

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

Wednesday, January 23, 2013

7:00 P.M.

- Article 1.** Supervisor Beahan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.  
Present: Supervisor Beahan, Clerk Goodyke, Treasurer Peirce, Trustee Lewis, Koessel, Janes and Goldberg.  
Absent: None  
Also Present: Manager Cousins, Manager Swayze, Fire Chief Sigg, Representative Lyons 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 Lewis and supported by Trustee Koessel to approve the agenda as presented.
- Article 4. Presentations/Public Comments**
- a. Public Comments (Please limit comments to 3 minutes)**  
Representative Lyons was present to give a quick “year in review” and a quick “looking forward”.  
Representative Lyons wanted to extend a heartfelt gratitude to Manager Cousins on behalf of the State of Michigan.  
Representative Lyons presented Manager Cousins with a tribute for his service.
- Article 5. Approval of Consent Agenda**
- a. Receive and File Various Meeting Minutes**
1. Regular Board Meeting Minutes of 01/09/13.
  2. Regular Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting Minutes of 10/09/12.
- b. Receive and File Various Reports**
1. Building Department Report for December, 2012.
  2. Fire Department Reports for November/December, 2012.
- c. Receive and File Communications**
1. Comcast – re: Channel Enhancements.
  2. Charter – re: Rate Increases, Channel Removal.
- d. Education Requests**
1. Steve Peterson – National Planning Conference – April 13-17 – Chicago, Illinois.
  2. Jim Walker – Emergency Medical Services Instructors Coordinators Conference – March 7-10 – Traverse City.
  3. Doug Poolman – Michigan Fire Inspectors Conference – February 4-7 – East Lansing.
- Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Clerk Goodyke to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Article 6. Financial Actions**

**a. Consider Approval of December, 2012 Payables, Payroll, and Transfers.**

Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee Janes to approve the December, 2012 Payables, Payroll and transfers. Motion carried unanimously.

**Article 7. Unfinished Business (None)**

**Article 8. New Business**

**007-2013 Consider Approval of Mowing bids for 2013-14.**

Motion was made by Trustee Janes and supported by Trustee Goldberg to award the mowing bids for 2013-14 to Thornapple River Nursery for 2013-14. Motion carried unanimously.

**008-2013 Consider Approval of Board and Commission Appointments.**

Supervisor Beahan asked that Manager Swayze be appointed as the FOIA Coordinator and member of the Utilities Advisory Board and the Building Authority along with his recommendation of Ms. Paula Rowland to the DDA. Motion was made by Trustee Lewis and supported by Trustee Koessel to approve the appointments proposed by Supervisor Beahan. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**Article 10. Manager Comments**

Manager Swayze offered the following comments:

- Started work this Monday...has been a whirlwind three days.

Manager Cousins offered the following comments:

- I am retiring Friday, but contrary to what I keep hearing on the street, I am not leaving...home is Cascade.
- Wanted to thank the Board for all their indulgence...all your patience the last five and a half years. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time here.

**Article 11. Board Member Comments**

Trustee Goldberg offered the following comments:

- I have really enjoyed working with Manager Cousins.

Trustee Janes offered the following comments:

- I have enjoyed working with Manager Cousins. Wishing him the best in his years of retirement.

Clerk Goodyke offered the following comments:

- Ditto to all of that...also want to say that I wish Manager Cousins the best and also my sympathies to Meredith (wife).

Treasurer Peirce offered the following comments:

- Welcome to Ben Swayze...met with him this morning...good first impression.

- Offer his condolences to Meredith...I have retired three times and Jill suffered every time.
  - Want to wish you both a happy and healthy retirement.
- Trustee Lewis offered the following comments:
- I will not be in attendance at the February meetings.
  - Last night we had a rather large turnout of citizens at the Planning Commission meeting. I think it is going to be a subject that I don't want any Board members to be faced with from citizens without some background or knowledge of what went on or what it is all about. This is regarding a site plan review for a gun retail and a shooting range addition to the gun retail.

Trustee Koessel offered the following comments:

- It was brought up to me this weekend about the possibility of putting in the electric charging station somewhere in the Township.
- I would like to also echo what all the Trustees said regarding working with Manager Cousins. I have enjoyed immensely working with you over the last five years.
- I am tickled pink that Ben is here.

Supervisor Beahan offered the following comments:

- Would like to welcome Ben to Cascade. Look forward to working with you and congratulations on your newest addition of a baby girl.
- Would like to thank Manager Cousins for his dedication through the years. I have been impressed with your commitment to the Township.

**Article 12. Adjournment**

Motion was made by Trustee Janes and supported by Trustee Lewis to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise M. Biegalle  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

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Ron Goodyke, Clerk

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Robert S. Beahan, Supervisor