

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

Wednesday, January 14, 2009

7:00 P.M.

**Article 1.** Supervisor Beahan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.  
Present: Supervisor Beahan, Trustees Lewis, Koessel, Fox, Goldberg, Treasurer Dood and Clerk Goodyke.  
Absent: None  
Also Present: Planning Director Peterson, Manager's Assistant Otey, Attorney Cliff Bloom, Lenee Wells 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 Koessel to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Article 4. Approval of Consent Agenda**

- a. Receive and File Various Meeting Minutes
  - 1. Regular Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of 12/01/08.
  - 2. Kent County Road Commission Meeting Minutes of 10/28/08, 11/12/08, 11/25/08.
- b. Receive and File Communications
  - 1. Letters from Comcast – re: New Service Offerings/Adding of more High Definition Channels.
  - 2. Letter from Department of Natural Resources – re: Cascade Natural Park Acquisition.
  - 3. Letter Goodwood Plat Owners Association – re: Request for increased enforcement of posted speed limits.
  - 4. Committee/Board Meeting Schedule for Calendar Year 2009 - re: The Rapid – Interurban Transit Partnership.
  - 5. Notice from the MTA – re: Education Conference
- c. Receive and File Various Reports
  - 1. Building Department Report – re: December 2008.
- d. Education Requests
  - 1. Bill Cousins– Michigan Local Government Management Association – Ypsilanti, MI - February 3 – 6, 2009.

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

**Article 5. Financial Actions**

- a. Consider Approval of December, 2008 Payables, Payroll and Transfers. Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Clerk Goodyke to approve the December, 2008 Payables, Payroll and Transfers as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Consider Approval of November, 2008 Public Utilities Funds. Motion was made by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Trustee Goldberg to approve the November, 2008 Public Utilities Funds. Motion carried unanimously.
- c. Consider Approval of November, 2008 General/Special Funds. Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Treasurer Dood to approve the November, 2008 General/Special Funds. Motion carried unanimously.

- d. Consider Authorization for Preliminary Engineering for Hall Street Widening and Pathway.  
Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee Koessel to authorize for preliminary engineering for Hall Street Widening and Pathway. Motion carried unanimously.

**Article 6. Public Actions (None)**

**Article 7. Public Comments**

**Article 8. Unfinished Business (None)**

**Article 9. New Business**

**001-2009 Consider Legal Fees for the Township.**

Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Fox to approve the approximate 2.5% increase from the year 2008 rate as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**002-2009 Consider Reappointment of Members to the Building Board of Appeals.**

Motion was made by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Trustee Goldberg to approve the reappointment of Members to the Building Board of Appeals. Discussion followed. Motion carried unanimously.

**003-2009 Discussion/Recap of 2008 Board Goals and set date to create 2009 Board Goals**

Discussion/Recap of the 2008 Board Goals took place. A date of Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. at Township Hall was set to create the 2009 Board Goals.

**004-2009 Consider Distribution of Master Plan for Public Comment.**

Planning Director Peterson was asking that the State requires that the Master Plan be distributed to the surrounding communities so they may have the opportunity to comment on the Draft. We are not asking the Board to approve the document tonight, but simply asking that you allow it to be distributed to the Public. We are on time and we are on budget. If the Board approves the document to be distributed, it would give permission for a public hearing on March 23, 2009.

Lenee Wells from Williams and Works was present to walk the Board thru the document.

Discussion followed.

Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Fox to approve the distribution of the Master Plan for public comment and to forward Trustee concerns/comments regarding storm water and parking to the Planning Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

**005-2009 Consider Approval of Type II Special Use Permit for the Goodwood Property Owner's Boat Ramp.**

Planning Director Peterson reviewed the sequence of events that have been going on for the past couple of years regarding the Goodwood Boat Ramp. Motion was made by Trustee Lewis and supported by Treasurer Dood to approve the Resolution for a Type II Special Use Permit for the Goodwood Property Owner's Boat Ramp. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

- 006-2009 Discussion and Consideration of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Money.**  
Manager's Assistant Otey reviewed the allocation from the County to the Board. It is recommended by staff that \$5,000 be allocated to Home Repair Services, \$5,000 be allocated to ACSET and \$17,041.28 be allocated to the GO! Bus. Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Fox to approve the allocations as follows:
- \$10,000.00 to Home Repair
  - \$ 5,000.00 to ACSET
  - \$12,041.28 to GO! Bus
- Motion carried unanimously.

- 007-2009 Discuss Next Steps for the 80-Acre Burton Street (Tassell) Property.**  
Supervisor Beahan stated that the property was in the Township's possession now. The Township is the owner of the property, we were able to do the transaction before the end of the year. The next step is to determine what we should do regarding developing the property. Planning Director Peterson stated that he would add that the thought was to ask the Board to decide if we wanted to hire Pat to be our Landscape/Park designer or do we want to put this out for bid. Discussion followed. It was decided to go out to bid for the project with the RFP going to the Board for approval prior to the bid process.

**Article 10. Manager's Comments**

Manager Cousins was out with the flu.

Supervisor Beahan offered the following comment on behalf of Manager Cousins:

- We did meet with the Sheriff's Department regarding coverage of the East Precinct.

**Article 11. Board Member Comments**

Trustee Koessel offered the following comments:

- He had spoke with the former supervisor Julien to other day regarding a concern that had been brought up before...the wonderful house at Laraway Lake Drive and Cascade Road again.

Treasurer Dood offered the following comments:

- The Treasurer's Department is busy with the current tax year collections.
- Ready to help the Building Authority when they are at a point when they are ready to select an underwriter and move forward.

Trustee Goldberg offered the following comments:

- Speaking to the Building Authority issue, I read Treasurer Dood's e-mail with some interest...suggesting that maybe that we wanted a Board Member representative on it. I'm not sure that I agree that we need that. But I would like to get the minutes of the Building Authority meeting as part of our minute's packages, so that the rest of the Board can stay up to date on what the Building Authority is doing. I know we get the Planning Commission minutes and the Kent County Road Commission minutes and the ZBA minutes...let's get the Building Authority Minutes. Clerk Goodyke stated that we should be getting minutes from every committee.

**Article 12. Adjournment**

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 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