

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

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

7:00 p.m.

Article 1. Supervisor Julien called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Present: Supervisor Julien, Trustees Goldberg, Fox, Koessel, Beahan,
Treasurer Dood and Clerk Goodyke.
Absent: None
Also Present: Manager Cousins, Deputy Assessor McCarty and those
listed on Supplement #1.

Article 2. Supervisor Julien led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Article 3. The Agenda was revised to include the following:

- Removal of **Article 9. 101-2008** per the request of the Clerk.
- Add a discussion item under **Article 9. 102-2008** regarding the Bond Underwriting process for the Open Space Property Acquisition Bond. (moving the Investment Policy item to **Article 9. 101-2008**)

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

Article 4. Approval of Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Township Board Minutes
 1. Regular Board Meeting Minutes of 11/05/08
- b. Receive and File Various Meeting Minutes
 1. Minutes of the Zoning Board of Appeals of 10/14/08
 2. Minutes of the Kent County Road Commission 9/23/08 and 10/14/08.
- c. Receive and File Various Reports
 1. Building Department Monthly Report for October, 2008.
- d. Receive and File Communications
 1. Letter from Steve Channer - re: Park Bench
 2. Letter from Vern Ehlers – re: Petition filed by CTIA
 3. Letter from Terrence L. Groesser – re: Comcast Cable
 4. Letter from Nancy Bult – re: Cascade Community Foundation
 5. Notice of Hearing – re: Consumers Energy

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

Article 5. Financial Actions

- a. Consider Approval of Pay Application #3 – 28th Street DDA Sidewalk & Lighting Improvements.
Manager Cousins reviewed the Pay Application. Motion was made by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Trustee Koessel to approve the Pay Application #3 in the amount of \$324,664.07 to Ron Meyer & Associates. Motion carried unanimously.

- b. Consider Approval of Change Order #2 – 28th Street DDA Landscaping Improvements.
Manager Cousins reviewed the Change Order #2. Motion was made by Trustee Beahan and supported by Clerk Goodyke to approve the Change Order from Twin Lakes Nursery, Inc. Motion carried unanimously.
- c. Consider Approval of Pay Application #2 – 28th Street DDA Landscaping Improvements.
Manager Cousins reviewed the Pay Application #2. Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee Fox to approve the Pay Application #2 in the amount of \$16,119.72 to Twin Lakes Nursery. Motion carried unanimously.
- d. Consider Approval of Pay Draw – Cascade Rec Park Improvements.
Manager Cousins reviewed the Pay Draw. Motion was made by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Treasurer Dood to approve the Pay Draw in the amount of \$53,780.61 to Lawns of Distinction. Motion carried unanimously.
- e. Consider Approval of Public Utilities Funds for October, 2008.
Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee Koessel to approve the Public Utilities Funds for October, 2008. Motion carried unanimously.
- f. Consider Approval of General/Special Funds for October, 2008.
Motion was made by Trustee Fox and supported by Trustee Goldberg to approve the General/Special Funds for October, 2008. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 6. Public Actions

- a. Public Hearing for Proposed 2009 Budget.
Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Goldberg to open the Public Hearing. Motion carried unanimously.
Manager Cousins did a brief walk thru on the budget.
No Public Comments received.
Motion was made by Trustee Fox and supported by Clerk Goodyke to close the Public Hearing and reconvene the Regular Meeting.
Motion carried unanimously.

Article 7. Public Comments

Ms. Abbey Dilley, 6840 Sunrise Ct. was present to read a letter from Dick Gottlieb and Mary Anne Olson regarding the new parkland being named after Mike Julien. (Julien Parkland and Preserve)
Supervisor Julien stated the Township needs a policy regarding public/private partnerships.

