

**CASCADE CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

Budget Work Session

Wednesday, October 18, 2006

5:30 P.M.

Cascade Township Administration Office  
2865 Thornhills Avenue S.E.  
Grand Rapids, Michigan

- Article 1.** Supervisor Julien called the meeting to order.  
Present: Trustee Beahan, Trustee Currier, Trustee Koessel, Trustee Parrish, Supervisor Julien, Clerk Goodyke, and Treasurer Carpenter.  
Absent: None  
Others Present: Manager Cravens
- Article 2.** Supervisor Julien led the pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
- Article 3.** The agenda was approved on motion by Beahan and supported by Koessel  
The motion carried.
- Article 4. Financial Actions**
- A. Consideration of a resolution to amend the General Budget. Moved by Koessel and supported by Parrish to approve the amendments. Passed unanimously by roll call vote
  - B. Consideration of a resolution to approve amendments to the Fire Fund. Moved to approve by Koessel and seconded by Beahan. Passed unanimously by roll call vote
  - C. Consideration of a Resolution to amend the Police Budget. Moved to approve by Carpenter and supported by Parrish. Passed unanimously by roll call vote.
  - D. Consideration of a resolution to amend the Pathways Budget. Moved to approve by Koessel and supported by Parrish. Passed unanimously by roll call vote.
  - E. Consideration of a resolution to amend the Improvement Revolving Fund. Moved to approve by Beahan and supported by Carpenter. Passed unanimously by roll call vote.
  - F. Consideration of a resolution to amend the August Homeyer/Open Space Preservation Budget. Moved to approve by Carpenter and supported by Parrish. Passed unanimously by roll call vote.
  - G. Consideration of a resolution to amend the Library Learning Center Construction Fund Budget. Moved to approve by Koessel and supported by Parrish. Passed unanimously by roll call vote.
  - H. Consideration of a resolution to amend the Cemetery Trust Fund Budget. Moved to approve by Carpenter and supported by Koessel. Passed unanimously by roll call vote

**Article 5. Public Comments**

None

**Article 6. New Business**

**087-2006 Discussion of the 2007 General Fund Budget**

Lengthy discussion of budget issues for income and expenses for the 2007 presented by Manager Cravens. Manager Cravens will prepare reports and a trial budget for everything except salaries for the next budget meeting.

**Article 7. Manager's Comments**

None

**Article 8. Board Member Comments**

Trustee Currier expressed concern over money targeted in the CIP to purchase new equipment for the Buildings and Grounds department. Manager Cravens reminded the Board that the items listed in the CIP were not necessarily purchased in that year if the budget did not allow it. Clerk Goodyke brought up the matter of changing health insurance from the current HMO to a Health Savings Account to reduce the cost of insurance from the nearly 6% increase we anticipate for 2007 in order to keep the same coverage we now have. He also brought up the problem of cost over-runs in our MERS defined benefit retirement program. He will schedule time with Jennifer Willis, our MERS representative to discuss this issue.

**Article 9. Adjournment at 8:15 pm**

Moved by Parrish supported by Koessel. Passed unanimously.

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Ronald H. Goodyke, Clerk

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Michael R. Julien, Supervisor