

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

Wednesday, March 22, 2017

7:00 P.M.

**Article 1.** Supervisor Beahan called the meeting to order.  
Present: Supervisor Beahan, Trustee Koessel, Shipley, MacDonald, Lewis, Clerk Slater and Treasurer Peirce.  
Absent: None  
Also Present: Manager Swayze, Deputy Clerk Biegalle, DDA/ED Director Korhorn, Kevin Krauss/Terry Tobias/Ron Neil Township Attorneys/Investigator 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 Trustee Koessel to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Article 4. Presentations/Public Comments (limit comments to 3 minutes)**  
Diane Cutler, KDL Librarian addressed the Board regarding a special series of programs being offered at the Library.  
Scott VanSolkema, 2570 Orange Ct. addressed the Board regarding the suspension of the Fire Chiefs.  
Deputy Ryan Roe, Kent County Sheriff Department gave an update to the Board on the happenings in Cascade Township.

**Article 5. Approval of Consent Agenda**

- a. Receive and File Various Meeting Minutes
  - 1. Regular Township Board Minutes for 3/08/17.
  - 2. Regular Planning Commission Minutes for 2/6/2017.
  - 3. Regular Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes for 1/10/2017.
  - 4. Regular Downtown Development Minutes for 1/17/2017.
- b. Receive and File Reports
  - 1. Fire Department Monthly Report for February, 2017.
  - 2. Treasurer's Report for 2016 Tax Collections.
- c. Education Requests
  - 1. Doug Poolman – Michigan – IAAI Annual Arson School – Bay City, MI – May 23-26, 2017.

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

**Article 6. Financial Actions**

- a. **Consider Approval of January/February, 2016 General/Special Funds.**  
Motion was made by Trustee MacDonald and supported by Trustee Shipley to approve the January/February, 2016 General/Special Funds. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. **Consider Approval of February, 2017 Payroll, Payables and Transfers.**  
Motion was made by Clerk Slater and supported by Trustee Shipley to approve the February, 2017 Payroll, Payables and Transfers. Motion carried unanimously.

**Article 7. Unfinished Business**

**Article 8. New Business**

**015-2017 Discuss and Consider Holiday Decorations for the Village and Tassell Park.**

DDA/ED Director Korhorn presented DDA request for the Holiday Decorations for the Village and Tassell Park. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee MacDonald to approve the DDA expenditure of \$15,000 to purchase new holiday decorations. Motion carried unanimously.

**016-2017 Consider Approval of a Request from KDL for Music Programming Funding.**

Township Manager Swayze introduced Librarian Cutler to review the request for funding. Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Shipley to approve \$3,500 to Support the Music Programming at the Cascade Library. motion carried unanimously.

**Article 9. Closed Session**

- **Pursuant to Open Meetings Act 15.268(h) - To consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute.**  
- **To Discuss an Attorney's Legal Opinion.**

Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Lewis to move into closed session. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Treasurer Peirce to reconvene into regular session. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**Article 10. Public Comments on any other matters. (limit comments to 3 minutes)**

Scott VanSolkema, 2570 Orange Ct. questioned why he could not ask question during agenda Item 015-2017. Also questioned closed session attendees and several other items.

Nick Katsavelas, 2985 Burrwick Dr., S.E., also inquired about how questions from the audience got addressed.

**Article 11. Manager Comments**

Manager Swayze offered the following comments:

- Have had a couple of Economic Development conversations over the past couple of weeks. Had a chance to meet with the owners of Paragon, they are looking at putting a big expansion on their facility. Also working with The Right Place on a project.
- We did have dumpsters that were put behind Station 1 for storm damage.
- We are getting ready to launch a MEDC project. (Redevelopment Ready Communities)
- Chris Becker will be coming to talk about the Medical Marijuana laws in April.

**Article 12. Board Member Comments**

Trustee Shipley offered the following comments:

- Thanked everyone for staying tonight.
- Great the Township provided the dumpsters out back, once again we lack the ability to communicate.

Trustee Koessel offered the following comments:

- Received information today regarding the last power outage. I read it but confused regarding the pocket that always goes out.
- Addressed a couple of items brought up at meeting by resident.

Treasurer Peirce offered the following comments:

- Compliment Diane Cutler on the World Affairs Council speakers.

Clerk Slater offered the following comments:

- Addressed “tree” questions from resident in audience.

Trustee Lewis offered the following comments:

- We have grown very well and we are very proud on where Cascade has been and where we are going.

Trustee MacDonald offered the following comments:

- Addressed “issues” from the resident in the audience.

Supervisor Beahan offered the following comments:

- Reviewed the Public Comment section of Agenda.

**Article 13. Adjournment**

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 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