Article 8. Unfinished Business

- 092-2008** Consider Request for Approval of an IFT Exemption Certificate for Davidson Plyforms
Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Beahan to remove this item from the table. Motion carried unanimously. Deputy Assessor McCarty was present to review

the request. Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee Fox to approve the Resolution for the IFT Exemption Certificate for Davidson Plyforms. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Article 9. New Business

096-2008 Consider Approval of Resolution to Approve the Levy of the 2008 Millage Rate (Including Millage Voted on 11/4/2008)
Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Clerk Goodyke to approve the Resolution to Approve the Levy of the 2008 Millage Rate (Including Millage Voted on 11/4/08). Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

097-2008 Consider Approval of Resolution of Intent to Levy an Additional Millage Rate for 2009 Tax Year.
Motion was made by Trustee Fox and supported by Trustee Goldberg to approve the Resolution of Intent to Levy an Additional Millage Rate for 2009 Tax Year. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

098-2008 Consider Approval of Resolution to Adopt the 2009 Budgets for the General Fund and all Special Revenue Funds.
Motion was made by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Trustee Koessel to approve the Resolution to Adopt the 2009 Budgets for the General Fund and all Special Revenue Funds. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

099-2008 Consider Approval of Resolution to Authorize the Reduction of the Property Tax Administration Fee from 1 percent to .85 percent.
Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Goldberg to approve the Resolution to Authorize the Reduction of the Property Tax Administration Fee from 1 percent to .85 percent. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

100-2008 Consider Approval of Resolution to warrant to the 2008 Tax Roll the Hydrant Roll, the Street Lighting Roll, the Delinquent Sewer and Water Assessments, and the Delinquent Sewer and Water Usages.
Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee Fox to approve the Resolution to warrant to the 2008 Tax Roll the Hydrant Roll, the Street Lighting Roll, the Delinquent Sewer and Water Assessments, and the Delinquent Sewer and Water Usages. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

101-2008 Consider Approval of Investment Policy for Cascade Charter Township.
Treasurer Dood reviewed the Policy. Motion was made by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Trustee Goldberg to approve the Investment Policy for Cascade Charter Township as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

102-2008 Discussion of the Bond Underwriting process for the Open Space Property Acquisition Bond.
Treasurer Dood gave the Board an update as to how things are going and where we are at. She has spent a little bit of time with Dick Wendt (who is our Bond Counsel). He indicated that there are three firms that underwrite Municipal Bonds within the State of Michigan:

- Fifth-Third Securities (here locally)
- Raymond James (out of the Detroit area)
- Baird (out of Traverse City)

Discussion followed.

Article 10. Manager Comments

Manager Cousins offered the following comments:

- Remind the Board the MTA Training Session is in January in Detroit.
- Tomorrow night there is an Open House for the Grand Opening of the Villages of Cascade at 6:00 p.m.

Article 11. Board Member Comments

Trustee Goldberg offered the following comments:

- Express his appreciation to Supervisor Julien (Mike) for a lot of years and very dedicated service to the residents of the Township.
- Treasurer has hit the ground running and is doing a fine job thus far and would like to express my appreciation for all the hard work she has put in as well.

Trustee Fox offered the following comments:

- Reiterated Trustee Goldberg's comments regarding Supervisor Julien.

Clerk Goodyke offered the following comments:

- The Board of Canvassers worked to the eleventh hour to certify the November Election.
- Also would like to congratulate Supervisor Julien with a mixture of joy and sorrow.

Treasurer Dood offered the following comments:

- Very busy in the Treasurer's office getting our tax bills ready. They will go to the printer tomorrow, and you will have them in your mailboxes the first week in December.
- Wanted to thank the Board for passing the Investment policy.
- Wanted to throw out an idea of an official "motto".

Trustee Koessel offered the following comments:

- Complimented Supervisor Julien on how calm, cool, and collected he has been sitting in his chair as Supervisor. Expressed gratitude in the 20 years that Supervisor Julien has served the Township.

Trustee Beahan offered the following comments:

- Also wished Supervisor Julien the best and thanked him for all his service over the years.
- The Historical Society has a Christmas Tree Lighting on Sunday, November 30th at 5:00 p.m at the Museum Gardens.

- The Cascade Business Association also is having a Pet Parade on December 6th at 4:30 at the Family Fair.
- Had a Victory Celebration last week for the Open Space Committee.

Supervisor Julien offered the following comments:

- Pictures were taken with former Supervisor Wendell Champion.
- Thanks the Board for scheduling a December 16th Open House in my honor.
- Introduced his daughter Katie and his wife Sarah.
- Lots of talent on this new Board with Jack Lewis. There is also lots of experience on the new Board. We are a remarkable community with remarkable people leading it.
- If you continue to put the community's interest ahead of your personal interests you will be a great board in the future. Thank you for the opportunity to serve with you and serve our community.

Article 12. Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise M. Biegalle
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

Ron Goodyke, Clerk

Michael R. Julien, Supervisor