

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

Wednesday, May 25, 2011
7:00 P.M.

- Article 1.** Supervisor Beahan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Present: Supervisor Beahan, Trustees Lewis, Fox, Goldberg, Clerk Goodyke and Treasurer Peirce.
Absent: None
Also Present: Manager Cousins, 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)**
Larry Fleis, 2960 Lucerne and George Wanty, 3001 Orchard Vista addressed the Board regarding a DDA project putting sidewalks coming in to Centennial Park on Charlevoix. The plan has been cut back to sidewalks to only one side of the street with still the same number of street lights. For us, it gives us the impression that the project would only be half finished...with sidewalks on one side and not on the other. We are looking for a way for the Township/DDA to reconsider the strategy and conceivably get the sidewalks back on the other side. The Master Plan does call for sidewalks on both sides...not just one side.
- Article 5. Approval of Consent Agenda**
- a.** Receive and File Various Meeting Minutes
1. Regular Board Meeting Minutes for 05/11/11.
 2. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes from 04/18/11.
 3. DDA Board Meeting Minutes for 3/15/2011.
 4. Kent County Road Commission Meeting Minutes from 03/22/11, 04/12/11, 04/26/11.
- b.** Receive and File Communications
1. Public Hearing Notice – State of Michigan – Consumers Energy Company Case No. U-16045-R.
 2. Public Hearing Notice – State of Michigan – Consumers Energy Company Case No. U-16761.
- c.** Receive and File Various Reports
1. Kent County Sheriff Department East Precinct Quarterly Report for January 1, - March 31, 2011.
 2. Building Department Monthly Report for April, 2011.
 3. Fire Department Monthly Report for April, 2011
 4. Memo regarding the Motor Maid Event.
- d.** Education Requests
1. Michael Kadish – Medical First Responder – June 1st thru Aug. 1, 2011 - Grand Rapids, MI
- Motion was made by Trustee Lewis and supported by Trustee Fox to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 6. Financial Actions**
- a. Consider Approval of April, 2011 General/Special Funds.**
Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Lewis to approve the April, 2011 General/Special Funds as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Consider Approval of April, 2011 Public Utilities Funds.**
Motion was made by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Treasurer Peirce to approve the April, 2011 Public Utilities Funds as presented. Motion

carried unanimously.

c. Consider Approval of 2011 Budget Adjustments.

Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Lewis to approve the 2011 Budget Adjustments for the following funds:

- General Fund
- Fire Fund
- DDA Fund

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Article 7. Unfinished Business

027-2011 Consider Allowing Bicycles in Burton Park. (tabled)

No action to remove this from the table.

Article 8. New Business

029-2011 Consider Painting Contract for 28th St./I-96 Retaining Wall.

Assistant to the Manager Korhorn stated that this project was discussed last year before the construction of the sidewalk through the interchange. The DDA decided to hold off on the painting of the retaining wall until we received more information from MDOT. MDOT is currently doing the bridge work and will be painting the retaining wall side of the bridge in early June. The paint contractor on site has provided a quote for the retaining wall work. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Trustee Fox to approve the painting contract for 28th St./I-96 Retaining Wall to Seaway Painting, L.L.C. in the amount of \$7,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

030-2011 Consider Plans for 28th St. Boulevard.

Assistant to the Manager Korhorn explained the Boulevard is going in just west of Meijer and the Days Inn Hotel and just east of the I96 on ramps. It is about 250 ft. long. The Kent County Road Commission will be doing the majority of the work, but we will be doing the landscaping portion. That will occur in late August timeframe. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee Fox to proceed with the plans for the boulevard and landscape plan. Motion carried unanimously.

031-2011 Consider Plans for Centennial Park Streetscape.

