

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

Wednesday, February 25, 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, Goldberg and Treasurer Dood.
Absent: Clerk Goodyke and Trustee Fox.
Also Present: Manager Cousins, Planning Director Peterson, Deputy Clerk Biegalle, Gary Trobeck and Steve Johnston from Burnham & Flower Insurance Co. 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 Goldberg and supported by Trustee Lewis to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 4. Approval of Consent Agenda

- a. Receive and File Various Meeting Minutes
 - 1. Regular Board Meeting Minutes of 02/11/2009.
 - 2. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of 01/20/2009.
 - 3. Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting Minutes of 11/11/08.
- b. Receive and File Communications
 - 1. Notice of Hearing – State of Michigan – Consumers Energy Company.
 - 2. Letter from Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Kent – Act 50 of 1999 reporting.
- c. Receive and File Various Reports
 - 1. Fire Department Monthly Report for January, 2009.
 - 2. Treasurer’s Department Bank Balances for July, 2008 and December, 2008
- d. Education Requests
 - 1. Rob Beahan – Michigan Association of Township Supervisors Education Conference – March 18 – 20, 2009 in Mt. Pleasant, MI.
 - 2. Doug Poolman – Michigan State Police Fire Investigation II – March 9-13, 2009 in Tustin, MI.
 - 3. Oxana Sourine – Michigan Municipal Treasurers Association Institute – April 26 – May 1, 2009 – Mt. Pleasant, MI.

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

Article 5. Financial Actions

- a. Consider Approval of Public Utilities Funds for January, 2009.
Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee Lewis to approve the Public Utilities Funds for January, 2009 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Consider Approval of General/Special Funds for January, 2009.
Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Goldberg to approve the General/Special Funds for January, 2009 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 6. Public Actions (None)

Article 7. Public Comments

Article 8. Unfinished Business (None)

Article 9. New Business

015-2009 Presentation by Burnham & Flowers (Gary Trobeck) on our Property and Liability Insurance through the PAR Plan.

Gary Trobeck and Steve Johnson from Burnham & Flowers made a presentation to the Board regarding the Townships Property and Liability Insurance through the PAR Plan. Discussion followed.

016-2009 Presentation by Karen McCarthy from Consumers Energy for a grant to the Township in connection with her work with the Planning Commission and Master Plan.

Karen McCarthy from Consumer Energy, also a Planning Commission member presented the Board with grant in the amount of \$225.00. Consumers Energy has a program for employees that volunteer with qualified organizations that based on the hours that are volunteered the foundation will make a small grant to the organization on behalf of the

employee...in recognition of the employee's service. The grant was graciously accepted by the Board.

017-2009 Consider Approval of Resolution to Consolidate Precincts 3&4 for the May, 2009 School Election.
Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee Koessel to approve the Resolution to Consolidate Precincts 3&4 for the May, 2009 School Election. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

018-2009 Consider Approval of Implementation Plan for Storm Water Management Plan.
Planning Director Peterson reviewed the Implementation Plan for the Storm Water Plan that is being recommended by the Infrastructure Committee. Director Peterson explained that the plan attempts to identify several strategies that we can use to improve any drainage area instead of simply identifying one drainage course over another. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee Lewis to approve the Implementation Plan for Storm Water Management Plan with the change of the allocated dollar amount on #6 to \$10,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 10. Manager's Comments

Manager Cousins offered the following comments:

- Reviewed the projects within Cascade that will be done within the stimulus plan.
- Reminder of invitation from the Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce "Business after Hours" on Thursday, March 19th from 5:30 – 7:30 in the River House Condominiums.
- Auditors will be in the office starting March 9 – 25.
- Final W&S rate study is available in Township Hall.
- Still working on the Bond for the Open Space Projects.

Article 11. Board Member Comments

Trustee Goldberg offered the following comments:

- Thanked Manager Cousins for the nice job on the infrastructure minutes.
- Condolences to Trustee Fox's loss of her brother.

Treasurer Dood offered the following comments:

- Condolences to Trustee Fox's loss of her brother.
- Bringing in the underwriters for lunch somewhere in the area of March 24 – 26th.
- Plan on being at the Wisner Center on Saturday with Justin Amash, Bill Cousins and Roger McCarty to talk about the assessment process.

Trustee Koessel offered the following comments:

- Condolences to Trustee Fox's loss of her brother.
- Thanked Manager Cousins for contacting Comcast regarding their HD Channel problems.

Trustee Lewis offered the following comments:

- Asked if we could check with the KCRC when project starts on Patterson, if they could look at the entrance/exit from Bed Bath and Beyond onto Patterson.
- Condolences to Trustee Fox's loss of her brother.

Article 12. Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise M. Biegalle
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

Ron Goodyke, Clerk

Robert Beahan, Supervisor