

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

Wednesday, January 12, 2011

7:00 P.M

- Article 1.** Supervisor Beahan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Present: Supervisor Beahan, Trustees Fox, Koessel, Lewis, Goldberg, Treasurer Peirce and Clerk Goodyke.
Absent: None
Also Present: Manger Cousins, Planning Director Peterson, Assistant to the Manager Korhorn and those listed on Supplement #1.
- Article 2.** Supervisor Beahan led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
- Article 3.** Motion was made by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Trustee Fox to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 4. Presentations/Public Comments**
- a. Public Comments (Please limit comments to 3 minutes)**
No public comments heard.
- b. Presentation by Charter Communications**
Tim Ransberger from Charter Communications was present to address the Board regarding the scope of their cable system and notices they routinely sent to Township residents.
- Article 5. Approval of Consent Agenda**
- a. Receive and File Various Meeting Minutes**
1. Regular Board Meeting Minutes for 12/08/10.
 2. Regular Planning Commission Minutes of 11/15/10 and 12/06/10.
- b. Receive and File Communications**
1. Letters from Charter – re:
 - 2011 Monthly Premium Programming Pricing
 - American Customer Satisfaction Index
 2. Letters from Comcast – re:
 - Adding HD Channels
 - Digital Starter Package
 3. Letter from Hungerford, Aldrin, Nichols & Carter, PC – re: Matters related to audit of the financial statements for the year ending 12/31/10.
 4. Memo from Planning Director Peterson – re: KCRC 5-year Road Improvement Plans.
 5. Letter from the City of Grand Rapids – re: Water-Sewer Rate Study.
- c. Receive and File Various Reports**
1. Treasurer’s Department Report for November, 2010.
 2. Building Department Monthly Report for November, 2010.
- 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 December, 2010 Payables, Payroll and Transfers.**
Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Lewis to approve the December, 2010 Payables, Payroll and Transfers. Motion carried unanimously.

- b. Consider Approval of November, 2010 Public Utility Funds. Motion was made by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Treasurer Peirce to approve to November, 2010 Public Utility Funds. Motion carried unanimously.
- c. Consider Approval of November, 2010 General/Special Funds. Motion was made by Trustee Lewis and supported by Trustee Koessel to approve the November, 2010 General/Special Funds. Motion carried unanimously.
- d. Consider Approval of Final Pay Application for the 28th Street/I-96 DDA Streetscape Project. Motion was made by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Trustee Goldberg to approve the Final Pay Application for the 28th St./I-96 DDA Streetscape Project in the amount of \$5,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 7. Unfinished Business

119-2010 Consider Approval of Resolution for Allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) money.

Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Clerk Goodyke to remove item from the table. Motion carried unanimously.

Assistant to the Manager Korhorn reviewed the allocation of funds with the Board. Assistant Korhorn stated that Cascade has \$31,000 in our account; however, we do need to spend approximately \$12,000. If we don't spend that money this year it is in jeopardy of being re-captured. It has been recommended by staff to distribute the monies as follows:

- \$ 8,614 to the GO! Bus (or Hope Network)
- \$10,000 to Senior Meals
- \$8,000 to Home Repair Services
- \$ 3,000 to ACSET

Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Goldberg to accept the staff recommendations for the distribution of Cascade's CDBG monies. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

121-2010 Consider Approval of Resolutions for Tris4Health to Close Public Streets for Triathlon on June 5, 2011.

Motion was made by Trustee Lewis and supported by Trustee Koessel to remove item from the table. Motion carried unanimously.

Assistant to the Manager Korhorn reviewed the request by Tris4Health. Andy Vidro, representative for Tris4Health was present for questions from the Board. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Goldberg to approve the Resolutions for Tris4Health to close Cascade Road (1 westbound lane only) from approximately 4:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. from Thornapple River Dr. to Wycliff and also close Thornapple River Drive from Cascade Rd. to Storeybook Ln. from approximately 4:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 5, 2011. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Article 8. New Business

001-2011 a. Public Hearing – Request for Amendment of Anderson Woods Phase II and III P.U.D. for new grading plan and revision of lots 20 and 21.

Planning Director Peterson reviewed the changes to the P.U.D. as follows:

- Reconfigure lots 20 and 21
- Amend the drainage easement on lots 27, 28 and 29.

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Motion was made by Trustee Lewis and supported by Trustee Goldberg to adjourn the regular meeting and move into public hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

No public comments heard.

Motion was made by Trustee Fox and supported by Trustee Goldberg to close the public hearing and re-convene into regular session. Motion carried unanimously.

The applicant John Halland was present to state that he no longer wanted to amend the drainage easement on lots 27, 28 and 29.