Assistant to the Manager Korhorn reported that Mike Berrevoets of Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber has been working on the streetscape plan for us along with Tony Kuhtz, who has been handling the street lighting. This project did start out at the DDA a number of months ago with sidewalk on both sides; which the business owners were in favor of. The Master Plan for Centennial Park does call for a sidewalk on one side of the street and a 10 ft. pathway on the other side. The DDA thought that sidewalks on both sides would be a nice compromise to that sidewalk pathway option. Last week at the DDA Meeting they decided to move forward with sidewalks on just one side of the street, due to this being a low traffic area as far as pedestrian traffic is concerned. Tree removal in this area on the inside loop and then the cost. So based on that information, the plans are marked with future walk on this plan. They did however; want to continue with street lights on both sides of the loop. Lights are shown on the plan and they are preliminary locations. They were shown as behind the sidewalk on both sides of the street even though they are recommending that we put sidewalks on only one side of the street. The DDA has made the recommendation for sidewalks on one side...street lights on both and if there is any modification to this recommendation would have to go back to the DDA for them to look at. Discussion followed regarding cost and the removal/replacement of the trees. Trustee Goldberg questioned the amount of "foot traffic" that we are really anticipating to use the sidewalk. Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Treasurer Peirce to send this back to the DDA to reconsider the idea of either a pathway or a sidewalk on the

opposite side. Discussion followed. Trustee Goldberg amended his motion with support from Treasurer Peirce to allow the DDA to reconsider the issue of whether to have sidewalks on one side or both sides and whether to have lights on one side or both sides and then come back to the Board with a recommendation after having reconsidered the issue in light of the fact that this Board doesn't care for the idea of having lights with no sidewalks. Motion carried unanimously.

032-2011

Consider Proposal for TIF Consultant.

Assistant to the Manager Korhorn reviewed the four proposals and felt that the proposal from Williams and Works best addresses the items in the RFP. Motion was made by Treasurer Peirce and supported by Trustee Goldberg to award the Proposal for TIF Consultant to Williams & Works in the amount not to exceed \$18,605.00. Motion carried unanimously.

033-2011

Consider Supervisor Appointment to the Downtown Development Authority (DDA).

Assistant to the Manager Korhorn recommended appointment of Jennifer Puplava, a resident of the Township. Jennifer has lived in the Township seven years and has been practicing law with Mika, Meyers, Beckett & Jones since 1998. Jennifer's appointment would be to fill the unexpired term of Ron Clark. Ron's term expires December 31, 2011. Motion was made by Trustee Fox and supported by Clerk Goodyke to appoint Jennifer Puplava to the unexpired term of Ron Clark. Motion carried unanimously.

034-2011

Consider Approval of the 2011 Road Repair Program.

Trustee Goldberg, a member of the Infrastructure Committee, reviewed the 2011 Road Repairs with the Board. The committee revised the schedule for Cascade so that as many subdivision roads as possible could be repaired with the overlay. Motion was made by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Trustee Koessel to approve the 2011 Road Repair Program as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 9.

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

Ken Yonkers, 72nd District State Representative was present to update the Board with what is going on in Lansing:

- Budget will be coming to a "wrap-up"
- Establishment of insurance exchange program by 2014

Rep. Yonkers fielded questions from the Board.

Article 10.

Manager's Comments

Manager Cousins offered the following comments:

- The Business Improvement Zone Bill has passed the Senate and is going to the House.
- Monday at the Representative Legislative Meeting that the Chamber of Commerce had they talked about the Personal Property Tax... the Chamber is very much in favor in eliminating that tax, but they do realize that there needs to be a replacement for it for local governments. They are forming a committee to assist the Legislators in coming up with "brainstorming" ways to replace it. Grand Valley Metro Council will be part of their committee.
- Friday, this week I will be meeting with Dr. Lew Bender to discuss details about our Strategic Planning process. It looks like we are headed for July 11th from 1:00 – 9:00.

Article 11.

Board Member Comments

Trustee Koessel offered the following comments:

- Will be out of town for the next Board meeting on the 8th of June.

Trustee Lewis offered the following comments:

- One of our citizens approached me and he uses a wheel chair. He tried to get a wheel chair at a rather “large” establishment in the Township. Is there a requirement in any State or Federal Law that businesses have a wheel chair available for private citizens? I am wondering why the Township can’t require that everybody has one. Just throwing it out...

Treasurer Peirce offered the following comments:

- Just a quick update on personal property taxes...at the end of February we are still owed \$ 297,000 as of today we are owed \$ 179,000.
- Like to thank the Board for allowing me to attend the Treasurer’s Institute last week in Mt. Pleasant.

Supervisor Beahan offered the following comments:

- Memorial Day Service is at 10:00 a.m. in front of the Cascade Library.

Article 12. Adjournment

Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee Fox to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise M. Biegalle
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

Ron Goodyke, Clerk

Robert Beahan, Supervisor