion to approve the Resolution for the proposed Centennial Park Special Assessment District #30 was made by Trustee Beahan and supported by Clerk Goodyke. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**003-007 Consider Supervisor’s Appointment to the Building Board of Appeals.**

Motion to accept Supervisor Juliens appointment of Ron Reitsma to replace Roger Buist on the Building Board of Appeals was made by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Treasurer Carpenter. Motion carried unanimously.

**004-2007 Discussion on Streetlight at 36th Street and Thornapple River Drive.**

Manager Cravens reviewed the discussions with Consumers Energy. Discussion followed. Consensus of the Board was to ask Consumers Energy to have the light tilted down.

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

Assistant to the Manager Otey reviewed the funding. It was her recommendation to bankroll this year's funds and work on a project for 2008. This is acceptable through Community Development.

Trustee Koessel asked Assistant Otey to check into the possibility of building a Habitat house some year.

Supervisor Julien opened the floor to Trustee Currier.

Trustee Currier informed the Board that he had accepted a position with the Cascade Fire Department. With the acceptance of the position, Trustee Currier resigned his position on the Board. Trustee Currier thanked all the Board members for their patience and their help along the way.

Supervisor Julien stated he had received a copy of Trustee Currier's resignation and it would be effective Thursday, January 11, 2007.

Supervisor Julien asked that several things be covered in the meeting tonight:

- fill (2) Board Vacancies
- number of committee appointments needed to be made within the Board.

Supervisor Julien's recommendations for the vacancies within the Board are the following:

- Fred Goldberg
- Cindy Fox

Discussion followed. Motion to accept the recommendations of Fred Goldberg and Cindy Fox to fill the (2) vacancies on the Board was made by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Trustee Koessel to be made effective Thursday, January 11, 2007. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Julien asked for Board representatives to several Boards/Committees/Councils.

- Metro Council: Mike Julien
- Planning Commission: Jim Koessel
- Board of Zoning Appeals: Rob Beahan
- Parks Committee: Cindy Fox
- Library Board: Fred Goldberg

Discussion followed regarding the sub-committee appointments. Supervisor Julien asked Manager Cravens to put together a memo regarding all the sub-committees and their members. This will be sorted out at the next regular Board Meeting.

**Article 10. Manager's Comments**

Manager Cravens submitted the following:

- This is going to be a busy year for Cascade as far as utilities: Burton St. – Sewer; 28<sup>th</sup> St. construction – resurfacing and replacement of sewer.
- Closed Session for the personnel issue within the Building Department that occurred last summer. Next meeting on February 14, 2007.
- July 4<sup>th</sup> entertainment with Funny Business. Received proposal for \$40,550, would propose to pay ½ up front. Motion to approve the disbursement of ½ of the \$40,500 upfront and the second ½ a few days prior to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration was made by Treasurer Carpenter and supported by Trustee Beahan. Motion carried unanimously.
- Budget documents were distributed on disc.
- Judy Hedke has submitted her retirement request effective the end of March, 2007.

**Article 11. Board Member Comments**

Trustee Currier submitted the following:

- Request to keep his name plate from in front of the Board Kias.
- Thank you again for a great (2) years.

Clerk Goodyke submitted the following:

- Good luck to Trustee Currier
- Evening Passport Fair at Wisner Center on February 21<sup>st</sup> from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Treasurer Carpenter submitted the following:

- Welcome to the (2) new Board members
- Thank you to Trustee Currier
- Tax bills are due on February 14<sup>th</sup>.

Trustee Koessel submitted the following:

- Thank you to Trustee Currier
- Welcome to new Board members

Trustee Beahan submitted the following:

- Welcome to new Board members
- Pleasure to work with Trustee Currier

**Article 12. Adjournment**

Motion by Treasurer Carpenter and supported by Trustee Currier to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise M. Biegalle  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

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Ron Goodyke, Clerk

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Michael R. Julien, Supervisor