

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

Wednesday, February 10, 2010

7:00 P.M.

**Article 1.** Supervisor Beahan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.  
Present: Supervisor Beahan, Trustee Fox, Koessel, Treasurer Peirce and Clerk Goodyke.  
Absent: Trustee Lewis and Goldberg.  
Also Present: Manager Cousins, Planning Director Peterson, Fire Chief Sigg 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 Koessel and supported by Trustee Fox to approve the agenda as presented. Clerk Goodyke requested if Article 9. 008-2010 could be removed until the next meeting. Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Fox to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried.

**Article 4. Approval of Consent Agenda**

- a. Receive and File Various Meeting Minutes
  - 1. Regular Board Meeting Minutes of 01/27/10.
  - 2. Regular Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of 12/7/09.
  - 3. Kent County Road Commission Meeting Minutes of 11/10/09, 11/24/09, 12/10/09, and 01/12/10.
- b. Receive and File Communications
  - 1. Letters from Comcast – re: Update regarding service.
  - 2. Notice of Hearing for the Gas customers of Consumers Energy Company – re: Case No. U-16146
  - 3. Notice from MDOT – re: Proposed East Beltline Redesignation
  - 4. Letter from City of Grand Rapids – re: Preliminary Water-Sewer Rate Study.
- c. Receive and File Various Reports
  - 1. Building Department Monthly report for January, 2010.
- d. Education Request
  - 1. Doug Poolman – 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Juvenile Firesetter Seminar – Mt. Pleasant, MI, March 18-19, 2010.  
Motion was made by Trustee Fox and supported by Clerk Goodyke to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Trustee Koessel and Clerk Goodyke asked that a couple of corrections be made to the minutes of 01/27/10. Motion carried.

**Article 5. Financial Actions**

- a. Consider Approval of December, 2009 Public Utilities Funds.  
Motion was made by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Trustee Fox to approve the December, 2009 Public Utilities Funds. Motion carried.
- b. Consider Approval of December, 2009 General/Special Funds.  
Motion was made by Trustee Fox and supported by Treasurer Peirce to approve the December, 2009 General/Special Funds. Motion carried.
- c. Consider Approval of January, 2010 Payables, Payroll and Transfers.  
Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Clerk Goodyke to approve the January, 2010 Payables, Payroll and Transfers. Trustee Koessel questioned the charges from Law Weathers regarding the Bolt property. Motion carried.

**Article 6.**

**Public Actions**

a. Presentation by Karen McCarthy – re: Consumers Energy  
Karen McCarthy is a member of the Planning Commission and works for Consumers Energy. Consumer Energy Foundation offers a grant each year to employees who volunteer for qualifying organizations, which the Township is one. A check for \$225.00 was presented to the Township in recognition of Ms. McCarthy’s service with the Planning Commission.

**Article 7.**

**Public Comments**

Richard Gottlieb, 7100 Hidden Ridge Dr., had a question regarding Burton St. Park...is there any indication when the naming process will be take place and will there be opportunity for citizen input into the choice of names. As the naming of the Bolt property has now occurred. The naming policy was referenced by Supervisor Beahan.  
Joanne King, 6820 Burton St., appreciated seeing the sign on the Windcrest gate.

**Article 8.**

**Unfinished Business**

**005-2010 Consider Adopting a Resolution to Update Township Investment Policy.**

Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Fox to approve the Resolution to Update Township Investment Policy. Motion carried by roll call vote.

**Article 9.**

**New Business**

**006-2010 Consider Request for Proposals to Remove small pole building from Burton St. Park.**

Manager Cousins reviewed the process taken regarding the proposals. After reviewing the proposal received, it is his opinion that we leave the building in place while we make sure that it doesn’t have any use for the Township. Manager Cousins recommendation is to reject the bid and revisit the need for that building to be moved at a future date. Motion was made by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Trustee Fox to follow Manager Cousins advice and not accept the proposal and wait to see if something better comes along or if we decide we need the building ourselves. Motion carried.

**007-2010 Consider Request for Proposals to Remove Caretaker House from Burton Street Park.**

Manager Cousins reviewed the process taken regarding the above mentioned proposal. The only bid that was received was a negative bid of \$11,400, which means the Township would be required to pay the company to remove the house and also supply the back fill material to fill in the basement. Manager Cousins is recommending that we reject the bid and look at other alternatives. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Clerk Goodyke to accept the manager’s recommendation to not accept the bid. Motion carried.

~~**008-2010 Consider Adopting a Resolution to Consolidate Precincts 3 & 4 (Wisner Center) and 7 & 1 (Cascade Fellowship Church) for the May 4, 2010 Election.**~~

Removed from the agenda.

**009-2010**

**Discussion on Fire Department recommendation of an Ordinance regarding False Fire Alarms.**

Chief Sigg was present to discuss the proposed ordinance. Chief Sigg stated that the purpose of this ordinance is to facilitate the reduction of false fire alarms and the use of manpower and resources of the fire department caused by the dispatch of units to the scene of a false alarm. This ordinance would pertain to residential and commercial properties and would not cover alarm systems on motor vehicles. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Clerk Goodyke to set a Public Hearing for the regular Board Meeting on March 10, 2010. Motion carried.

**010-2010**

**Consider Approval for Engineering of Kraft Ave. for Sewer/Water/Road work Between 52<sup>nd</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup>.**

Planning Director Peterson stated that this work is related to one of the Township Board's goals for 2009. After review of options, a Special Assessment was recommended as the primary way to finance this improvement. The purpose for bringing this up at this time is that the KCRC has identified this road for improvement in their 2013 plan and doing the engineering now will make sure we are ready before the road is redone. This will also allow the Township manager to work with the City on any possible grants or "stimulus" funds for the utility work. Planning Director Peterson made the recommendation that we authorize FTCH to perform the design engineering so we can submit this project and have it "ready". Motion was made by Treasurer Peirce and supported by Clerk Goodyke to approve the engineering of Kraft Ave. for Sewer/Water/Road work between 52<sup>nd</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> at the cost of \$46,000. Motion carried.

**Article 10. Manager's Comments**

Manager Cousins offered the following comments:

- Risk Management Committee met and are working on putting together a Safety Manual.
- We received Pinnacle Insurance packet today.
- Consumers Energy Company rate increase hearing is February 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Article 11. Board Member Comments**

Clerk Goodyke offered the following comments:

- Walmart had SDM (beer/wine) spec. designated merchant distributor, adds SDD (liquor) (off premise) – no resolution needed – just notice of problems.
- Would ask that the Board approve to appoint the Supervisor (Rob Beahan), the Treasurer (Ken Peirce) and the Clerk (Ron Goodyke) to the Election Commission. The purpose of the Election Commission is the following:
  - appoint poll workers and chair persons
  - precinct boundaries and size
  - ballot proofs – county level
  - test machines M-100 tabulator and Automarks (create testdecks)
  - compensation issues for poll workers.

Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Fox to approve the appointments recommended by the Clerk for the Election Commission. Motion carried.

Treasurer Peirce offered the following comments:

- Shared an insert from the GR Press highlighting Cascade and featuring a few Cascade businesses.
- Suggested that the Board consider using telecommunications, e-mail when getting a Board committee physically together is not possible.

**Article 12. Adjournment**

Motion was made by Treasurer Peirce and supported by Clerk Goodyke to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise M. Biegalle  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

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Ron Goodyke, Clerk

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Robert Beahan, Supervisor