The only thing he was asking for was to reconfigure lots 20 and 21. Planning Director Peterson stated that if it was no longer a proposal, it's no longer part of the amendment.

b. Consider Approval of an Ordinance to Amend Ordinance #11 of 2006, The Anderson Woods Phase II and III Planned Unit Development Project.

Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Clerk Goodyke to approve the revised proposal on Lots 20 and 21 only. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

002-2011

a. Public Hearing – Final Plan Review for an Amendment to Add two buildings and reconfigure P.U.D. 69 – Meijer/Romano.

Planning Director Peterson reviewed the site with the Board. Peterson stated that changes being requested are only to the retail portion of this plan. It does not involve the Consumers Credit Union at all. The applicant is requesting to amend the existing Planned Unit Development by adding two buildings at the corner of Kraft and 28th St. Most of the site would be relatively unchanged from the original project with the exception of having more buildings...actually less square footage.

Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Treasurer Peirce to adjourn the regular meeting and move into public hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

No public comments heard.

Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee Fox to close the public hearing and re-convene into regular session . Motion carried unanimously.

b. Consider Approval of an Ordinance to Amend Ordinance #11 of 2002, The Meijer/Romano Planned Unit Development Project.

Motion was made by Trustee Lewis and supported by Clerk Goodyke to approve the Ordinance as amended. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

003-2011

Consider Approval of Resolution to Adopt 2011 Poverty Exemption Policy and Guidelines.

Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Lewis to approve the Resolution to Adopt 2011 Poverty Exemption Policy and Guidelines. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

004-2011

Consider Approval of Resolution to Approve Liquor License at Tuscan Express, 6450 28th St.

Clerk Goodyke stated that this applicant has been trying to get this license cleared up, there was a tax problem and then the license was withdrawn and it was re-instated just this week. We are trying to get the applicant to settle the tax situation with the Township. Treasurer Peirce reviewed the escrow agreement with the Board. The applicant still owes \$5,249.25 under the escrow agreement and under the tax lien. Treasurer Peirce stated that his position on the item was that the Board not approve the license until we receive the remaining balance. The applicant, Mr. Ackrum Karadsheh reviewed the sequence of events with the Board regarding the license and escrow accounts.

Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee Fox to approve the Resolution to approve Liquor License at Tuscan Express, 6450 28th St. subject to receiving the money in advance of releasing the approval to the Commission. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

005-2011

Consider Approval of Para-Transit Services with the Hope Network.

Manager Cousins reviewed the proposal made by Hope Network to offer their services to us in a very similar fashion as the GO! Bus. Currently the Township pay \$19.69 per trip (one-way), Hope Network will provide the same service for \$16.00. Hope network will also reduce the non-disabled rider fee from \$7.00 to \$3.00. Joan Konyndyk from Hope Network was present for questions from the Board. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Clerk Goodyke to approve a one year contract with a 30 day termination provision for Para-Transit Services with the Hope Network. Motion carried unanimously.

006-2011

Consider Appointments of Board and Commission Members.

Supervisor Beahan offered the following Appointments:

Building Board of Appeals

- Mr. Dan Durkee
- Mr. Ben Brinks
- Mr. Greg Canfield
- Mr. Earl Eddy
- Mr. John Petchauer
- Mr. Ron Reitsma
- Mr. Mike Vredevoord

Building Authority Board

- Mr. Steve Peterson
- Mr. Tom MacDonald

Parks Committee

- Ms. Vicky Noordhoff

Downtown Development Authority

- Mr. Joann Noto
- Mr. Kirt Ojala

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

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

No public comments heard.

Article 10. Manager's Comments

Manager Cousins offered the following comments:

- 4th of July Celebration committee has met a couple of times already. We have got letters out to 247 supporters regarding donations for this year's event.
- January 25 – 28 is the Michigan Township Association Convention in Grand Rapids. Jack Lewis and I will both be attending.
- The Metro Council Transit Study Committee has their public comment hearings around town.
- The Infrastructure Committee meets tomorrow morning at 8:00 a.m.

Article 11. Board Member Comments

Treasurer Peirce offered the following comments:

- Quick update on collections: Summer taxes – approx. 95% Winter taxes – approx. 38.5%.

Supervisor Beahan offered the following comments:

- Congratulated Manager Cousins on being nominated and elected to the Right Place Board of Directors.
- Apologize for the change in the meeting for the goal setting. Received an invitation from our new State Representative to have a seat on the floor of the House during the State of the State address.

Article 12. Adjournment

Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Treasurer Peirce to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise M. Biegalle
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

Ron Goodyke, Clerk

Robert Beahan, Supervisor